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# Speak: The Graphic Novel



## Synopsis

The critically acclaimed, award-winning, modern classic *Speak* is now a stunning graphic novel. "Speak up for yourself • we want to know what you have to say." From the first moment of her freshman year at Merryweather High, Melinda knows this is a big fat lie, part of the nonsense of high school. She 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. Through her work on an art project, she is finally able to face what really happened that night: She was raped by an upperclassman, a guy who still attends Merryweather and is still a threat to her. With powerful illustrations by Emily Carroll *Speak: The Graphic Novel* comes alive for new audiences and fans of the classic novel.

## Book Information

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Laurie Halse Anderson Laurie Halse Anderson is the New York Times-bestselling author who writes for all ages. Known for tackling tough subjects with humor and sensitivity, her work has sold nearly five million copies. Two of her books, *Speak* and *Chains*, were National Book Award finalists. *Chains* also made the Carnegie Medal shortlist in the United Kingdom. Her most recent YA novel, *The Impossible Knife of Memory*, was longlisted for the National Book Award. Laurie was the proud recipient of the 2015 Intellectual Freedom Award given by the National Council of Teachers of English, and the 2011 Free Speech Defender Award given by the National Coalition Against Censorship and presented to her by her hero, Judy Blume. She has also received the 2009 Margaret A. Edwards Award given by YALSA division of the American Library Association, the ALAN Award given by the National Council of Teachers of English, the St. Katharine Drexel Award from the Catholic Librarian Association, and the Outstanding Alumni Award, given by the American Association of Community Colleges. She was also nominated for the Astrid Lindgren Memorial Award in 2017, which is one of her proudest accomplishments because it is presented to children's book creators from around the world in honor of the work and life of Sweden's magnificent Astrid Lindgren. You can follow Laurie's adventures on Twitter, <http://twitter.com/halseanderson>, and on her website [madwomanintheforest.com](http://madwomanintheforest.com) Emily Carroll, an Eisner Award winning illustrator and author of *Through the Woods*, is also the creator of many popular Web comics. She lives in Vancouver, British Columbia.

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