

## **CHOICES** By Kate Buckley

Binge drinking, date rape, and teen pregnancy collide in fifteen-year-old Kara's sheltered world. Thrust abruptly into womanhood, she grapples alone with overwhelming fears, afraid to tell her strict, deeply religious parents about her pregnancy. Finding support in unexpected places, Kara learns about responsibility, makes hard choices, and emerges forever changed—and emotionally stronger.

Kate Buckley's award-winning CHOICES meets teens' concerns head-on and paves the way for more open discussion about the challenging issues they face. Buckley works with adolescents and she presents a powerful, fast-paced drama that resonates with them and their

struggles in today's confusing world.

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**CHOICES** is a must-read for teachers, parents, and teenagers everywhere. A combination of coming-of-age textbook, conversation starter, bite-your-nails, and gotta finish book, it took me by surprise. Laughter, tears, and some great conversations have filled our home this week as we read CHOICES.

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Winner.2009 Book of the Year Award, Foreward Magazine.

CHOICES received the 2010 Mom's Choice Awards (Gold for being among the best in family-friendly media products and services. The Mom's Choice Awards (MCA) recognizes authors, inventors, companies, parents and others for their efforts in creating quality family-friendly media, products and services.

Kate Buckley, author and screenwriter, has an MA in human development with a concentration in women's studies. She has coordinated drug and alcohol abuse prevention programs in public schools and facilitated support groups for middleschool girls in California and New Mexico.

Through her workshops with teenage girls and discussions with both genders, Buckley hears what they want to read. And she delivers. CHOICES addresses what adolescents confront every day—pressure to fit in through risky behaviors. Buckley writes with sensitivity while boldly jumping into an array of controversial issues young adults want to explore. What does a girl do when she discovers she's pregnant while still in high school? Who takes responsibility? How does she tell her parents? Can she deal with the problem herself? Should she?

