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My Sister's Keeper

When I read this book, the first thing that attracted me was the writer's unique writing skill. Every character in her book has his or her own opinion voiced and the readers can see it from different angles. Anna was conceived as a bone marrow match for Kate. She was never meant to be herself. It was a life and role that she never questioned until now. Like most teenagers, Anna began to question who she truly was. "If your parents have you for a reason, then that reason had better exist, because once it's gone, so are you." The main focus of this book is that Anna made a decision and planned to sue her parents in order to win back the rights to her own body and, to this end, she hired a lawyer to help her win the lawsuit.

In the book, Anna's brother, Jesse, is a minor role, but I sympathize a lot with him and his existence makes the story more real. On the surface, Jesse seems rotten to the core. He looks bad. However, as the story unfolds, I feel I am dealing with an union, someone whose reality is several layers away from what's on the surface. As we know, in a sick child's house, if there is another healthy child, then he or she may be ignored, and Jesse is this kind of child in this book. His parents focus on Kate's condition without playing or talking with him, so Jesse does lots of things to make his parents notice him, like: arson, smoke..... In one chapter, Sara brought Jesse to see the dentist but Kate encountered something bad so it was delayed. After Kate's problem was solved, Jesse told Sara that he didn't need her help anymore. He had already used his own strength to pull the brace down. Later, I realized that Jesse's heart-broken, so he didn't count on his parents to help him do anything anymore.

Deep down, Jesse cares about and loves his sisters. Even though Jesse is ignored by his parents, he is still nice to his two sisters, Kate and Anna. When they have problems, he will do his best to help them. For example, when Sara was angry with Anna suing them and refusing to give her kidney to Kate, Jesse pretended that he was drunk, crying out to engage his mom's attention so that Anna could go to find Kate to have an intimate talk.

After reading "My Sister's Keeper" I was amazed by the way the story ended when

the main character died and Kate refused to get Anna's kidney. It was beyond my expectation. I think that there are still lots of things in the novel for us to discuss. Although I have read it many times, every time I read it, I had different kinds of feelings. Once, I tried to stand in Sara's shoes to imagine that, if I were Kate's mom, what I would probably do and if I had to fight a losing case, winning one daughter but losing the other, whether I could remain intact or not. Another time, I stood on Anna's side, trying to experience being an organ donor and suing my parents for the rights to my body, not willing to give away any organ to my sister ever again. When I tried to figure it out, I soon realized that I was caught in a moral dilemma. *My Sister's Keeper* examines what it means to be a good parent, a good sister, a good person. Is it morally correct to do whatever it takes to save a child's life? No one can make a strong case without hurting the other beloved side!