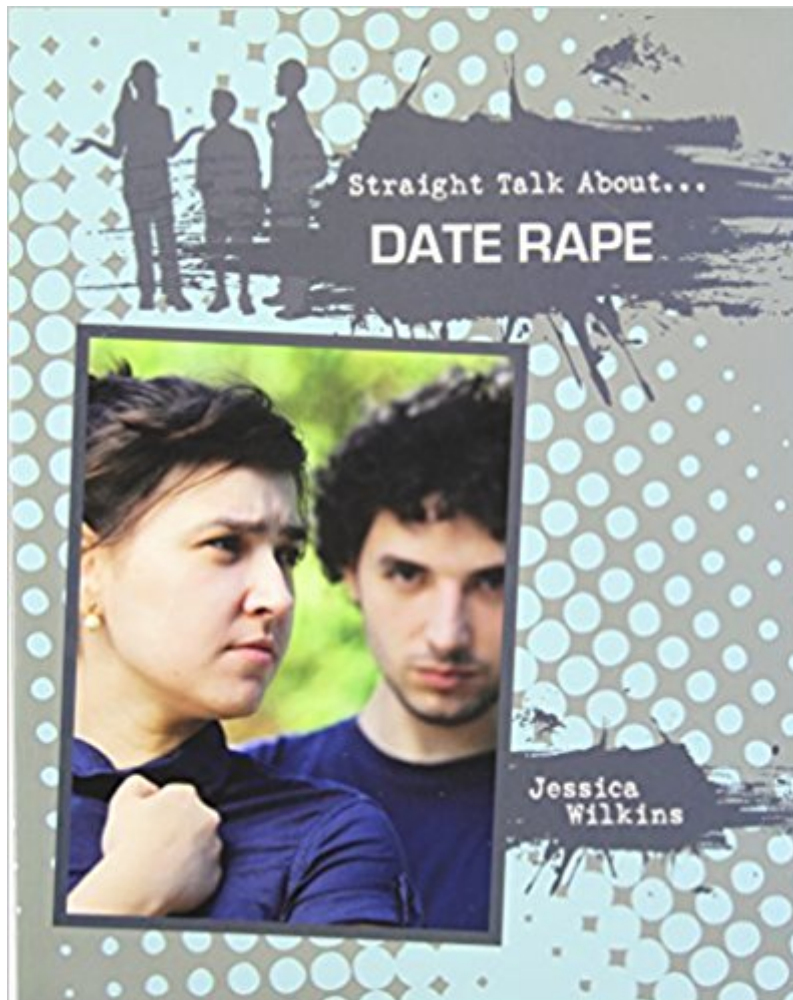




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# Date Rape (Straight Talk About...(Crabtree))



## Synopsis

Helps readers understand the issue of juvenile sexual assault and rape, and gives those who have experienced it advice and coping strategies. This title covers such topics as: the effects of rape, from depression to post-traumatic stress disorder, and suicide, as well as the benefits of disclosure and trust.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

Date rape is a serious topic, but this title in the Straight Talk About . . . series extends the discussion and also spends a good deal of its pages covering dating violence, both verbal and physical, which girls don't always understand to be problematic. The book's beginning is a bit jarring. A page describes an incident between Basima (pictured, hair covered) and freckle-faced Max, who start off on a race, which suddenly ends when Max trips Basima and she breaks her wrist. Then he pushes himself on her: And he was so strong. Too strong. This decision to include characters from different cultures in the introduction seems odd, but the information that follows is strong and far reaching. The book explains various kinds of violence and tries to define what is acceptable in a relationship (arguments, for instance) and what is not, including using force in sex (and not limiting that to intercourse). The book is also up to date, with a discussion of how modern communication technology such as cell phones and social networking sites can be breeding grounds for violence. The colorful photos are stock, but the Dating Rights manifesto further spells out appropriate behavior in a relationship. Plenty of resource material, of course. Grades 7-10.

--Ilene Cooper

This book is clearly directed to high school and junior high school students, but it is also useful for older individuals who might not be inclined to read through a lengthy, dense book on the subject. It gets across some essential information: It's not the victim's fault, consent must be affirmative, and also talks about STDs and other related issues. It starts with a story about a young girl in another culture playing with a male friend who takes advantage of her when she falls down running.

Although this sounds like a "kid" story, this information is important for anyone who cannot conceive of a "friend" taking sexual advantage against one's will (in other words, rape). It also speaks to potential aggressors, stressing that mere failure to "fight back" or scream does not indicate consent. It would be nice if the publisher offered a "look in" -- I wanted to see how it read, but I ended up buying it, sight unseen, because I was looking for something short for a family member who is not a keen reader. It was a worthwhile purchase.

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