



"WINNING." —*Entertainment Weekly*

what my mother doesn't know

SONYA SONES

NICKNAMES

Most people just call me Sophie
(which is the name
on my birth certificate),
or Sof,
or sometimes Sofa.

Zak and Danny think it's cute
to call me Couch,
as in:

"How're your cushions doing today, Couch?"

Or sometimes they call me Syphilis,
which I don't find one bit funny.

My parents usually call me
Sophie Dophie or Soso.

And Rachel and Grace call me Fifi,
or sometimes just Fee.

But Dylan calls me Sapphire.
He says it's because of my eyes.
I love the way his voice sounds
when he says it.

Sapphire.

I like whispering it to myself.

His name for me.

Sapphire.

It's like the secret password
to my heart.

SIXTH SENSE

Sometimes I just know things.
Like when Lou asked me to go on that walk
down by the reservoir last year
on the last day of eighth grade.
I knew he was going to say
he wanted to break up with me.

And I knew my heart
would shatter
when he did.

I just know things.
I can feel them coming.
Like a couple of weeks ago
when I went to the Labor Day party at Zak's.
Something perfect was going to happen.
I just knew it.

That was the night I met Dylan.

HOW IT HAPPENED

After Zak's party,
Rachel's big sister
came to drive a bunch of us home,
with her friend
and her friend's younger brother.

I was the last one to get in the car
and it turned out
all the other laps were taken,
so I had to sit on
Rachel's sister's friend's brother's lap.

It was
Dylan's lap,
but even though he goes to my school
I'd never seen him before.

And he had such smoldery dark eyes
that I felt like I'd been zapped
smack into the middle
of some R-rated movie
and everyone else in the car
was just going to fade away
and this guy and I
were going to start making out,
right then and there,



My name is Sophie.
This book is about me.
It tells
the heart-stoppingly riveting story
of my first love.
And also of my second.
And, okay, my third love too.

It's not that I'm boy crazy.
It's just that even though
I'm almost fifteen
it's like
my mind
and my body
and my heart
just don't seem to be able to agree
on anything.

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★ "A verse experience that will leave readers sighing with recognition and satisfaction."
—*Kirkus Reviews*, STARRED REVIEW

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