

Normal People.
Rooney, Sally.

Summary

The book is about two coming-of-age teenagers from different social classes. The two shared a secret and intimate relationship while in high school. Later in college, the popular one in high school struggles in college and the one who struggled in high school blossoms in college.

Availability

Available to students in South Carolina high school libraries.

Excerpts

p. 100*: He likes to get very deep inside her, slowly, until her breathing is loud and hard and she clutches at the pillowcase with one hand. Her body feels so small then and so open. Like this? He says, and she's nodding her head and maybe punching her hand on the pillow, making little gasps whenever he moves.

p. 103*: For some reason, and he can't explain it to himself, he thinks maybe he could fuck Peggy in front of Marianne, although it would be awkward, and not necessarily enjoyable.

p.107*: She was having cramps and she said it might hurt to have sex, so he just touched her until she came.

p. 135-136*: She got the top button undone and he told her that he was really drunk, and maybe they should stop. She put her hand inside the waistband of his underwear and said it was okay, she didn't mind. He thought he would probably black out then, but he found he couldn't. He wished he could have. He heard Paula saying: You're so hard. That was an especially insane thing for her to say, because he actually wasn't.

p. 143*: Early in their relationship, without any apparent forethought, she told him she was "a submissive." She was surprised even fearing herself say it: maybe she did it to shock him. What do you mean? He asked. Feeling worldly, she replied: You know, I like guys to hurt me. After that he started to tie her up and beat her with various objects... when it happens her brain simply goes empty, like a room with the light turned off, and she shudders into orgasm without any perceptible joy.

Staff Recommendation

Remove. The excerpts included are not "age and developmentally appropriate" due to descriptions of "sexual conduct," as defined in S.C. Code Ann. Section 16-15-305 (C)(1)(a), (c), (d).

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