



Please Ignore Vera Dietz - A.S. King

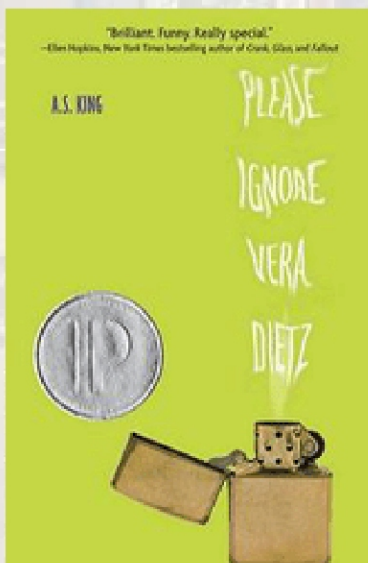
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era's best friend has died, and she is having trouble coping with seeing his image randomly all around her. She and Charlie had been best mates forever, but his unexpected death has left her with questions and when he accused of a crime, Vera sets out to clear his name.

Along the way Vera has to deal with the problems that come with being a teen from a broken family, a dad who is a recovering alcoholic and a mother she never sees her.

An exceptional and quirky novel, smartly written with humour and compassion. The voices of the characters were strong and they undeniably worked well with this style of writing. Each main character gets to speak in a few chapters each and tell their story, lending to the unique format of the book. A good range of teenage issues were incorporated to make this novel outstanding. I loved reading this novel and highly recommend it to readers over 14 years.

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