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# Cutting To The Chase



## Synopsis

How do you fix something you didn't break? Lizzy certainly doesn't have the answer. All she knows is that she needs to survive senior year, then get as far away from her dysfunctional family as possible. In the meantime, when she can't take the pressure, she eases it with the sharp edge of a razor blade. But, she's been cutting deeper and her thoughts are growing darker. Until she meets Michael. With him she finds relief. Now, maybe—just maybe—she can make it.

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## Customer Reviews

Author Rose Phillips captures the difficulties of teenage life in a stunningly astute way. I read this book in one day, which is a nod to both the story itself and the easy flow of the writing. Cutting to the Chase takes on very real and timely issues in a sensitive way, and would be a great read for anyone who enjoys both romance and drama.

Real and intense, Cutting to the Chase gives you clarity into the world of teens. Good read!

There are some stories that resonate with you and cause you to look at your own life in a different light, this is one of those stories. Lizzy is just short of graduation and is trying to keep it together in her senior year. Life at home keeps falling apart more each day and to ease the pain and pent up emotions, she has taken to cutting to let out the emotions. In unmistakable ways, it seems like life might just give her a break when she meets Michael. When things suddenly start to fall into place and she has her cutting under control, Lizzy's life suddenly spirals out of control into complete chaos. The story is told from the first-person perspective of Lizzy. The author, Rose Phillips, has an astonishing knack for showing the inner emotions of Lizzy and when Lizzy is being defiant, the reader can understand and empathize with everything going on in the character's life. The reader expressly experiences the highs and lows along with Lizzy—from the romantic date with Michael to the partying friends and the bad choices. When several events occur that turn Lizzy's world upside down, the reader is able to relate and experience the same emotional upheaval. With each cut comes the release of emotion and the reader is taken on a journey to understand the inner dynamics of Lizzy's mind and how it relates to the chaotic and ever changing world around her. The dialogue is crisp and the setting will be familiar to many readers. The reader is able to be drawn in and enveloped by the life and times of the characters and as such, because to understand the deep back stories of each supporting character. From Mags, the always happy old friend that is always there, to Becky the friend with an insatiable party appetite but has experiences more than her own share of worldly burdens. Cutting to the Chase is a deep story that is sure to reel you in and cause you to look at your own life as well as the lives of those around you in a very different way! originally posted at long and short reviews

A quick read cause I couldn't put it down...told in first person this story is totally believable. It felt as if I was eavesdropping into someone else's life. It took me right back to the brutal hallways of my own adolescence. A good read.

Finally got to read it. Loved it. The story comes off as very believable; I love that the novel ends on a positive note. Teens should enjoy it as it engages the reader as soon as he/she starts reading.

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