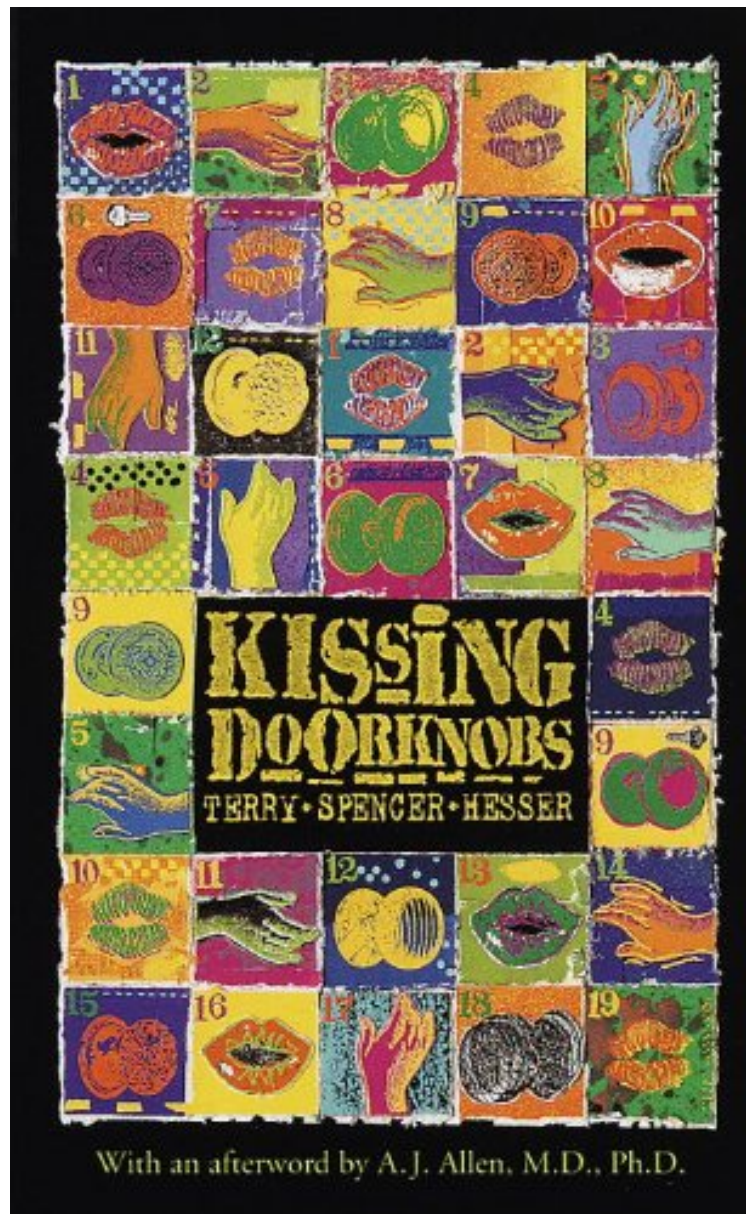


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Von Terry Spencer Hesser : Kissing Doorknobs before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Kissing Doorknobs:

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Fantastic!Von HeatherI got this book yesterday and I finished it in 1 and a half hours. It was recomended to me by a

