

LOST SOUL, BE AT PEACE

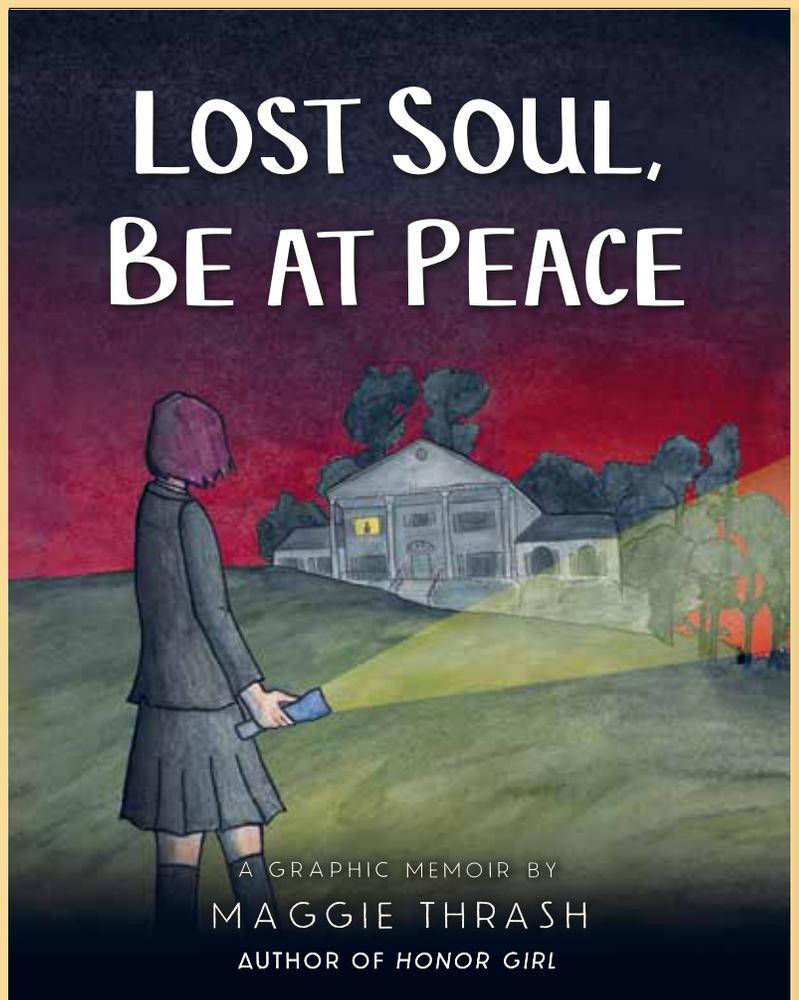
MAGGIE THRASH

A year and a half after the summer that changed her life, Maggie Thrash wishes she could change it all back. She's trapped in a dark depression and flunking eleventh grade, befuddling her patrician mother while going unnoticed by her father, a workaholic federal judge. The only thing Maggie really cares about is her cat, Tommi . . . who then disappears somewhere in the walls of her cavernous house. So her search begins—but Maggie's not exactly sure what she's lost, and she has no idea what she'll find.

In her critically acclaimed memoir *Honor Girl*, Maggie Thrash brilliantly portrayed the before and after of first love. *Lost Soul, Be at Peace* is the ingenious continuation of Maggie's story, one that brings her devastating honesty and humor to the before and after of depression. It marks the return of a truly original voice in graphic novels and pushes her storytelling to astounding new heights.

This is how it feels to search for something that's been lost forever.

MAGGIE THRASH is the author of the graphic memoir *Honor Girl* as well as the *Strange Truth* books. She is a former staff writer for *Rookie*. Maggie Thrash lives in Delaware.



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A NOTE from MAGGIE THRASH



My life didn't end with *Honor Girl*. After that summer—the summer of my first love and first heartbreak—life went on, regardless of whether I particularly wanted it to. I still had to get up in the morning, go to school, and pretend to be a normal person. But I didn't feel normal anymore. I was in a pit of depression, abandoned by all the simple joys of childhood except for one thing: my adored cat, Tommi, a gray tabby who loved laser pointers and had become my only friend. Until one night she, too, disappeared.

