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"Yeah." I pictured Legs lying at Dante's feet, whimpering at the sound of the thunder. I pictured Dante kissing her, telling her everything was all right. Dante who loved kissing dogs, who loved kissing his parents, who loved kissing boys, who even loved kissing girls. Maybe kissing was part of the human condition. Maybe I wasn't human. Maybe I wasn't part of the natural order of things. But Dante enjoyed kissing. And I suspected he liked masturbating too. I thought masturbating was embarrassing. I didn't even know why. It just was. It was like having sex with yourself. Having sex with yourself was really weird. Autoeroticism. I'd looked it up in a book in the library. God, I felt stupid just thinking about these things. Some guys talked about sex all the time. I heard them at school. Why were they so happy when they talked about sex? It made me feel miserable. Inadequate. There was that word again. And why was I thinking about these things in the middle of a rainstorm, sitting at the kitchen table with my mother and father? I tried to bring my thoughts back into the kitchen. Where I was. Where I lived. I hated the thing of living in my head.
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Seven to one. That’s the ratio of Dante Letters to Art Letters, just so you know. When I get back this summer, I’m going to take you swimming and drown you. Almost drown you. Then I’ll give you mouth-to-mouth and revive you. How does that sound? Sounds good to me. Am I freaking you out yet?

So on the business of kissing. This girl who’ve I’ve been experimenting with. I mean with the kisses. She’s a good kisser. She’s taught me a lot in that department. But she finally said to me, “Dante, I think that when you kiss me, you’re kissing someone else.”

“Yeah,” I said. “Guess so.”

“Are you kissing another girl? Or are you kissing a boy?”

I thought that was a very interesting and forward question.

PROFANITY COUNT (and other sensitive words)

- Hell 43
- Screw or Screwing or Screwed 14
- Ass, asshole, wiseass 43
- Transvestie 3
- Sex 10
- Autoeroticism 1
- God (in vain and otherwise) 24
- Masturbate 4
- Gay 3
- Heroin 2
- F*ck 14 (or f*cking)
- B*stard 4
- Breasts 2
- Sh*t, Sh*tty or bullsh*t 54
- Kissing 40
- Prostitute 3
- D*ammit 2
- D*mn 14
- Pot 11
- Beer 53
- Drunk 9
- Screw or Screwed or Screwing 14

RED FLAGS
- Sexual Content
- Extreme Violence
- Language
- Drugs, Drinking, Smoking

CONCLUSION

Not appropriate literary content for K-12 schools