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The Tower

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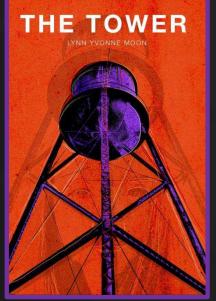
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Koehler Books 210 60th Street Virginia Beach, VA 23451 At the sweet young age of eleven, a young life transgresses from the simple to the complex as Pete maneuvers through the darkness that surrounds all victims of childhood bullying.

Childhood is much more than the simple act of innocent role playing. Our young are now subjected to physical and emotional abuse from other children face-to-face, as well as, from inside the mysterious cyber-world of social media.

Young Pete (Petunia) learns all too fast that life just might not be all that it's supposed to be – innocent and fun. Instead, she must deal with the daily struggle of whether living is really worth all the pain. She experiences things that adults would have trouble tolerating. So how can an eleven-year-old child accept and survive?

After her mother's death, Pete finally meets her estranged biological father, a successful lawyer in Georgia. Although surprised to discover she's



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the product of a mixed heritage, Pete openly accepts and gives her new life a chance. But after dealing with the emotional weight of losing a mother and meeting her estranged father, suffering daily at the hands of her classmates may be a little too much for her. Would the solitude she finds at the top of her towers be enough?

"I just finished reading "The Tower" and couldn't put it down 'til the end. It is so true to life and riveting. Having lived through the suicide of our 11 year old son due to being bullied, I truly know the pain and heartbreak brought to light in this book and can attest to the thousands of kids that contact us with similar stories. An outstanding tool to help start a very serious conversation about a subject far too often overlooked."

> *Kirk Smalley, President Stand for the Silent http://www.standforthesilent.org*

"This book is a must-read for all middle and high school students, parents, law enforcement, teachers and administrators. Ms. Moon gives excellent insight to a typical 12 year old's mind and how they think they have to "deal with it themselves". They don't want to be a burden to their parents or friends. They feel isolated and confused. They think they are ending the torment for everyone they care about and will no longer be what they see themselves as, a burden. It's truthful, honest, and heart wrenching. My Becca felt the same way, she looked at the towers as her quiet place, then tragedy unexpectedly occurred. Pete nor Becca wanted to end their lives, they wanted the pain to end and were trying to figure out how to deal with it without hurting others in the process. Outstanding book!"

Tricia Sedwick, President Rebecca's Stand Against Bullying http://www.rebeccasstandagainstbullying.com