And so the search began. My house was big—so big that a person could get lost inside it. Outside, our neighborhood was overrun with coyotes that came out at night to eat stray pets. I obsessively searched for Tommi, not realizing that I was also searching for something else: a part of my soul that felt missing. And I wasn't the only one. Someone else was searching, too. Another lost soul, who turned out to be the last person I expected.

Lost Soul, Be at Peace is a stranger story than anything I've told before. What started out as a simple case of a missing pet quickly turned into the most mysterious and surreal event of my young life. It's a story about growing up. It's a story about depression. It's about realizing the world is a lonely and dangerous place—and yet also a place of love, if you can find it.

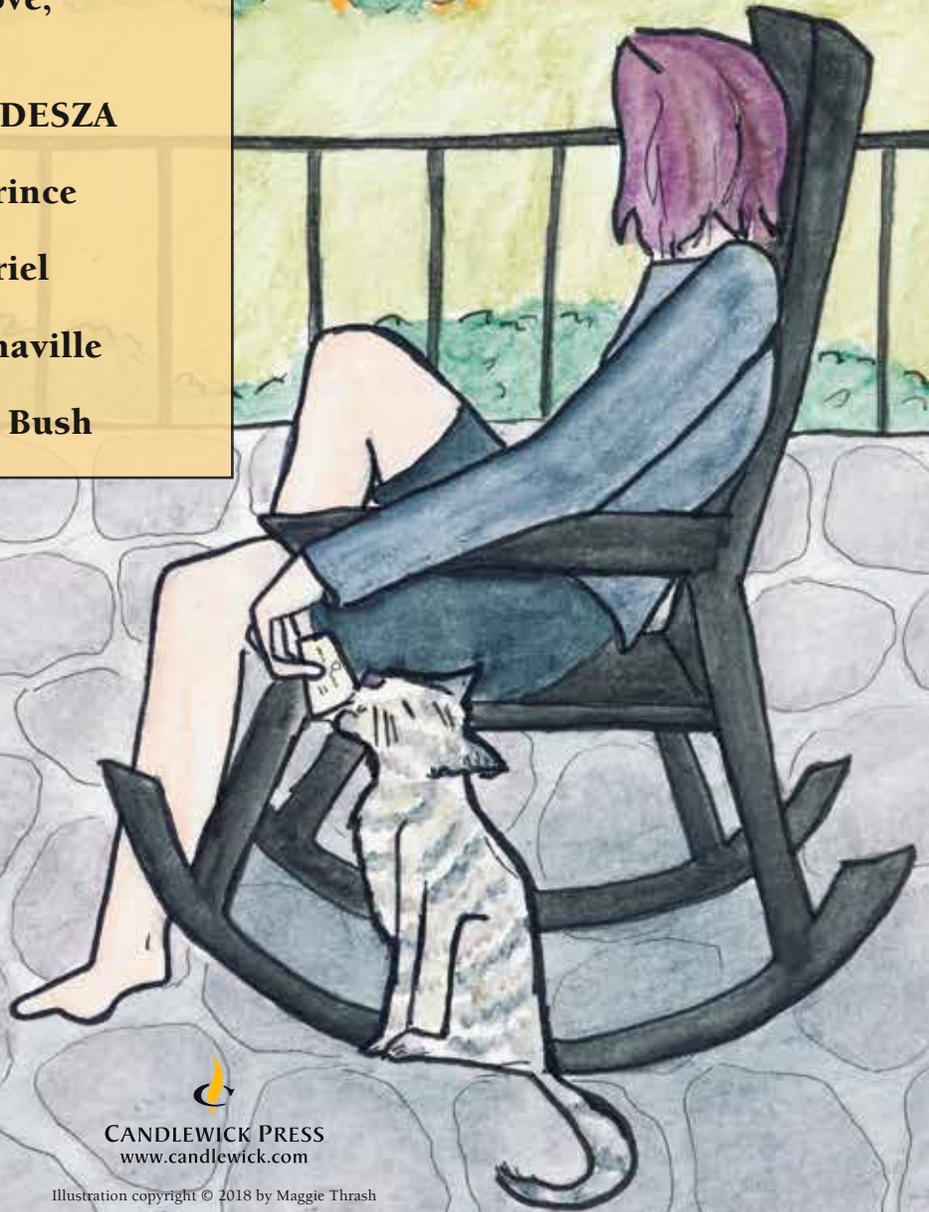


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MAGGIE THRASH'S TOP 10 SONGS for LOST SOULS

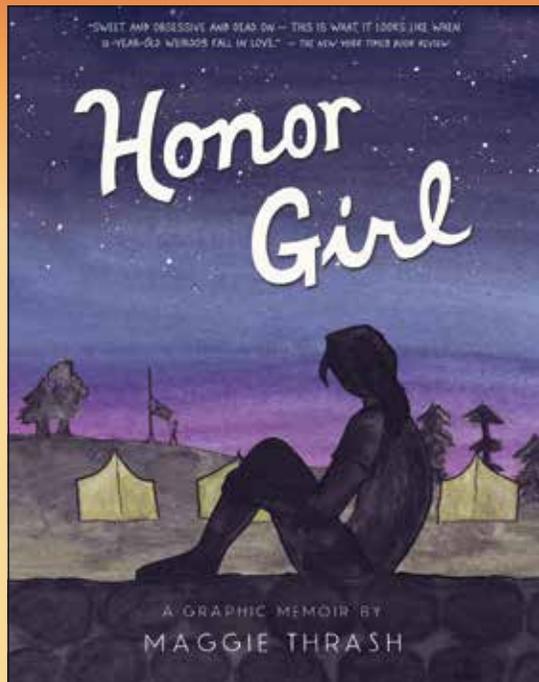
1. "You Want It Darker,"
Leonard Cohen
2. "Show Me the Meaning of
Being Lonely," Backstreet Boys
3. "Everything in Its Right Place,"
Radiohead
4. "Somebody," Connie Dover
5. "A Strange Kind of Love,"
Peter Murphy
6. "A Moment Apart," ODESZA
7. "When Doves Cry," Prince
8. "I Grieve," Peter Gabriel
9. "Forever Young," Alphaville
10. "Reaching Out," Kate Bush



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“In this graphic memoir, Thrash writes with confidence and skill remarkable for a debut.” — *The New York Times Book Review*

- ★ “Thrash writes with an intoxicating mix of candor, irony, and fresh passion. . . . This is the kind of memoir that stays with readers for days.” — *Publishers Weekly* (starred review)
