

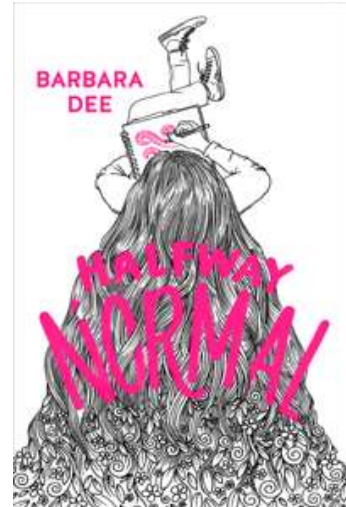
## HALFWAY NORMAL

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Norah Levy has just completed two years of treatment for leukemia and is ready to go back to the “real world” of middle school. She knows it'll be tricky--but like the Greek mythological characters she read about while she was sick, Norah's up for any challenge.



- If you were in Norah's place, do you think you'd act the same way with friends and classmates? How much would you share with them? How much would you keep private?
- What do you think about Norah's parents? If Norah hadn't become sick, do you think their relationship would be different? How?
- Many people try to help Norah. Whose help is helpful? Whose isn't? What sort of help would you want if you were in Norah's shoes?
- Norah is confused about her reaction to the bake sale. Why do you think she reacts the way she does? Do you think you'd have the same reaction?
- Norah identifies with Persephone. Is there a mythological character you identify with? Why?