

***Hate List* by Jennifer Brown**

Five months ago, Valerie Leftman's boyfriend, Nick, opened fire on their school cafeteria. Shot trying to stop him, Valerie inadvertently saved the life of a classmate, but was implicated in the shootings because of the list she helped create. A list of people and things she and Nick hated. The list he used to pick his targets.

Now, after a summer of seclusion, Val is forced to confront her guilt as she returns to school to complete her senior year. Haunted by the memory of the boyfriend she still loves and navigating rocky relationships with her family, former friends, and the girl whose life she saved, Val must come to grips with the tragedy that took place and her role in it, in order to make amends and move on with her life.

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Discussion Questions:

1. This book was originally published in 2009, and since that time social media has become a more powerful force in the world. Would this story be told any differently now?
2. How do you think this story would be told from Nick's point of view? Or Jessica's point of view? How would each of those characters view Valerie?
3. Did this book change how you look at bullying? Did it change how you feel about perpetrators of vicious crimes?

4. What did Valerie learn about hate in this story? What did she learn about grief and healing?
5. How did you feel about leaving the ending so open-ended? Do you think there's ultimately a happy ending to Valerie's story?

*Additional discussion questions can be found included in the book

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