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**Tears of a Tiger**

**The book *Tears of a Tiger*, by Sharon Draper, is about a boy named Andy who was in a car wreck with his friends. Andy has been trying to manage going to school and counseling, which has been a tough struggle. Andy has been blaming himself because of the wreck. He’s been wishing that he should’ve died instead of his friend. Andy tries to get over the car incident, when he meets Keisha. Keisha becomes Andy’s girlfriend.**

 **The relationship is good for a minute, then eventually Andy’s attitude is becoming too much for Keisha and she break up with him. Andy is the host to the school talent show and he is on that stage having a good time goofing off and showing the crowd a good time, when he goes back stage to tell Keisha she's up they get in an argument and they break up Keisha never goes on stage and Andy is depressed for the rest of the night and he is left to feel like he has nobody.**

**He goes around calling people that said they would be there whenever he needs him at anytime known. Andy is doing horrible in school. His coach convinced him to go to counseling. Now Andy is trying to do better his grades are up now.**

 **He learns that college scouts have come to his high school looking for him but Andy was not there because he had skipped school. Andy continues to pretend that everything is alright, but his report card is sent home and his Dad can see that his grades are suffering.**

**Andy and his father have a long talk about the world and going to college to be successful. Andy tries to call his psychologist but he is away on personal business. Andy decides he will try and call the basketball coach who has been really supportive. He reaches the coach's answering machine. Andy tries to call Keisha but her mom answers and yells at Andy for calling in the middle of the night. Andy feels helpless.**

 **Andy leaves for school but turns around half way and goes back to his house. Alone in his house, feeling like no one cares, Andy takes his own life with his father's riffle. The school brings in a counselor and has the students write letters to Andy. Many of the students express anger towards Andy's actions and are mad at him for taking his own life and forcing them to deal with death again so soon after Robbie's death.**