



We Need to Talk About Kevin

by Lionel Shriver



This is a beautifully written novel that goes beyond honesty and into the psyche of a mother who has to come to terms with taking responsibility for her role in her child's actions.

In practice I often talk to parents about how their interactions with their children mold their future relationships and affect their perceptions of the world around them. I would recommend this book to all parents to allow them to better understand this concept and the importance of the parent-child relationship. ~ **Victoria Sullivan**



This book was powerful, painful and chilling on so many different levels. This mother never wanted to be a mother and found her son unlovable. At many points she finds it impossible to soothe her young son, and in desperation, takes his carriage near a loud site to drown out his endless cry.

She often feels inadequate and later feels that her dislike for her son is responsible for his rampage in killing many at a school. It's disturbing to read at times. It's sad that the connection that is so potentially powerful (mother-child) didn't happen in a loving, life-affirming way. ~ **Dr. Michele Winchester-Vega**



This book was a nice change for our book club as it is a novel as opposed to the self-help books we usually review. It is an emotional book that portrays not just the story of a teen who goes on a gun rampage, but also the emotional struggle a mother trying to manage her self, child, marriage and career, and her feelings of failure at all of them.

We can all learn something from this book regarding the pace we keep in our lives and the importance of keeping balance. While the story can be difficult to read at times because of its emotional content, it is definitely worth it.

Shriver reminds us of the importance of re-evaluating our priorities in life and keeping our perspective on what really is important. ~ **Susan McVey**