

SUMMER READING COURSE LINK

CHOICE TITLES

COURSE TITLE	Honors English 9
GRADE	9
TITLE	<i>Speak</i>
AUTHOR	Laurie Halse Anderson
GENRE	Contemporary Fiction

DESCRIPTION

The reader remains uncertain about the unspeakable event that befalls the main character Belinda. This lack of certainty adds a certain tension and interest as the tale of the high school life progresses. Clearly, our main character is a keen observer of the high school scene, and the reader cheers with joy or squirms with discomfort as all the players of a high school are placed under the microscope and dissected with great objectivity. Issues of friendship, adult responsibility, and coping with serious issues all contribute to a thought-provoking novel that speaks to teens and adults alike.

SUGGESTED STUDENT RESPONSE

While you read you might wish to take notes, annotate, complete a journal, or somehow note significant information.