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of Teens Read Too Von Teens Read Too Four boys. An abandoned rooftop. A gun. A game of Russian roulette. Connor Kaeden's life is changed forever. He and one friend are on probation. Another "friend" is in jail. His best friend is dead. What happens next? Every one of Connor's relationships has been affected. His parents now question his every move. His younger brother won't even look at him. His older brother suddenly starts including him in his late-night escapades. His best friend's mother hugs him and tells him to visit anytime. Connor lives his days with constant reminders about what happened on that deserted rooftop, and the guilt that he should have done something to stop it. With the help of his probation officer, Connor gets a job at a local hardware store hoping to earn the money to repay the fines and court costs his parents incurred. The work is satisfying and helps Connor with more than just money. Connor also finds relief when he resumes playing his violin. He often finds himself stopping work in the store's garden center to jot down a few bars of music that seem to express the turmoil in his mind. Basically, Connor tries to get his life back to what it once was. But is that even possible? *RICOCHET* by Julie Gonzalez explores the emotional journey from tragedy to the gradual return of what might begin to pass for normal daily existence. This soul-searching, emotion-packed novel follows one young man and his family through the aftermath of one senseless act. Reviewed by: Sally Kruger, aka "Readingjunkie"

Kurzbeschreibung A bully. A gun. A dare. A friendship ripped apart. An instant in which Connor Kaeden's life changes forever. . . . From the Hardcover edition. From Booklist Fifteen-year-old Conner is pressured into a game of Russian roulette. The game ends tragically when Will, the instigator and bully in the group, turns the gun on Daniel, Connor's best friend, killing him instantly. For his involvement, Connor is placed on probation, but he is much harder on himself than the court was. Connor's tight-knit family is fragmented in its reaction: one brother takes him joyriding; another ignores him. Only his little sister is able to recall the good memories that they all share about Daniel. Connor stays busy by working at a hardware store and immersing himself in his violin studies. He begins to compose a violin piece, a cathartic activity that helps him process his role in Daniel's death and move on with his life. Brief chapters jump between past and present, punctuated by Connor's symbolic and revealing dreams. The aftereffects of a senseless tragedy are clearly felt in this novel, as is the premise that though it may never be the same, life does indeed go on. Heather Booth Copyright American Library Association. All rights reserved From School Library Journal Grade 8-10 Connor's life changes in an instant when he and his friends, egged on by Will, play a game of "idiot's roulette" (a version of Russian roulette) with a stolen gun, and the 15-year-old's best friend, Daniel, is killed in the process. Will is charged with murder, and Connor and another boy are charged as accessories. Connor's narrative moves back and forth in time, with flashbacks to his and Daniel's childhoods. After the accident, the novel focuses on Connor's introspective journey of self-knowledge and self-forgiveness. This is where the narrative tension flags, because the outcome is really never in doubt. Artistic, articulate, and sensitive, Connor is surrounded by caring adults and a stable, supportive family who help him to come to terms with life after the tragedy. It is more difficult, however, to determine when this novel takes place. The boys play video games, and Connor's brother is a skateboarder, but what contemporary teenage boys use "trippy" to mean wild or "palling around" to refer to hanging out? Connor's inability to walk away from the game is not entirely believable because he is not portrayed as someone who would cave easily under peer pressure (he is a dedicated violinist who seems to have a strong sense of self). Secondary characters are fairly well developed, although Will is stereotypical. Ultimately not compelling, this book may be useful for collections needing additional titles that deal with peer pressure, understanding the consequences of one's actions, and the importance of saying "no" to bullies. Jennifer Ralston, Harford County Public Library, Belcamp, MD Copyright Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved.