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Tears of a Tiger

 Tears of a Tiger by Sharon M Draper is a dramatic novel that will put you into suspense and wanting to know what will happen next. This book makes you want to rethink your decisions.

 In this suspenseful book, a high school student named Andy has a terrible experience with death. Robby Washington (Hazelwood High, star basketball player) is in a car accident due to drinking and driving. Andy (Robby’s best friend) and two others went for a ride drinking. Robby had just won a basketball game and they were celebrating there victory. That night due to Andy’s carelessness for drinking and driving they were in a car accident. Robby Washington was stuck in the car and was burned alive.

 The two other were able to move on with there lives but Andy continued to blame himself for Robby’s death. His parents were worried so they had him go to a therapist so he can deal with his depression. The therapist helps but not enough. Andy just cant deal with the guilt so he commits suicide. He wrote a suicide letter and shot himself with his dads shotgun.

 When a high school student drinks and is depressed, the risk for suicide is very high.

 In 1999, 20% of American high school students indicated that they had seriously considered or attempted suicide.