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Plot timeline

Caitlin's brother is recently died. Caitlin has her first sessions with Mrs. Book and has her first TRM.

Josh, a bully, calls out Caitlin's dad brother when she is confronted by classmates, using Caitlin's second meltdown.

Caitlin befriends Michael, a first reader who lost his brother to the school shooting.

Caitlin discovers the word "closure" in her dictionary which leads her to her brother's unfinished Eagle Scout chest.

Caitlin and her dad build the Eagle Scout chest and exhibit it at a ceremony at school. Caitlin receives a new sketchbook.

- Caitlin gets jealous when Michael befriends Josh. She also finds a list of materials for her brother's chest she shows to her dad.
- Caitlin upsets a classmate when she comments on her injury. When she is sent to Mrs. Book, she learns that she seemed mean and that she should practice empathy.
- Caitlin and her dad attend the school's fundraiser for the shooting. She meets and sketches a portrait of Mr. Walling, the art teacher.
- Caitlin tries to befriend popular girls, but they exclude her because she's special and autistic.
- Caitlin attends Michael's play about the food pyramid on the monkey bars, and is accused of bullying. He starts sobbing because he was trying to stop Michael from talking. Caitlin comforts Josh in front of everyone.
- Josh plays with Michael on the monkey bars, and is accused of bullying. He starts sobbing because he was trying to stop Michael from talking. Caitlin comforts Josh in front of everyone.

If Caitlin had a Character Profile

Mood		Chart	
Happy	Sad	Excited	Angry
Scared	Bored	Content	Surprised
			Tired

Asperger's Syndrome: A developmental disorder affecting ability to effectively socialize and communicate.

Meet Caitlin.

"People say you can't judge a book by its cover but that's not true because it says right on the cover what's inside."

Caitlin is an eleven year old fifth grader diagnosed with Asperger's Syndrome. She hates anything sharp, pointy, noisy, and gets triggered easily ever since she lost her brother. She loves reading, stuffed animals, and art.

Pages 1&2

Recipe for Closure

- 3 cups DETERMINATION
- A teaspoon Empathy
- 2 ounces of raw Friendship
- ½ cup COURAGE
- A pinch of change

Caitlin's Pop Tart Salad

- One Strawberry Pop Tart
- 3 oz fresh applesauce
- 5 oz mixed salad
- Best enjoyed when paired with watching Fox 5 News

D.I.Y. Hidey Hole

- Acquire a square table big enough to crawl under
- Add 2 bedsheets on both sides of the table
- Add pillows, blankets and stuffed animals inside!
- Take shelter during sirens, fireworks, and loud storms!



What's in Caitlin's Room? ...

Self Portraits of Mr. Walker and Devon
A small drawing of a person's face.

Stuffed Animals
Soft, warm, and fuzzy, what Caitlin loves most. Around 150 of them, are found in Caitlin's room.

Elmo Clock
A staple of Caitlin's room, Elmo announces the time so Caitlin doesn't lose track.

Gummy Worm Slush
Caitlin stores all gummy worms that she does not eat.

Purple Blanket
This handy blanket is used for naps, hiding stuffed animals, and for stress.

Dictionary
Caitlin's best buddy. She skims through it every day to learn new words and meanings.

Shelf of Books
Caitlin ignores it since everything is far below her reading level.

Spotify Playlist 3

What would they do on a Stranded Island?

Leave - Whirr

The distorted guitar reflects Caitlin's and her dad's grief after the loss of Devon. The lyrics also portray a sense of hopelessness



Freaks - Surf Curse

This song portrays the theme of wanting to escape the world because of not fitting in, which Caitlin experiences at school. She also perceives emotions differently than her peers, which cause her frustration.



Written - Natasha Bedingfield

This song expresses positive change in life, and portrays the joy after Caitlin and her community achieve closure. It also reflects how Caitlin is decided to move on from Devon's death in hopes of a new beginning.



Caitlin Befriend the animals and try to build a shelter (fail)



Devon - Start a civilization



Emma - Start shrieking for help and try to build a smoke S.O.S. signal!



Michael - Go on treasure hunts and become a pirate



Closure

Manners

Empathy

Colors

Scout

Mockingbird

Eagle

About the Author

Word Search

A Q A E V Z W T R I
 S R O L O C F G O I
 H T R C B S J C X I
 Y O K B R I K T A
 H C D E S T P A D I
 T V N A N A O H P
 A I O G L C H J Z
 P A B L D E I E X
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