

Content Guide

Fire Starters

Themes: Confirmation, listening to the Holy Spirit, the 7 gifts of the Holy Spirit, being a soldier of Christ, family relationships, friendship, grieving the death of a loved one, sacrificing for others, self-evaluation, apologizing, and prayer.

Educational Value: Discussion Guide available on the author's website and in the back of the book, along with the 7 Gifts of the Holy Spirit and the Surrender Prayer Novena.

Positive Messages: Characters work hard to support and encourage friends who missed receiving the sacrament of Confirmation in the tenth grade and also to support their church, hoping to keep it from closing.

Spiritual Messages: This story dives into many aspects of the sacrament of Confirmation, addressing questions teens have before and even after receiving the sacrament. After Confirmation, it's important to continue to develop your faith so that you can more fully live it and also provide answers to anyone who asks about your faith.

Positive Role Models: A teen girl resigns herself to trust in God's will joyfully, even when her plans are thwarted. The Catholic youth group, Fire Starters, provide excellent role models of teens helping and inspiring one another in the faith.

Violence/Gore: teen boys pick on and beat up an important story character, but the character doesn't fight back. A child punches his father in the arm because he's upset.

Sexuality: none.

Language: none.

Drinking, Drugs & Smoking: there is mention of a "smokers corner" at the high school.

WHAT PARENTS NEED TO KNOW

Fire Starters was written to support and inspire students preparing for Confirmation. It addresses questions many have about feeling worthy or ready for the sacrament, along with showing through the story how it's not a type of graduation from the faith, and also how it prepares one for their future. Among other things.

Rating:

Light- For all readers.

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Moderate - Story includes subject matter for teens 14 plus

Advanced - Although not graphic in description, the subject matter is recommended for teens older than 15.