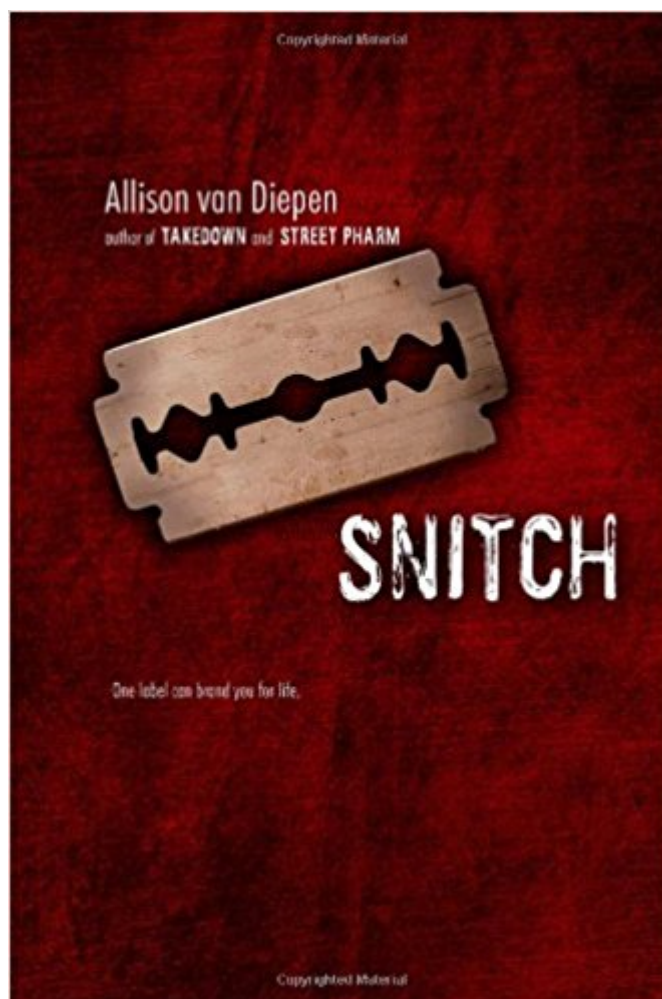


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Snitch



Synopsis

Julia swore she'd never join a gang—but for Eric, she'll risk everything. Now in trade paperback with a new cover, a gritty novel from the author of *Street Pharm*. Lines are clearly marked at South Bay High School. It's mixed territory for the Crips and the Bloods, which means the drama never stops. Julia DiVino wants none of it. No colors, no C-Walks—it's just not her thing. But everything changes when Eric Valiente transfers to South Bay and rolls into her life. Lines are redrawn. And then they are crossed.

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Customer Reviews

The deal was no gangs. Ever since seventh grade, Julia and her friends have determined not to allow the gang-permeated culture of Sheepshead Bay High School to ruin their futures. But that resolve wavers after Julia falls in love with newcomer Eric, a Crip, and joins the gang herself. She feels protected by the Crips, but drugs, sex, and violence are rampant, and when Eric begins to lie to her, Julia's carefully planned future dims. The author of *Street Pharm* (2006) exposes another teenage counterculture, realistically depicting the world of the gangbanger and the insidious nature of lifelong protection, with no escape. Julia and Eric are poignant, authentic characters in a continuously looping, real-life tragedy. Although their stories offer hope, their friends are not so lucky. *Snitch* presents an important object lesson for today's teens. Grades 7-10.

--Frances Bradburn --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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Allison van Diepen writes a fast-paced, teen-street novel of two young people who find themselves caught up in gang culture of one of the roughest areas of Queens, NY. Julia DiVino is a beautiful 17 year old, mixed with Puerto Rican-Italian lineages who's a good student and an inspiring poet at her violent high school. Julia happens to meet a new guy by the name of Eric Valiente -- he's good-looking, charming, and is a bit of mystery. Eric in no time sweeps Julia off her feet, but later happens to join one of the Crip groups. Julia is appalled and upset at his decision-making causing the two split early before the relationship starts to fully blossom. Julia finds herself in the crosshairs while at a party when she tips off her current ex on a rival Blood gang to ambush him. This sets off a firestorm within the school and the streets when Julia recognizes the ones she once called her friends are now her enemies. Julia knows that also she can't stay neutral between the rival gangs anymore so she makes an epic decision that is a turning point within the story. Eric is afraid of what consequences Julia has taken on, but willing to stand by her no matter the cost, especially since the two have reunited. Can their love survive or will gang culture get the best out of the two? My impression on book -- pretty decent read for the most part. It's a fast paced read with a twist. It doesn't start getting interesting for me until mid-way into the climax into its falling action. I will for be reading Ms. Diepen's '*Street Pharm*' downline since I've heard good things about it. Rating - 3.5/5.0

I teach 8th grade. My students love this author. To the point that they will steal the books. This is annoying, but if you knew my student demographic, you would also be impressed that these books are so desirable. Let's just say: not book lovers. But they LOVE this author. If you know a young reluctant reader, try these. Please note that I wouldn't recommend the CONTENT for young kids, even though the Lexile level of these books is at about a second/third grade reading level. I wouldn't recommend lower than 8th grade, unless your kid is very worldly-wise.

Snitch is a powerful, intriguing, and fast-paced novel. I quickly learned that the storyline was highly addictive where I literally finished the book in one day! Julia was a great character, she was strong willed and fearless. I was amazed at her courage and determination to not let a school full of gang members ruin her chances of college. I wouldn't be able to go to South Bay High School because you were under a microscope on a daily basis. If you looked at someone wrong or wore the wrong "color" it was an invitation to a deadly beating. As I read, Allison's writing came alive and I felt like I

was on the streets of Brooklyn. Also, it does help that I actually know most of the places and areas mentioned in the book. Even though most of these places aren't as scary as they were portrayed in the story. So, Brooklyn isn't all gun shootings and gangs, just want to make that clear :) I live in a good Brooklyn neighborhood so I should know...Now, the other character that I liked was Eric, Julia's boyfriend. He was an interesting character but also very influential with Julia. The moment he came into her life everything changed and I didn't agree with Julia's decisions at that point. Allison also surprised me with a shocking outcome at the end of the book. I seriously wasn't expecting it! But, I do need to warn my young readers that there is curse words left and right. They seem to all have potty mouths. Overall, a great read with interesting insight into gangs in schools.

I've purchased this book three times. It seems to grow legs and walk out of my classroom. My students seem to love reading this book. Every new school year I have a waiting list of students wanting to read it. Careful, though, it does contain some adult language. Sure to be a hit in your classroom as well (secondary school).

I really really loved the book up until I got to the 90% of the book it didn't make sense. It started talking about all new things all new people. The end made me mad....like what happened to the other characters, where did they go???

Other than that I enjoyed the book so good and so interesting and dramatic. CHANGE THE ENDING

My high school students love this book. It's a few years old, but the slang language is still modern enough for them to love it!

My intensive reading students will like the content and dialogue (and dialect). The writing is not particularly advanced, but a good storyline exists.

A great book to keep teens interested in reading.

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