

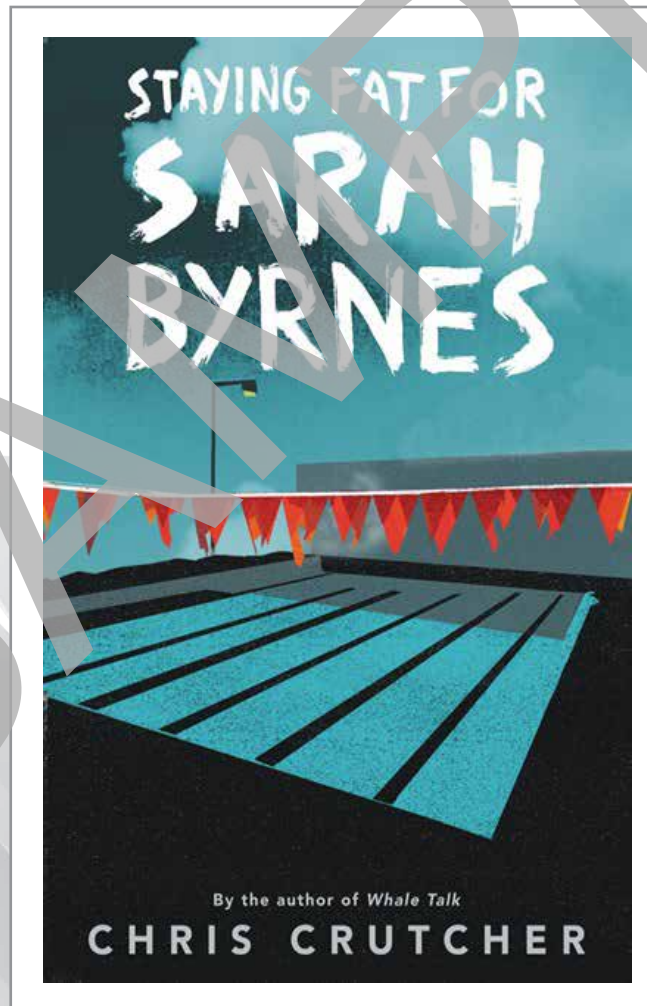


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4. Why did Sarah's father call Eric?
5. Why did Mautz call Ellerby and Eric to his office?
6. What did Ellerby's father say about why Mark tried to commit suicide?
7. How did Mr. Ellerby defend his own son and lay down the law to Mautz?
8. How did Mr. Byrnes terrorize Eric?
- * 9. Why do you think the author has Eric go to Dale's house for help?
- * 10. **Prediction:** What will happen to Virgil Byrnes?

Chapters 17-19 and Epilogue, pp. 185-216

1. Why did Mark Brittain visit Eric in the hospital?
2. What happened when Sarah and Ms. Lemry found Sarah's mother?
3. What advice did Eric give Mark on how to face everyone at school?
4. Why did Sarah go to the Amtrak station?
5. How was Virgil captured?
6. Why did Carver go to jail?
7. Who adopted Sarah?
8. Where will Eric, Ellerby, Sarah, and Jody be the next school year?
- * 9. Why was Carver so intent on catching Virgil?
- * 10. **Prediction:** How will Eric's relationships with Jody and Sarah change?

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Activity #6 • Vocabulary
Chapters 14-19

exemplary 167
duped 180
vigilante 208

adamant 169
adjacent 198
leniency 210

advocates 171
dyslexic 183

voluminous 175
orca 185

Directions: Answer each question by circling the letter in the YES or NO space. Briefly explain why you answered "Yes" or "No."

- | | YES | NO |
|--|-----|----|
| 1. Is the teacher's pet usually an exemplary student? | W | S |
| 2. Do most people feel adamant after doing something wrong? | I | A |
| 3. Is a firefly voluminous? | N | L |
| 4. Is a person who advocates a higher speed limit for raising it? | L | G |
| 5. Does someone buying a used car want to be duped? | S | A |
| 6. Are you adjacent to the person sitting next to you? | W | I |
| 7. Is being dyslexic a sign of an eating disorder? | N | A |
| 8. Could you teach an orca to say, "Polly want a cracker?" | G | L |
| 9. Is issuing a speeding ticket a form of vigilante justice? | S | L |
| 10. Might a judge show leniency because a defendant has no prior record? | A | I |

Put the letters you circled above in the blanks below.

Virgil Byrnes ends up doing 20 years in the state penitentiary at

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