

Booktalk!

Anything But Okay

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About This Book

Stella and Farida have been best friends forever, but lately things have been tense. It all started when Stella's brother came home from his latest tour with the US Marines in Afghanistan – paranoid and angry. Stella won't talk about it, and Farida can tell she's keeping something from her.

Desperate to help Rob, Stella thinks she just needs to get him out of the house. She definitely didn't expect going to the movies to end with Rob in handcuffs for assaulting one of her classmates after his anger spiraled out of control.

When a video of the fight goes viral, everyone has an opinion of Stella and her "violent vet" brother.

The entire school takes sides, the media labels Rob a terrorist sympathizer, and even Farida is dragged into the mess despite not being there. As the story continues trending, Stella will have to decide just how far she's willing to go for the truth...even if it means admitting her own failures.

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