



Dear Reader,

Libraries played an important role in both of our lives. Growing up, we found some of our most beloved stories on the shelves of our local libraries. We each spent hours combing through the stacks. To us, the library represented the opportunity both to lose ourselves in new stories and to check out and revisit a beloved book a million times. For that reason, we are thrilled that *I'm Not Dying With You Tonight* has been selected for the Big Library Read.

I'm Not Dying With You Tonight details one night in the lives of two girls, one black, one white, who get caught up in a race riot that begins during a Friday night football game at the school and spreads throughout the city. The girls have no choice but to work together, and try to understand one another's perspective in order to survive. This book was written with discussion in mind. We hope its inclusion in Big Library Read's global book club will enable readers to connect with one another over the story, the plot, and the characters. We hope that by reading together, we will discover nuances and interpretations of the book that we might not have seen on our own.

This is the story of one chaotic night and two very different girls who must navigate that night. It's the story of an event that brings together two girls who might never have otherwise known each other. We carved out space in our friendship in order to write this book and we hope that it prompts you to carve out space in yours to have meaningful conversations as well.

Kim and Gilly

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