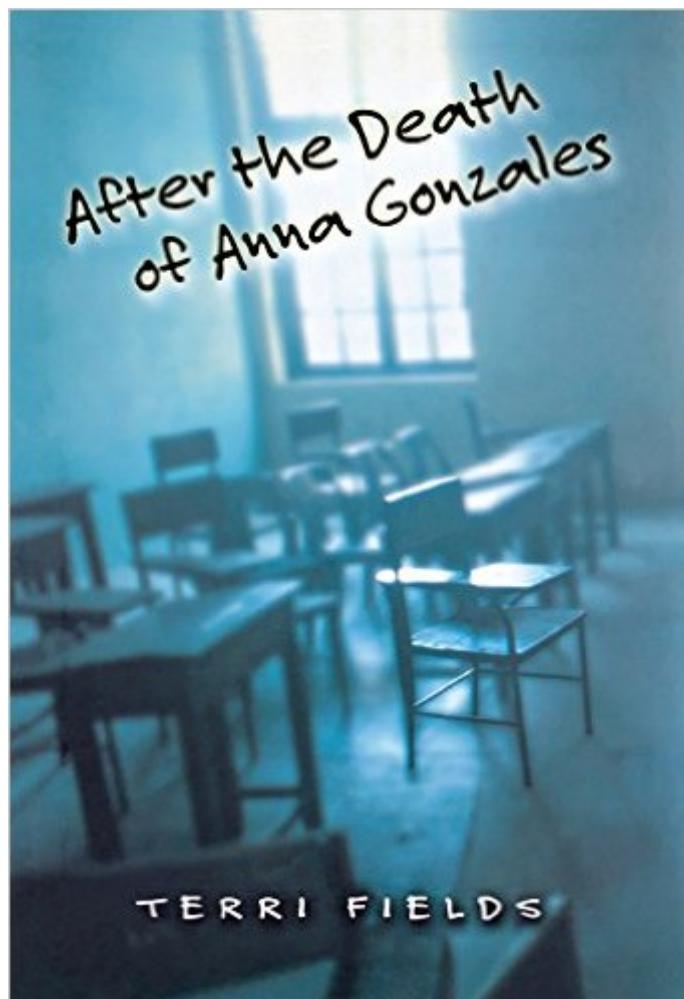


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# After The Death Of Anna Gonzales



## **Synopsis**

A powerful look at the effects of one girl's suicide on her high school "I can feel the whispering of the hallway walls growing louder as the groups gather. Each clique adding to its morning input." "Did you hear?" "Who told you?" "Do you think it's really true?" "New at this school, I stand alone. Watching . . ." Brutally honest and authentic in tone, this collection of voices centers on the suicide of high school freshman Anna Gonzales. Each piece, read alone, portrays a classmate's or teacher's personal reaction to the loss, taken hard by some, by others barely noticed. Read together, the poems create a richly textured and moving testimony to the rippling effects of one girl's devastating choice. Terri Fields has written a thought-provoking, important work that resonates with both pain and hope. This is a book that will stay with readers long after they put it down.

## **Book Information**

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## **Customer Reviews**

okay, after the death of anna gonzales was one of the greatest books i have ever read. not just because of the unbelievably shocking and true poems, but because we used the book as our winter play at my high school. the director was unbelievable, each actors character was made up of three of the original characters in the book. i played lynn helter, a bitchy cheerleader that's worried the suicide will interfere with the pep assembly. and not just reading but acting out the emotions and issues that this girl had was unbelievable. terri feilds has incredable currage and power to write

about such an important issue that impacts american teenagers everyday. many people in my school had problems with a high school doing a play about this topic, but i was overjoyed to do a play about this. its better to do a play like anna gonzales that effects the life of people, than a play like lion king or a christmas carol and get 400 people to come see it a night, but it doesnt effect anyone.

After The Death of Anna Gonzales is by Terri FieldsI recommend for grades 6 & up.The book is an amazing book. It is very interesting and the excitement never ends. Once you start you can't put the book down.It is about a girl named Anna. She committed suicide. Everyone is trying to figure out what to do. Like one boy, wants to take Anna's seat in class. A cheerleader doesn't want Anna's death to interrupt with homecoming. Everyone is finding a way, one way or another, that might affect Anna's death.The point the author is trying to make is that, never take something that happens and make it work towards you or just because something bad happens doesn't mean something else bad is going to happenThe book is definitely worth reading. If you don't take your time you won't be able to understand the book. I'd give it 5 stars because of the amazing content.

I hate poetry, but I know others like it so I decided to add a poetry unit to my teaching plans (8th grade). We had just finished Tears of a Tiger by Draper (another excellent read!) and it blended the units beautifully. Even though I majored in literature I never really got into poetry, but like Make Lemonade by Wolff, this set told a story. I loved the way you see so many points of view--and they're so REAL. I definitely recommend this book to junior high-high school level students. It is an easy and enjoyable read.

After the Death of Anna Gonzales by Terri Fields is a story about a girl who has committed suicide. In the book, other characters tell you about what they felt about her death. I think that the reason the author wrote this is to talk about teens and suicide. This is definaltly a must-read for any teen.

I would say "Terri Fields has done it again!" but After the Death of Anna Gonzales is the first book I've read by this author. Terri Fields, author of more then 20 books, has crafted a wonderful book. Personally, I couldn't think of a better book to read and/or review. This book reminds me of myself at times...Feeling alone, wondering what things would be like without me, sometimes even sometimes thoughts about what it would be like to cut myself, but then I remember that even though it may be my last resort, suicide is not the answer. Apparently, Anna Gonzales disagreed with me.At some

point in our lives, I'm pretty sure we all have asked the classic question, "What would the world be like without me?" Well, Anna Gonzales didn't only ask that question, she took action. This fictional YA (Young Adult) book is a collection of poems written by 42 of Anna Gonzales' classmates and 7 of her teachers after she takes her life one dark and stormy night. Everybody expresses their feelings on this matter through their personal poems. Anna's coach wrote;The game doesn't always go your way,Forget fair.Feel forgotten.But damn it, Anna,You don't stop playing.There is nobody that isn't affected by Anna's choice to end her world. No body can comprehend why this poor soul was so tortured that she just had to take her own life? At least, not until they read Anna's poem, expressing her feelings and her side of the story.After the Death of Anna Gonzales is a heart-warming, tear-jerking book that will make any suicidal teenager realize what pain taking their life would be to others. Still having those thoughts about taking your life, ending your world, or to just say it plainly, committing suicide? Well, maybe after you read this book, you'll change your mind.

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