




**Playlist & Booklist
for Violet in
All the Bright Places
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Book Summary

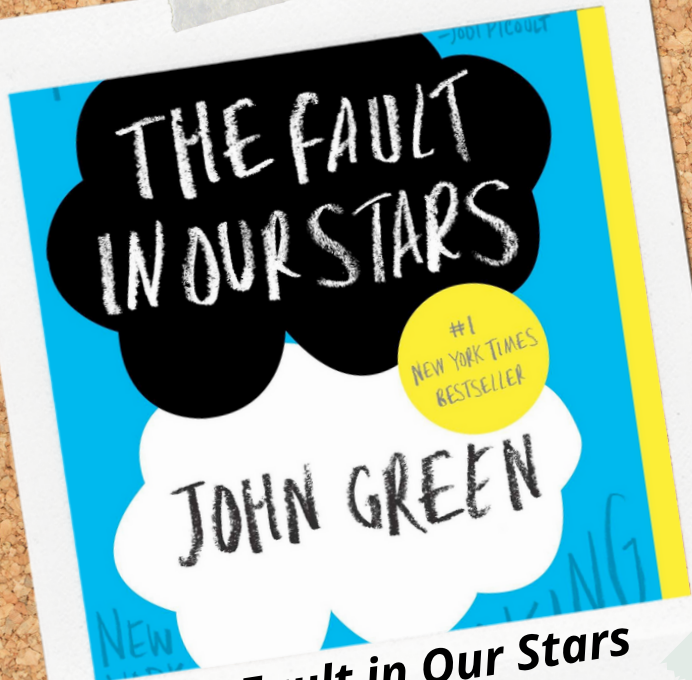


Theodore Finch or "Finch" as he prefers to be called is known for placing sticky notes on the walls of his room with quotes and comments each day. That is where I derived the inspiration for the design of this page, as I believe Violet would continue the tradition after Finch is gone.



"Theodore Finch is fascinated by death, and he constantly thinks of ways he might kill himself. But each time, something good, no matter how small, stops him. Violet Markey lives for the future, counting the days until graduation, when she can escape her Indiana town and her aching grief in the wake of her sister's recent death. When Finch and Violet meet on the ledge of the bell tower at school, it's unclear who saves whom. And when they pair up on a project to discover the 'natural wonders' of their state, both Finch and Violet make more important discoveries: It's only with Violet that Finch can be himself—a weird, funny, live-out-loud guy who's not such a freak after all. And it's only with Finch that Violet can forget to count away the days and start living them. But as Violet's world grows, Finch's begins to shrink." (1)

Violet's Booklist



The Fault in Our Stars
by John Green

I chose this book for Violet because I feel there are several similarities between Hazel and Gus' relationship and Violet and Finch's relationship. Both couples met in interesting situations where the male protagonist wanted to help the female protagonist, however by the end the female ends up helping the male. Additionally, all the characters are struggling with their own individual ailments (Hazel-cancer, Gus-cancer, Finch- bipolar, and Violet- depression) while struggling to interact with their family and peers.

"Despite the tumor-shrinking medical miracle that has bought her a few years, Hazel has never been anything but terminal, her final chapter inscribed upon diagnosis. But when a gorgeous plot twist named Augustus Waters suddenly appears at Cancer Kid Support Group, Hazel's story is about to be completely rewritten." (2)

