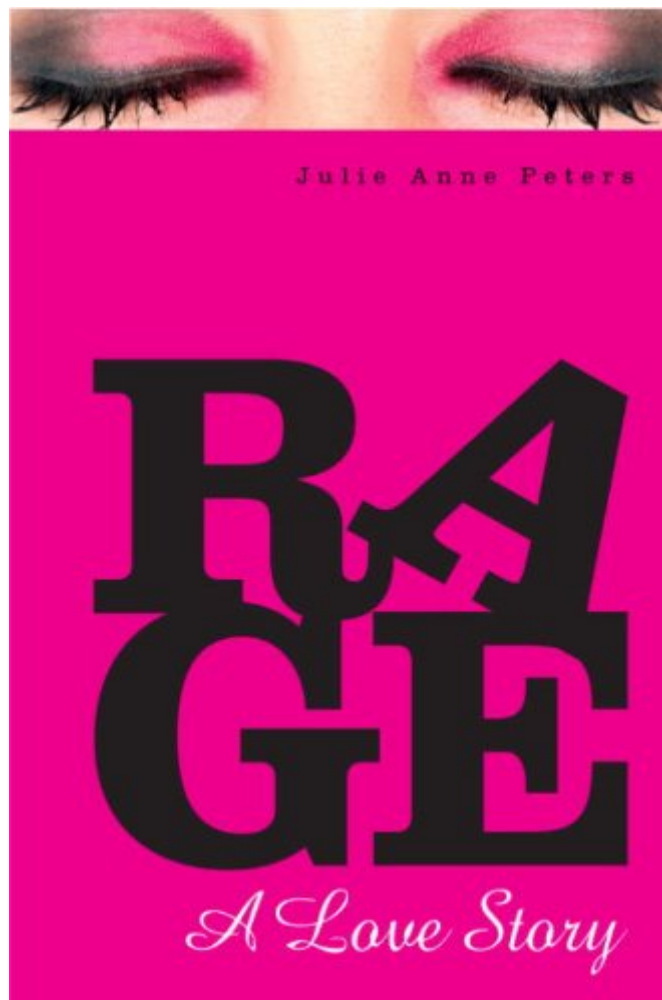


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# Rage: A Love Story



## Synopsis

A National Book Award Finalist offers an intense portrait of an abusive relationship. Johanna is steadfast, patient, reliable; the go-to girl, the one everyone can count on. But always being there for others can't give Johanna everything she needs—it can't give her Reeve Hartt. Reeve is fierce, beautiful, wounded, elusive; a flame that draws Johanna's fluttering moth. Johanna is determined to get her, against all advice, and to help her, against all reason. But love isn't always reasonable, right? In the precarious place where attraction and need collide, a teenager experiences the dark side of a first love, and struggles to find her way into a new light. From the Hardcover edition.

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## Customer Reviews

Going to say right away that this book stirred emotions in me, and not the good kind. By the end of this book I was feeling down, it is definitely for the reader that is feeling a bit masochist, wanting that punishing vibe. I found it hard to like any characters aside from Johanna's friend, Reeve is

especially unlikable, and people that are easily irked are going to pull their hair out by Johanna's actions, but it's important to understand we all do crazy things for love - especially young inexperienced love.

I can't lie. *Rage* is a very difficult book to read. It would be difficult for anyone to read even if they haven't been in any sort of an abusive relationship. But for someone who has been in an abusive relationship, it's extremely difficult. However, Julie Anne Peters writes with such a poetic grace that you cannot help but be sucked in. Reeve is probably the most realistic character of the book. Her pain is real and obvious. She hates what she does to Johanna and yet, she doesn't know how to control herself. She very much loves her twin brother Reeve and protects him as much as she possibly can. She can be selfish and yet at the same time she can be extremely unselfish. And that shows in every scene that she's in with her brother. Johanna has had an extremely difficult life. From the loss of both parents to the fact that her older sister (whom she adores) appears to have not been able to accept her sexuality to her relationship with Reeve. As much as I wanted to like her, I had a really hard time doing so. Johanna is basically a doormat. She pretty much lets everyone walk all over her. For most of the book, I found myself wishing that she would finally grow a backbone and tell everyone off. That was my one major issue with this book, and with abuse books in general. Just because someone has become a victim of abuse does not mean that they have to stay a victim. Just once, I'd love to read a book where the victim fights back and does not succumb to the victim syndrome. It is in fact possible to remain strong after being a victim and that is also important. And personally, I think if Johanna hadn't been such a victim, the book would have ended better. All in all though, Johanna is still a very believable character. Her reactions and fears are very common. So many women (and men) deny that there is a problem or will wait for their abusive partner to change, only to discover that that change will never come. But despite my two cents on how I wish Johanna had been, I still recommend this book. Books about domestic violence are rare. Especially the domestic violence that occurs within a same sex relationship and I applaud Peters for writing a very real book about a very real topic.

All I can say is OMG, this book is amazing . I never write reviews on anything but I had to on this book . It's a great love story, something many people can relate too . It pick ups on love and dosmestic violence . This book makes you feel everything Johanna is going through, you feel her love, pain, hurt and so much more . It's a life lesson and a story, if you're looking for a good read, BUY THIS BOOK! I just want to read it all over again!

The main character was very irritating. Not good character development, which is why I disliked most of the characters so much. The violence in this book fit the title well, but highly unnecessary most of the time. Read this book if you're extremely bored. Not a LGBT story, it's just a story, which is okay but I feel like it could've had more passion and depth for the gay relationship.

This book is not good if you're looking for an adventurous love story. I thought it was a little depressing and it kind of started off slow. The story is about a girl who enters into an abusive relationship with another girl. For some reason even when it becomes abusive she still stays. Julian Peters has definitely written better but all in all it was a fairly good book and worth the money.

The book was enjoyable, just not one of my favorites by Peters. The last few chapters seemed rushed. Overall the book was worth the read but do not see it being in my re-read category like some of her other books.

I don't know people always think only a man can cause pain like that but hey look everyone's wrong. It was a really moving book that I never wanted to put down. I give it two thumbs up

I think the book was rather good although I'm not too eager to pick it up and read it again. It was definitely different than what I originally expected and I will say that Reeve and Johanna's "relationship" irritated the crap out of me but it was an okay book

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