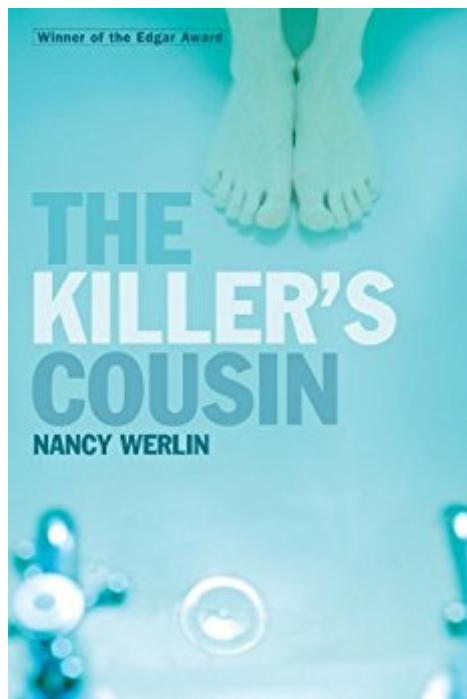


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Synopsis

After being accused and acquitted in the death of his girlfriend, seventeen-year-old David is sent to live with his aunt, uncle, and young cousin to avoid the media frenzy. But all is not well at his relatives' house. His aunt and uncle are not speaking, and twelve-year-old Lily seems intent on making David's life a torment. And then there's the issue of his older cousin Kathy's mysterious death some years back. As things grow more and more tense, David starts to wonder—is there something else that his family is trying to hide from?

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Customer Reviews

The previous year, David got in the middle of a fight between his girlfriend, Emily, and her brother Greg. Greg had spent all of their combined college money on drugs, and Emily was furious. Greg was high and was hitting her, and David was worried that he would really hurt her. Intending to punch Greg, to get him to stop hitting Emily, David stepped into the middle of things. Emily got in

front of him, though, and he ended up hitting her, so hard that he killed her. At the trial Greg's drug use came out and David was acquitted of the crime, despite the fact that Greg tried to make him seem terribly abusive. The tabloid newspapers plastered David's name and picture all across their publications and he was famous, unable to get away from the attention. His parents decided to send him to a private high school in Cambridge, far away from his troubles in Baltimore, to repeat his senior year. He went to live with his aunt and uncle and cousin, who had been out of touch with his parents since their older daughter died four years before. From the start, David's new family is full of problems. His eleven-year-old cousin Lily hates him and does everything she can to make him angry, especially after he counsels his aunt and uncle to start talking to each other instead of communicating through Lily. Things get more and more hostile around their house as they begin to believe the bad things Lily tells them about David. I really liked the character of Frank. He was unique and interesting, sure of himself and not afraid to reach out to someone else. I liked seeing how David dealt with the awful thing he had done, even though he didn't do it on purpose.

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