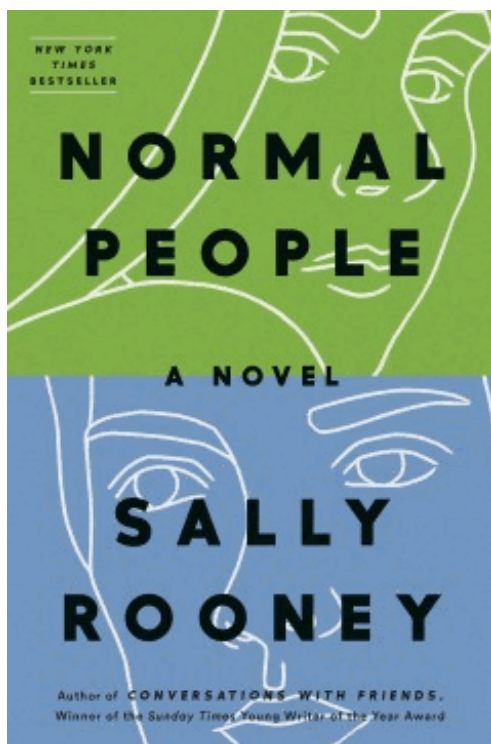


NORMAL PEOPLE



Summary of Concerns:

This book contains sexual activities including sadomasochism; profanity; and alcohol use.

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5	Any time he has had sex in real life, he has found it so stressful as to be largely unpleasant, leading him to suspect that there's something wrong with him, that he's unable to be intimate with women, that he's somehow developmentally impaired. He lies there afterward and thinks: I hated that so much that I feel sick. Is that just the way he is? Is the nausea he feels when Miss Neary leans over his desk actually his way of experiencing a sexual thrill?
12	It occurred to Marianne how much she wanted to see him having sex with someone; it didn't have to be her, it could be anybody. It would be beautiful just to watch him.
17	... their secret weighed inside her body pleurably, pressing down on her pelvic bone when she moved.
22	When he touched her that night she was so wet, and she rolled her eyes back into her head and said: God, yes. And she was allowed to say it, no one would know, He was afraid he would come then just from touching her like that.
25	When they went upstairs he didn't say anything, he let her talk. That's so good, she kept saying. That feels so good. Her body was all soft and white like flower dough. He seemed to fit perfectly inside her. Physically it just felt right, and he understood why people did insane things for sexual reasons then.
25	Her breath sounded ragged then. He pulled her hips back against his body and then released her slightly. She made a noise like she was choking. He did it again and she told him she was going to come
27	He could fuck some weird- looking girls who turn out to be bisexual.
28	His friends don't think of him as a divisor person, a person who could say to Marianne Sheridan, in broad daylight, completely sober: Is it okay if I come in your mouth?
37	If I wanted you to fuck me here, she said, would you do it?
42	In one motion he moves his hand down from her shoulder and squeezers the flesh of her right breast, in front of everyone... her eyes are stinging and she feels a pain where he grabbed her.
43	Why are you even just here if you think it was so funny? She says. Why don't you go and park around with your best friend Pat? If you think it's so funny to molest young girls?
57	And you don't think maybe you should have asked her? She says. Seeing as how you fuck her every day after school.
62	After that she usually either goes back to sleep or gets in the shower, or maybe lies down and makes herself come.
90	Let's go upstairs, she said. Yeah. We actually are upstairs. I want you to fuck me.
100	He likes to get very deep inside her, slowly, until her breathing is loud and hard and she clutches at the pillowcase with one hand. Her body feels so small then and so open. Like this? He says, and she's nodding her head and maybe punching her hand on the pillow, making little gasps whenever he moves.

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103	For some reason, and he can't explain it to himself, he thinks maybe he could fuck Peggy in front of Marianne, although it would be awkward, and not necessarily enjoyable.
107	She was having cramps and she said it might hurt to have sex, so he just touched her until she came.
132	See from his point of view, she says, you're a lot taller, and you're the person who used to fuck his girlfriend. That's a nice way of putting it. Is that what you told him about us, Connell's this tall guy who used to fuck me?
135	She got the top button undone and he told her that he was really drunk, and maybe they should stop. She put her hand inside the waistband of his underwear and said it was okay, she didn't mind. He thought he would probably black out then, but he found he couldn't. He wished he could have. He heard Paula saying: You're so hard. That was an especially insane thing for her to say, because he actually wasn't.
136	Well, he likes to beat me up. Just during sex, that is. Not during arguments.
138	He hits me with a belt sometimes. He likes choking me, things like that.
143	Early in their relationship, without any apparent forethought, she told him she was "a submissive." She was surprised even fearing herself say it: maybe she did it to shock him. What do you mean? He asked. Feeling worldly, she replied: You know, I like guys to hurt me. After that he started to tie her up and beat her with various objects... when it happens her brain simply goes empty, like a room with the light turned off, and she shudders into orgasm without any perceptible joy.