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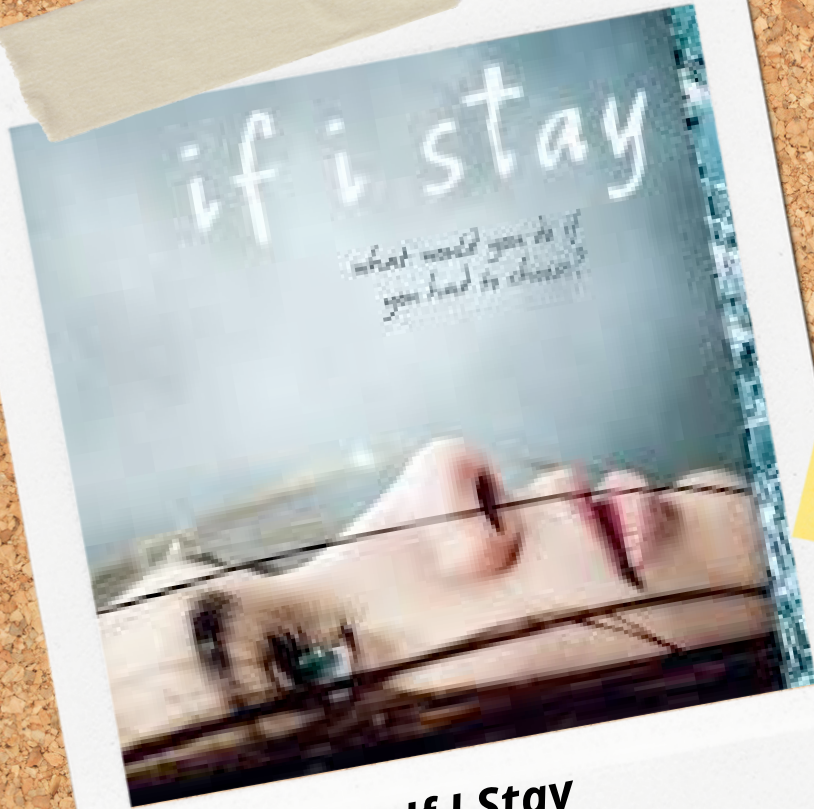
"Davey has never felt so alone in her life. Her father is dead (shot in a holdup) and now her mother is moving the family to New Mexico to try to recover. Climbing in Los Alamos Canyons, Davey meets mysterious Wolf, who seems to understand the rage and fear she feels. Slowly, with Wolf's help, Davey realizes that she must get on with her life. But when will she be ready to leave the past behind? Will she ever stop hurting?" (3)



Tiger Eyes by Judy Blume

I chose this novel for Violet as I thought she would find similarities with Wolf's words and Finch's about how even though terrible events happened to Violet and Davey, life must go on.

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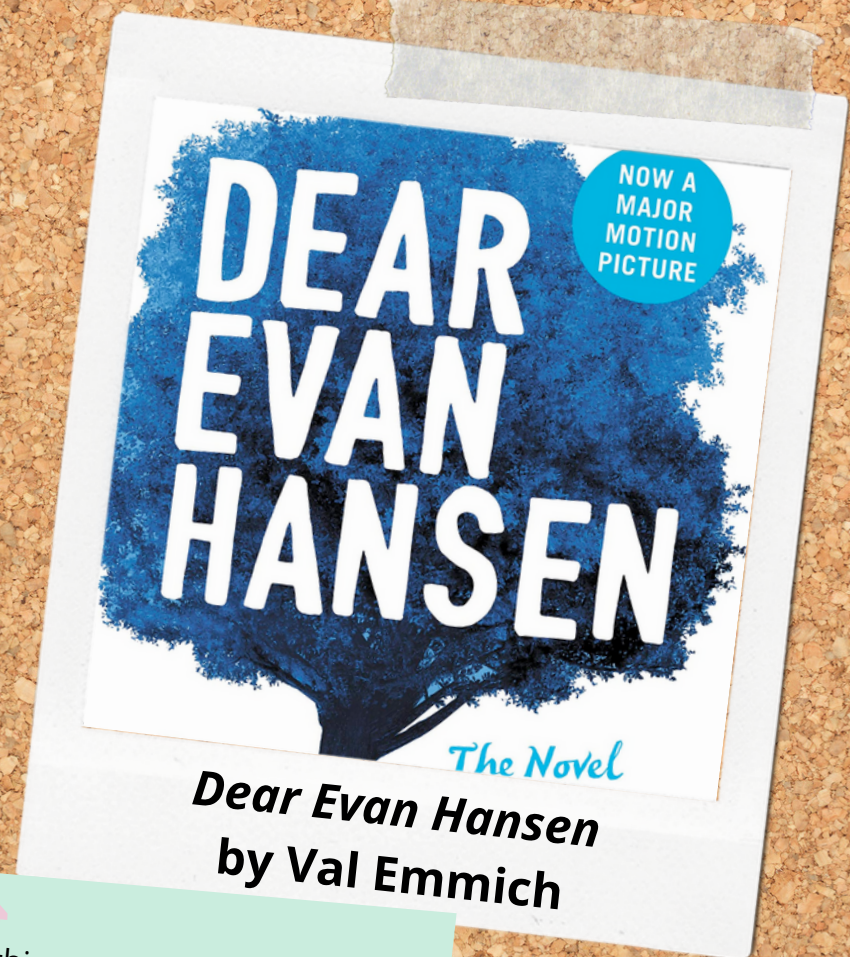
If I Stay
by Gayle Forman

