

# Sexuality Education in Secondary IV ELA

## Emotional and Romantic Life

### *Exit, Pursued by a Bear*

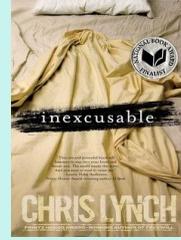
 E. K. Johnston



Hermione Winter's last year at cheer camp turns devastating when, at the end-of-session party, someone slips something into her drink. She wakes up with a nurse and a police officer at her side.

### *Inexcusable*

Chris Lynch



What happened to Gigi Boudakian is inexcusable, but her rapist cannot come to terms with his actions. Told from his perspective.

### *Dreamland*

Sarah Dessen



This story of one teenager's descent into an abusive relationship offers a helpful and nuanced perspective, with questions about women's roles in society at large.

#### Sample Questions to Guide Discussion:

Read the opening chapter and discuss how the book is initially set up. Make predictions about how the story will unfold.

Discuss the way the protagonists are characterized initially. Return to the discussion during reading to make comparisons and discuss how they have changed.

Discuss the effect of point of view on the story. Consider the ways the narrative would unfold differently if it were told in a different voice.

#### Sample Activities to Complement Discussion:

Use a writing/production process to create an expository text such as an opinion piece or article about a topic or issue stemming from the text.

Use a variety of texts for a genre study of realistic fiction for young adults that explores dating violence. Consider the conventions such as characters, setting, source of conflict and resolutions.

### *Speak: The Graphic Novel*

Laurie Halse Anderson



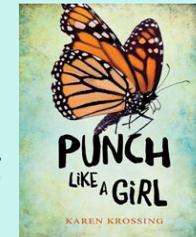
Melinda is friendless—an outcast—because she busted an end-of-summer party by calling the cops, so now nobody will talk to her, let alone listen to her.

#### Learning Goals:

- Recognize the symptoms of violence in a dating relationship.
- Search for solutions to prevent or stop violence in the context of a dating relationship.

### *Punch Like a Girl*

 Karen Krossing



After her controlling ex-boyfriend sexually assaults her, 17-year-old Tori starts getting into fights. Keeping the assault a secret isolates Tori from friends and family. But doing community service at a women's shelter offers her new perspectives.

**Suggested keywords:** relationships, violence, abuse, self-esteem, friendship, family life, family violence, identity, point of view

