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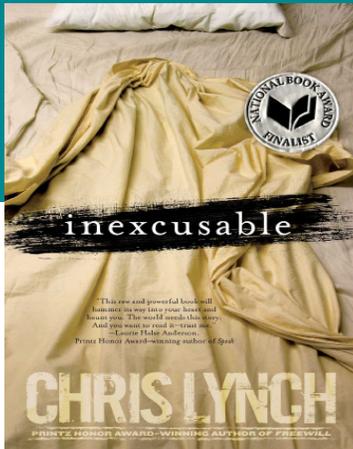
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Rating

Excellent

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Young Adult

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165

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Inexcusable tells the story of Keir Sarafian through his perspective. He's on the football team, but he'd rather practice kicking the ball than tackle someone or make a throw. He has a doting father and two older sisters he's very close to. He has some good friends at school. Keir is a good guy. But his image of himself comes into question when the most beautiful girl he knows, Gigi Boudakian, starts saying that he raped her. Through alternating points in the story - past days and small moments from the day where everything changed - the reader discovers that Keir's story might not be what he or they thought it was, and that the label of a "good guy" might not always be enough.

This book is a very interesting portrayal of rape through the eyes of the person committing the act. It starts off as an enjoyable (if confusing, due to the jumps in time) read, with relatable characters and a genuine storyline. As the book goes on, it gradually becomes clear to the reader that Keir is not the most reliable of narrators and that they are not getting the full story of what's happening. Although this book deals with a heavy subject that is quite controversial and present in the current media, the author does a good job of not sensationalizing it or trying to preach to readers about what to do. It is simply a relation of a story that could happen and probably does happen. Inexcusable is a quick and easy read, but it leaves the reader questioning their ideas of who rapists are and what they think of themselves.

*Contains mild language, moderate sexual content, and mild violence.