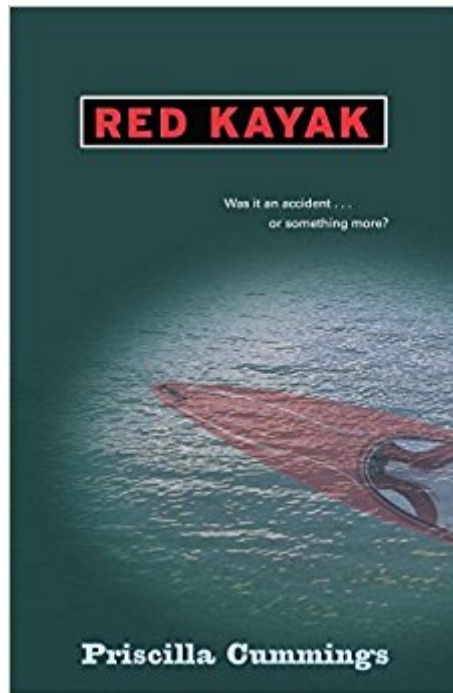




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Synopsis

Brady loves life on the Chesapeake Bay with his friends J.T. and Digger. But developers and rich families are moving into the area, and while Brady befriends some of them, like the DiAngelos, his parents and friends are bitter about the changes. Tragedy strikes when the DiAngelos's kayak overturns in the bay, and Brady wonders if it was more than an accident. Soon, Brady discovers the terrible truth behind the kayak's sinking, and it will change the lives of those he loves forever. Priscilla Cummings deftly weaves a suspenseful tale of three teenagers caught in a wicked web of deception.

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Gr. 6-9. In this satisfying crime and coming-of-age drama, a toddler drowns in a kayak accident after friends of teenage Brady, the victim's neighbor, vent some anger against the child's dad by drilling holes in the bottom of his craft. It was a mean-spirited prank--but no one was supposed to die. What happens now? Revealing the terrible secret would implicate Brady's friends in the drowning, and it clouds his whole world with guilt and fear. Cummings works plot and characterizations skillfully, building suspense as the evidence unfolds and as Brady wrestles with his decision and tries to

come to terms with his own responsibility. Brady's eastern-Maryland surroundings and heritage (his father, a waterman, struggles to make a living from crabbing) are also vividly evoked. Brady's ultimate decision is both anguished and well reasoned, making for a realistic conclusion. Anne O'MalleyCopyright © American Library Association. All rights reserved --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

“Cummings has created a multifaceted story that is as much about the families and life in the Chesapeake as it is about a prank gone awry. Brady's bighearted cousin Carl, his supportive father, and the anguished Mrs. DiAngelo are particularly well-developed characters who are pivotal in Brady's understanding of the path he must choose. This well-crafted story will have broad appeal.” •School Library Journal

A well-crafted story for young adults, especially. When an accident occurs, people go into action. For Brady, his action leads him to both joy and despair within a short amount of time. As Brady processes his despair, unanswered questions cause him to wonder what really happened. Was it really an accident? Or was it more than that? If he knows the answer, what should he do? The story offers some mystery, some ethical dilemmas, and big decisions.

This book was assigned to my 11 year old as a summer reading assignment. She liked the book so much she asked me to buy her the second book. Then she bugged me everyday until I remembered to order it.

I read this book as a assignment for reading class and I loved it, the overall plot was very sad but relieving toward the end. I recommend the book to any one that has a liking in YA (young adult) books. I did like that it had such a complex plot to it, when I turned the page I didn't know if it would be sad or happy. If you are someone sensitive to sadder stories and don't sit well with death (especially young children) I don't recommend their book to you. Other than that it was a book worthy of 5 stars.

My 13 year old daughter got me to read this book and I was hooked. I recommend this to all teens and their parents.

Great read for everyone! Makes you wonder "what would you do"? Excellent portrayal of families

struggling and healing from grief. Also introduces the Juvenile justice system with tact and sensitivity.

I had to read this for school so I thought it would suck but it was pretty great, very well written and great for book report

Honestly the only reason I read this book was because it was my son's summer project. Thought I better read to help with any questions. Once I started...had a hard time putting down. Good read for preteens up to moms of preteens...of any age!!

The plot line is interesting, and the moral and ethical dilemmas presented are very thought provoking. Unfortunately, the character development is lacking and the author seems to be out of touch with youth culture/voice. Despite its shortcomings, I will require my eighth graders to read it (since I have a class set). I do believe that my students will be able to relate to the conflict and inner turmoil that the main character faces.

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