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Synopsis

Tod Munn is a bully. He's tough, but times are even tougher. The wimps have stopped coughing up their lunch money. The administration is cracking down. Then to make things worse, Tod and his friends get busted doing something bad. Something really bad. Lucky Tod must spend his daily detention in a hot, empty room with Mrs. Woodrow, a no-nonsense guidance counselor. He doesn't know why he's there, but she does. Tod's punishment: to scrawl his story in a beat-up notebook. He can be painfully funny and he can be brutally honest. But can Mrs. Woodrow help Tod stop playing the bad guy before he actually turns into one . . . for real? Read Tod's notebook for yourself.

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week:)Silly or not, I do have an obligation to tell you about this book and more, I want to. Meet Tod Munn. He's an overweight bully who extorts money from the weaker kids. I loved him and you will too. He's cynical to a degree, but there is a lot of truth to his observations about his school and about the world in general. As with the main character in Amy Reed's Beautiful, you likely won't agree with everything he thinks and says and on some things, you will likely vehemently disagree, but I feel that Tod's viewpoint is challenging and worth considering. Here's an early example:What else is in the room? There's a cracked brown flower-pot with a dead stick in it. The stick was probably a plant. It's got a red ribbon hanging off it like you would find on the corner of a diploma or if you won the Spelling Bee. The ribbon says "Congratulations," but who the hell knows why? Congratulations, you finally got a low-paying teaching job. Congratulations, you retired and didn't die of boredom teaching the same idiocy to idiots who care less about what's in your mind than what's in your car.

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