

The Troubles of Life

Thirteen Reasons Why

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Thirteen Reasons Why by Jay Asher, is a novel which opens in a happy and joyful mood but throughout the novel many people get embarrassed and upset by having their name mentioned in a secret tape being passed around to the special people who have done something to cause the death of Hannah Baker. Hannah Baker is the main character that commits suicide and creates a bunch of cassette tapes stating the personal reason behind the occurrence of this horrible tragedy.

The cassette tapes are only passed around to the students who are mentioned in the tapes. After Hannah's death, a box was mailed to a special boy who had special feelings for Hannah before she died. His name was Clay Jenson, Clay was a very intelligent boy who rarely got in trouble and did superb in school because he studied very hard. Hannah had a bad reputation for being passed around from guy to guy, but this was not true at all. All of high school Hannah had to deal with bullies included perverted boys in her grade who would

believe these rumors that were being spread around. Despite all the rumors, Hannah knew what was true and what wasn't because she was a very strong and independent girl.

Thirteen Reasons Why was a very inspiring and dramatic book that is a story about the troubles of a teenage girl struggling through tough times. Personally, I think this book was one of the best and most amazing books that I have ever read. I physically could not put it down. One night I was up until one in the morning reading the book because I had just lost track of time. Back to my point here, I feel like the whole reason that Hannah committed suicide was because she could not deal with all the stress and bullying cause by the people that surround her every day. Even though each tape specifies a different story with a different person, and they might be very small reasons but in the end all these little things added up and she just could not take anymore. I highly recommend everyone to read the book *Thirteen Reasons Why*.

I learned a very important lesson while reading this book and it was to appreciate everyone and everything. Hannah unfortunately after being bullied a lot she only thought of mainly the bad things in her life. This made her very depressed which eventually led her to suicide. Jay Asher did a very great job with this novel and I was not the only one who thought so because she won many awards including the California Book Award. Asher also helped write another novel with Carolyn Mackler called *The Future of Us*.