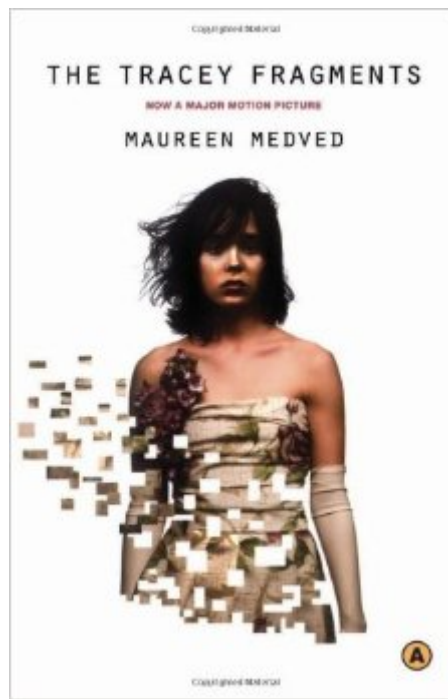


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# The Tracey Fragments



## Synopsis

Naked under a tattered shower curtain, 15-year-old Tracey Berkowitz has been sitting on a bus for two days, telling her story and looking for her brother, Sonny, who thinks she's a dog. She confesses her hopes and fantasies, as well as the grief and horror of a hardscrabble life. As time passes, Tracey's stories begin to twist the truth and entwine it with lies, at once captivating and unsettling the reader. As an unforgettable portrait of a teenager on the verge of imploding, *The Tracey Fragments* has been compared to *The Catcher in the Rye* with a style similar to that of *Go Ask Alice*. Maureen Medved's first novel is a raw, moving account full of twists and turns, fear and uncertainty, trust and betrayal.

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## Customer Reviews

i really liked this book. i never read much before this but this book sparked something in me. I never understood how people could get involved with a book but while reading this i wanted to actually jump in it and save tracey from her life. Its a very sad story but i could relate to it and it seemed a little too real. Everyone, especially just out of high school and starting college, should read it.

perhaps my expectations for this book was a little high, since it has been called a "Catcher in the Rye" for the 90's. However, the book didn't live up to those expectations. there are similarities between "catcher" and "tracey fragments": both protagonists are young, lost, misunderstood, and lonely teenagers, and nothing really physically happens in the book. But while Holden Caulfield was

a most likeable hero for me (i love you holden caulfield), i find Tracey Berkowitz to be much too whiny. I had little sympathy for her. I realized Tracey's mind games as I read further along in the book, and felt almost betrayed. In the end, Medved's unique way of telling the story (which makes the reader feel as if he/she was in tracey's mind) kept the book fresh and urged me to read on. An ok read; it is short so it's worth picking up if you are into depressing/angst stories.

.... is what best describes "The Tracey Fragments"!Tracey Berkowitz's life is confusing, yet very interesting!The book is Tracey's mind racing from story to story, situation to situation, all the fragments of her so called life!The book is full crazy rants and unforgettable prose, these two were my favorites-"When a horse falls, foam comes out of its mouth. When it falls, the legs of the horse thrash and the horse is no good, so somebody shoots the horse. The horse turns into glue. A machine puts the glue into bottles. Some of the bottles have nipples and children squeeze the nipples to get the glue out and stick bits of paper onto cards. Glue gets on the children's hands and the children eat the glue. The children become the horse""I don't like the country. Creeps me out. In the country, dead bodies lie in swamps, ditches, shallow graves. A man dumps the body of a girl in a ditch. The body rots and melts into slime. Flowers pop up where the body lies. Seeds fly out of the flowers. A bee sucks the flowers and makes honey. The family of the girl buys the honey from the store. The family eats the girl."Quick and short book, very easy to read, the dvd is out now, the movie should explain things a little better than the book!

This is an amazing stream-of-consciousness, riveting book. It is an experience of living through the 15-year-old character, Tracey. It is fast paced and unforgettable. The book is brilliant!

and i mean it. You won't forget it. I would actually recommend seeing the movie first, or else you will be completely lost. However, this is a great book

Everything I thought it'd be, so it was a wise choice to buy. I'm glad I bought it, awesome job!

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