

## WHAT ABOUT WILL



Young Adult

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## **Book Summary:**

The younger brother of brain injured teen, struggles with confronting his brother's drug addiction.

## **Summary of Concerns:**

This book contains drug abuse.





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	I've heard about kids even younger than Will bumming beer and cigarettes from tourists.
158	As far as I know, he does not sell drugs. Are you saying you think I buy them?
228	I look out the window, see we aren't being followed, then remove the bottle from my backpack and give it a shake.  Now I turn down the radio.  "What are these?"  Don't worry about them. They're my prescriptions.  The label does look like an honest prescription, one with Will's name on it, too.
236	"Will takes pills."
	His only meds I'm aware of are the antidepressants. What makes you think he takes pain pills?
	I Shake My Brother Softly at first, then harder. He doesn't open his eyes. I can't wake him. His skin is gray. He's barely breathing, and there's a weird rattling noise in his chest when he tries. I notice a pill bottle on his nightstand. Totally empty.
	Sometimes you forget how much you've ingested. "How do you know?" Because I've been there. I've been sober for six years. Recovery is possible, but it requires a strong desire to succeed.
340	Plus, he'll be far away from the people he's been buying from.
	People Like the Vampire The idea is, by the time Will comes home, those dealers, as Mom calls them, will have moved on. Hopefully all the way to jail.