

Melanie Weiss' Novel SPOKEN is An Uplifting, Funny and Heartfelt Coming of Age Story: Poetry Included

Debut author Melanie Weiss' award-winning novel, *Spoken*, A Must Read for All Ages

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A NOVEL



like dietitians do calories taught me nouns are bones minimum adjectives are fat and verbs are muscles mean
I keep my word count to a
I bend like yoga mats
when sheets of paper like yoga mats
till I stretched syllables clichés cool
they are "other side of the pillow" the

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Illinois, Oak Park, Jan 27, 2021 ([IssueWire.com](http://www.IssueWire.com)) - Debut author Melanie Weiss' award-winning novel, **Spoken**, is the perfect novel to learn about and engage with Spoken Word poetry. With all the buzz around Amanda Gorman and her inaugural poem, *The Hill We Climb*, and with April being National Poetry Month, **Spoken** is the perfect read to capture the power and spirit of Spoken Word poetry.

In the pages of this young adult novel, Melanie Weiss shows how the honesty of performance poetry binds together students from different walks of life and forever changes Roman's future.

In this 192-page book, published by Rosehip Publishing, Melanie Weiss explores the world of high school freshman Roman Santi. As the story opens, Roman has everything - good looks, great friends, a mansion with an Infinity swimming pool - except the one thing he really wants. A relationship with his father.

When Roman's life gets turned upside down (thanks mom!?) he is forced to leave his pampered Hollywood lifestyle and move into his grandparents' Midwestern home. Sleeping on a lumpy pullout sofa and starting at a new high school is the WORST but Roman's life starts to look up when his pink-haired friend Zuzu, and his crush, a classmate named Claire, introduce him to performance poetry through the high school's Spoken Word Club. While his mom is flying back and forth to L.A. to try to return them to the life they had, Roman becomes part of a diverse group of characters that challenge his rather privileged view of the world. Through Spoken Word, Roman recognizes the hole in his own life he needs to fill and discovers his voice. Spoken Word leads Roman on a journey of new friendships, first love, and finding the dad he never knew.

Spoken is Available directly from Amazon worldwide, eBook or paperback, or through bookstores, online retailers, and the Ingram wholesale catalog.

<https://www.amazon.com/dp/B07PMFZFLF>

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