- ★ “An insightful and thought-provoking work.” — *School Library Journal* (starred review)
- ★ “Thrash has so carefully and skillfully captured a universal moment. . . . A luminescent memoir not to be missed.” — *Kirkus Reviews* (starred review)
- ★ “Thrash’s unvarnished retelling of her adolescent experience is neither glamorizing nor self-deprecating—and the salty realism makes the story engrossing and quite funny. Though lesbian and questioning teens may be especially responsive to the narrative, any young reader will see in Maggie and her friends a relatable sort of confident confusion.” — *Shelf Awareness* (starred review)

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“This honest, raw, and touching graphic memoir will resonate with teens coming to terms with identities of all stripes, regardless of sexual orientation.” — *Booklist*

“Maggie’s portrayal of her first love and heartbreak is everyone’s story, whether gay or straight, male or female. Maggie’s emotions are sharply honest, with readers feeling her exhilaration, anxiety, awkwardness, confusion, and pain.” — *Voice of Youth Advocates*

“*Honor Girl* is, all at once, heartachey (but never precious), dry-witted (but not cynical), and incredibly beautiful. Maggie Thrash has not only given us a unique addition to the canon of intelligent-young-woman-centered comics, but a reminder of the rewards of opening yourself up and exposing your own vulnerability—in love and in writing.” — Tavi Gevinson, *Rookie Magazine*



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