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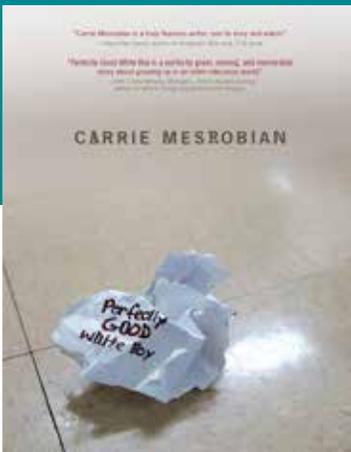
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Book Review

Perfectly Good White Boy

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Rating

Cannot Recommend

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Young Adult

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293

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Sean is entering his senior year of high school after being dumped by the most beautiful girl he's ever cared about. But Hallie is moving on, going to college, and Sean still has a stagnant year before deciding what to do with his life. Sean considers only one thing to get him beyond his small town: the Marines. He decides to keep his head down, get through the school year, and join up when he graduates. He doesn't count on caring for his weird coworker Neece, who shows him a world beyond hot girls and beer and deer-hunting and the thrift store where they work. She gives him the motivation to actually join up and make something out of his life.

This book deals with relevant topics, such as the paralyzing fear that many young adults experience when contemplating how to leave teenage-hood behind and move towards larger goals. However, the amount of language, crude remarks, and sexual content (including several fully-described sex scenes) in this book is enough to turn anyone off of the narrative. Even those with high tolerance for lewd content would be turned off by the sheer amount of vulgarity in this book. Every sentence has at least two swear words or crude references. No teenager or adult should read this book—all of the language and sexual content gets so in the way of the actual story that it distracts from any plot.

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