

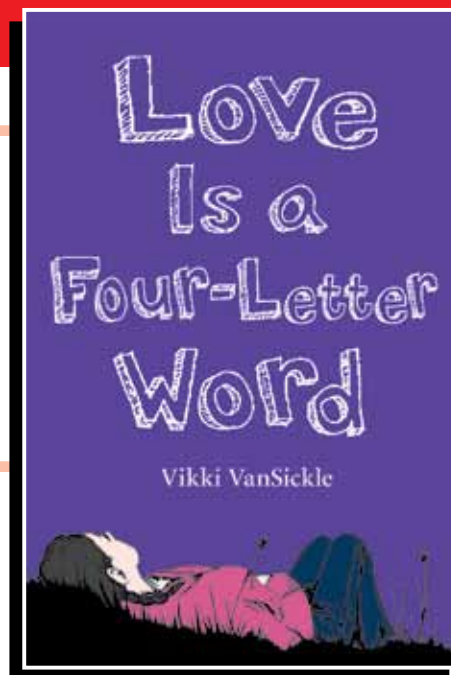
# Booktalk!

## Love is a Four-Letter Word

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### About This Book

LOVE: little word, big consequences. Clarissa has never given much thought to the word itself; she has other things to worry about. Her mother, Annie, is still recovering from breast cancer.

Until Clarissa hears that magical word 'remission', she doesn't think she'll ever be able to relax. Taking part in a community production of *The Wizard of Oz* seems like the perfect way for Clarissa to take her mind off her mom's recovery and realize her dreams of becoming an actress.

But when she doesn't make the cut — and her best friend Benji does — Clarissa is left disappointed and without a best friend. This forces her to spend more time with other people, like boy-crazy Mattie, who up until a few months ago, Clarissa would not have given the time of day!

When Mattie becomes distracted by a new crush and Clarissa's mother starts spending far too much time with her handsome personal trainer, Clarissa finds herself wondering when she stopped being enough for all the people in her life. Enter Michael, who seems to be interested in more than just friendship. But is that what Clarissa wants?

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