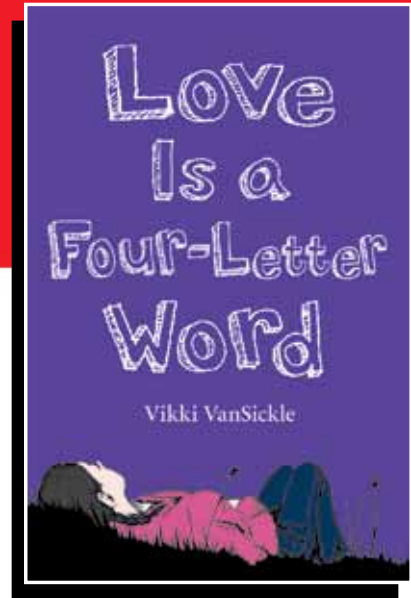


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Love Is a Four-Letter Word Script

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For this Book Talk you will need:

- One female & one male volunteers
- A copy of *Love Is a Four-Letter Word*

*(Clarissa and Benji are seated, writing independently.
Clarissa finishes with a dramatic flourish.)*

Clarissa: Done.

Benji: Done your homework already? But it's not even Sunday yet. That's not like you, Clarissa.

Clarissa: This isn't homework, Benji. It's way more important.

Benji: Then what is it?

Clarissa: I have made a list of bad words. From now on, these words will be stricken from our lives forever. No one is allowed the say them.

Benji: What kind of bad words?

Clarissa: You know, four letter words. All the really bad words have four letters.

Benji: You mean like—

Clarissa: Shh! Don't say them! That's why we have the list!

Benji: Can I see the list?

Clarissa: As long as you promise not to say them out loud. *(Clarissa hands Benji the list.)*

Benji: Wait a minute. This list doesn't make any sense. Doug?

Clarissa: Benji! Someone might hear you!

Benji: What's bad about Doug?

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...*Love Is a Four-Letter Word* Script continued

Clarissa: Trust me, if you met him, you would know.

Benji: Play?

Clarissa: Not play as in fun and games, play as in a theatrical production, like *The Wizard of Oz*, for example.

Benji: But you love *The Wizard of Oz*...

Clarissa: Doesn't matter! Play is on the list! Play is dead to me!

Benji: Love?

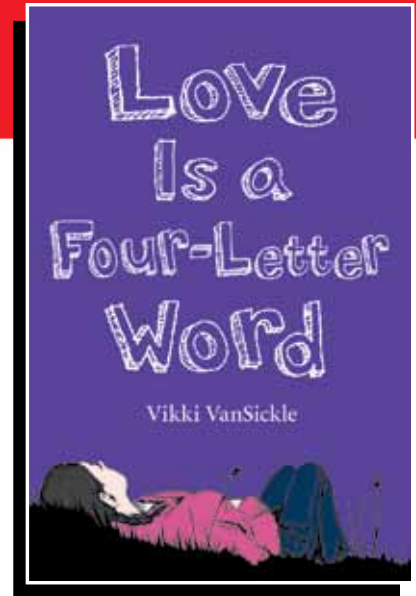
Clarissa: That's the worst one of all.

Benji: Love is the worst of the four letter words?

Clarissa: Oh, Benji. You have so much to learn. Maybe you should keep the list as a handy guideline.

Benji: You know list is a four letter word...

Clarissa: Don't push it.



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