

Rules of the Road: A Novel of Love, Loss, and Redemption by Joan Bauer

In her latest novel, *Rules of the Road*, Joan Bauer tells the story of two teenagers who meet on a road trip and find themselves falling in love. The novel explores themes of love, loss, and redemption, and is sure to resonate with readers of all ages.



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The novel begins with 16-year-old Bailey, who is running away from home after her parents' divorce. She meets 17-year-old Ethan, who is also running away from home, after his father's death. The two teenagers decide to travel together, and along the way they learn about themselves, each other, and the world around them.

Bailey is a strong and independent young woman, but she is also struggling to come to terms with her parents' divorce. Ethan is a kind and caring young man, but he is also grieving the loss of his father. The two teenagers help each other through their difficult times, and they soon find themselves falling in love.

However, their love is not without its challenges. Bailey's parents are determined to find her and bring her home. Ethan is struggling to cope with his grief, and he is not always able to be there for Bailey. Despite the challenges, Bailey and Ethan are determined to make their relationship work. They learn to trust each other, and they learn to forgive each other's mistakes.

In the end, Bailey and Ethan find their way back to each other. They have learned a lot about themselves, each other, and the world around them. They are stronger than they were before, and they are ready to face the challenges of life together.

Rules of the Road is a beautifully written and emotionally resonant novel that explores the themes of love, loss, and redemption. The novel is sure to stay with readers long after they finish reading it.

About the Author

Joan Bauer is the author of several novels for young adults, including *Hope Was Here*, which won the Newbery Medal, and *Soar*, which was a National Book Award finalist. She is known for her realistic and compassionate storytelling, and her novels have been praised for their ability to connect with readers of all ages.

Discussion Questions

1. What do you think of Bailey and Ethan's relationship? Do you think they are good for each other?
2. How do you think Bailey and Ethan change over the course of the novel? What do they learn about themselves, each other, and the

world around them?

3. What do you think the novel says about the themes of love, loss, and redemption? How do these themes play out in the lives of Bailey and Ethan?
4. What did you think of the novel's ending? Do you think Bailey and Ethan will be able to stay together?
5. What other books by Joan Bauer have you read? What did you think of them?

Further Reading

- Joan Bauer's website
- Rules of the Road on Goodreads
- Rules of the Road on Our Book Library

****Image Alt Attributes:****

* **Joan Bauer, author of Rules of the Road:** Portrait of Joan Bauer, a middle-aged woman with long brown hair and glasses. * **Rules of the Road book cover:** A photograph of a young woman and a young man standing on a road, facing each other. The woman is wearing a backpack and the man is holding a guitar. * **Two teenagers on a road trip:** A photograph of two teenagers, a young woman and a young man, driving in a car. The woman is smiling and looking at the camera, and the man is looking ahead at the road.

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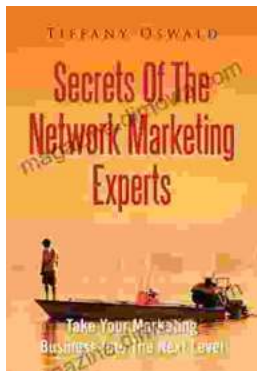


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