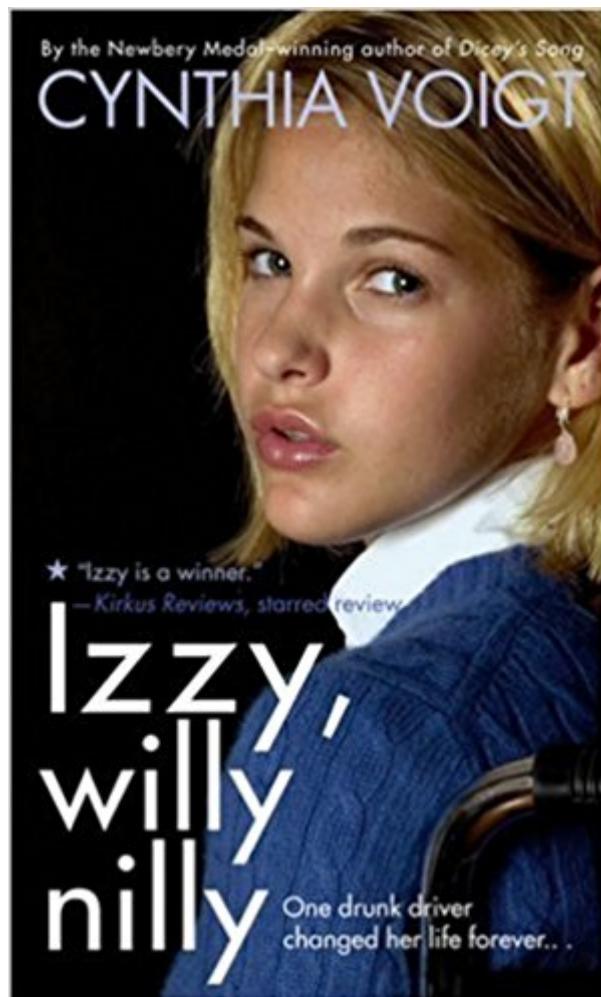


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Izzy, Willy-Nilly



Synopsis

One moment can change a life forever. Fifteen-year-old Izzy has it all -- a loving family, terrific friends, a place on the cheerleading squad. But her comfortable world crumbles when a date with a senior ends in a car crash and she loses her right leg. Suddenly nothing is the same. The simplest tasks become enormous challenges. Her friends don't seem to know how to act around her. Her family is supportive, but they don't really want to deal with how much she's hurting. Then Rosamunde extends a prickly offer of friendship. Rosamunde definitely isn't the kind of girl Izzy would have been friends with in her old life. But Rosamunde may be the only person who can help Izzy face her new one.

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In one of the Newbery Medalist's most poignant novels, a teenager learns to accept the changes in her life after she loses her leg in a car accident. Ages 12-up. Copyright 1995 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Grade 6-9 Before, Izzy's life had been colorful as a pretty, popular cheerleader, but grayness swallows her up after a car accident results in the amputation of her leg. Her trio of girlfriends are

too uncomfortable to be around her, but the void of their friendship is filled by unattractive, blunt Rosamunde, who bounds into her life, providing bolstering support. It's Rosamunde's persistence that helps Izzy over the hurdle of returning to school. Several expedients effectively convey Izzy's stages of reaction: the miniature Izzy visualized in her head that does back flips expresses her true feelings; the way denial is demonstrated by Izzy not looking at the empty leg space until 30 pages after the doctor tells her he has to take it off; the cool reserve of the black therapist which makes her "examine" herself. As with other Voigt characters, the perspective is from within. Readers see the mental anguish and self-pity through Izzy's eyes. Consciously, the pace is slow, as is the healing process, and the tone is ponderous throughout. The story is about learning to balance: physically as Izzy maneuvers herself on crutches and emotionally as she sorts out her friends and a new self-identification as Isobel. Work on the school paper, the prospect of a prosthesis and Rosamunde's staunch support start to mend her crippled life. No one will be able to finish this story without understanding the psychological trauma an amputee faces. The message is not Willy Nilly. Julie Cummins, Monroe County Lib . System, Rochester, N.Y. Copyright 1986 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

This is a great book for anyone who has recently experienced a crisis in their life. Izzy has it all. She's pretty and popular and is in with the "in" crowd. Then she goes on a date with a senior guy who drives her home drunk and smashes into a tree. Izzy has to have one of her legs amputated from the knee down. She has to learn how to cope with her new life and she finds out who her true friends are. Her best friends don't know how to act around her and she doesn't know how to act around them, after all what do they have in common now? Izzy becomes friends with the last person she thought she would ever be friends with, Rosamunde, who helps her through the recovery. This is a thought provoking book and written so well that you can almost feel Izzy's pain as she undergoes therapy and her emotional struggles as she has to learn how to adjust to her new life.

This is a poignant tale of triumph over tragedy and a lesson to teens everywhere that things don't always "happen to someone else". I read this book as a young girl and the lesson stuck with me, now as an older woman I picked it up for some light reading and still am stunned at how amazing the author brings to light many of the ugly things that happen in high school. Izzy is a very dynamic character and this book is an overall pleasure to read.

I read this book back when I was in high school and loved it then and I still love it now. I was born

disabled and there weren't a lot of books out there that deal with disabilities. This one really spoke to me because I really lived it. I highly recommend this book to all high school students, but especially those who are disabled. Izzy relationship with her family was close to my relationship with mine. I too had brothers.

Amusing story about a young girl. I enjoyed it.

I highly recommend this book for any teenager about to start driving. Have made all my kids read it.

Good

'Izzy' is the kind of book that can make a reader out of a middle school student. (see 'Naked Reading') As an adult tutor of a middle school student, 'Izzy Willy-Nilly' was very difficult for me to put down. There are great lessons about friendships; about overcoming depression; and about family ties that can be a saving grace. The book may be classified as 'Young Adult,' but grown-ups can enjoy it too!

There isn't much bad to say about this book. I disliked Izzy and loved her at the same time. I loved how she really found herself and discovered what she really was going to do. I adored Rosamunde and enjoyed going through Izzy's inner feelings and emotions.

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