friend of mine at school. The cover was cool so i decided to give it a try. As soon as I got the book, I was swept away into a wonderful story about a girl with obsessive behavior. Tara Sullivan begins getting weird habits at the age of 10 and from then on they get much much worse. Her habits get so bad that she had emotional breakdowns and she can no longer hang out with her friends. Her mother thinks that she is going mad and send her to many doctors. Finally she finds a friend in the super cool chic Donna, who indulges in drugs, smoking and unsafe sex. That just goes to show that you can find friendship in the strangest places. When she is with Donna, her counting, praying, and arranging habits dissolve. Then she meets the incredible cute Sam, a boy with OCD too. Together they find strength enough to fight the tyrants in their heads. The book ends magnificently and I think that tara and Sam deserve a SEQUEL! This book was great for me because, even though I don't have OCD, I have some weird habits too, like folding my clothes before I wear them, skipping the first and last step on the stairs, obsessive neatness , and certain eating habits. Reading about other peoples' "quirks" makes it easier to understand my own quirks.0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. This was an AWESOME book!!!Von Ein KundeTerry Spencer Hesser is an awesome author and she really knows how to make situations real. She made the novel "Kissing Doorknobs" a interesting story- also heartwarming. This book is about a girl named Tara facing OCD. Eveyone around Tara is falling apart because of her strange rituals-even her own family. Every time her mother swears she always prays and her mother hates it. Throughout the book Tara goes through many changes in her OCD.Such rituals include touching the doorknob and kissing her hand, countin cracks in the sidewalk and walking over every crack, having hideous thoughts that her mother or father were dead in a ditch somewhere. Whenever someone would make fun of Tara her little sister Greta would go beat them up for her. Greta got suspended about three time throughout the book.Tara has a bunch of friends. One of her friends is a evil person. Donna her friend smokes and shoplifts. Tara once tried to shoplift but she turned herself in. Towards the end of the book she meets a boy who has OCD too. She never knew anyone else had the same thing she had. Sam (the boy with OCD) introduces Tara to a therapist for OCD. Tara goes to therapy and stops her rituals. Sometimes she can't help but to them but other times she can stop herself. I think people of all ages should read this book because its has good facts in it. This novel also presents another excellent idea. You should never treat a person with OCD any different from another person. Tara's friends only treat Tara different when Tara was freaking out. If you want a good book to read go to your library and check out "Kissing Doorknobs" I guarentee that you won't want to put it down once you pick it up.0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Kissing Doorknobs-The Struggle of OCDVon Kim Palca"'Answer the Door!' my father yelled. He nervously pulled back a tiny piece of the curtain to reveal who was standing on our porch. I just kept counting evenly. Trying to ignore everything. 'It's Allan Jacobson!' he groaned. Pain and fear leaked out of my father's voice and enveloped me like a blanket. Mr. Jacobson was my father's old friend from college who was also the local high-school teacher. A cold river of perspiration broke out on my neck. Without looking at my father's face, I could hear the horror in his voice."Have you ever wondered what it would be like to have voices in your head telling you to do things repeatedly, as though the voices were a broken record? Probably not. But for Tara, the voices won't go away. From the time she wakes up to the time she goes to bed, she is forced to do minuscule actions a certain number of times, for no reason at all. It all started the day she was on the playground and some kid yelled, "step on a crack, break your mother's back!"Kissing Doorknobs is a disturbing book about a girl with OCD(obsessive compulsive disorder) who does not understand what she is being put through. Her frustrated mother tried everything to get her daughter to stop doing these ridiculous actions, while her friends gave up on trying to comprehend what she is doing, and her dad just bleakly stood there, not knowing how to make sense of what his daughter continually did. As everything in her life takes a turn for the worst, Tara keeps going on a downward spiral, unable to stop the voices from controlling her every move. Her frustration mixed with the rest of her emotional struggle gives this book a special flair, and the reader unable to put it down.The author, Terry Hesser Spencer, captures true emotions by using detailed and easy to understand descriptions, and the reader easily able to see what Tara is going through. It is not a difficult read, and a perfect book when looking for something satisfying. It is written in an easy-to-understand fashion, yet keeps the reader captivated throughout. A perfect book for any young adult!

KurzbeschreibungDuring her preschool years, Tara Sullivan lived in terror that something bad would happen to her mother while they were apart. In grade school, she panicked during the practice fire drills. Practice for what?, Tara asked. For the upcoming disaster that was bound to happen?Then, at the age of 11, it happened. Tara heard the phrase that changed her life: Step on a crack, break your mother's back. Before Tara knew it, she was counting every crack in the sidewalk. Over time, Tara's "quirks" grew and developed: arranging her meals on plates, nonstop prayer rituals, until she developed a new ritual wherin she kissed her fingers and touched doorknobs....From the Paperback edition..deDespite recent media attention, obsessive-compulsive disorder remains perplexing to those who haven't experienced the illness firsthand. In her compassionate debut novel, Terry Spencer Hesser skillfully and credibly explains exactly what OCD feels like, as well as the effects it has on surrounding friends and family. Tara Sullivan

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