I chose this novel for Violet as I think she would definitely relate with Mia in the loss of family. Mia was involved in a car accident with her family where she was the only survivor. Violet has a similar beginning to her story as she was in a car accident with her sister where she was the sole survivor. Although Mia has to literally decide whether she wants to live or die, Violet has to learn how to live without her sister who is also her best friend. Violet struggles with depression after losing her sister and would find comfort in the story of someone else who just wanted to give up.

"In the blink of an eye everything changes. Seventeen year-old Mia has no memory of the accident; she can only recall what happened afterwards, watching her own damaged body being taken from the wreck. Little by little she struggles to put together the pieces- to figure out what she has lost, what she has left, and the very difficult choice she must make." (4)

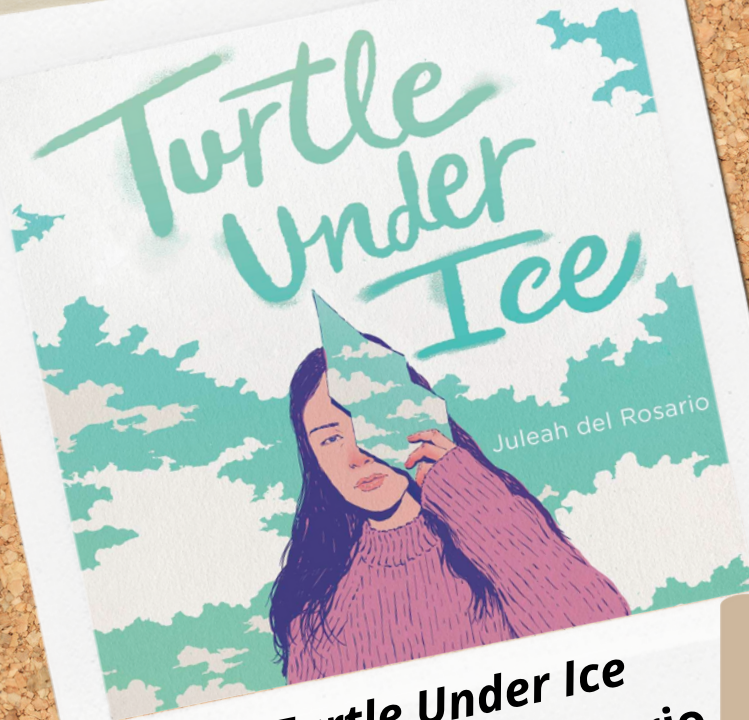
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"When a letter that was never meant to be seen by anyone draws high school senior Evan Hansen into a family's grief over the loss of their son, he is given the chance of a lifetime: to belong. He just has to stick to a lie he never meant to tell, that the notoriously troubled Connor Murphy was his secret best friend. Suddenly, Evan isn't invisible anymore--even to the girl of his dreams. And Connor Murphy's parents, with their beautiful home on the other side of town, have taken him in like he was their own, desperate to know more about their enigmatic son from his closest friend. As Evan gets pulled deeper into their swirl of anger, regret, and confusion, he knows that what he's doing can't be right, but if he's helping people, how wrong can it be? No longer tangled in his once-incapacitating anxiety, this new Evan has a purpose. And a website. He's confident. He's a viral phenomenon. Every day is amazing. Until everything is in danger of unraveling and he comes face to face with his greatest obstacle: himself." (5)



I chose this novel for Violet as I think she would relate to Zoe. Zoe lost her brother, and although they were not very close, she has to learn how to live with grieving parents and find her own happiness in a world that keeps telling her how to feel similar to Violet's struggles. Also, Zoe and Evan begin falling in love under unusual circumstances parallel to how Violet and Finch fell in love.

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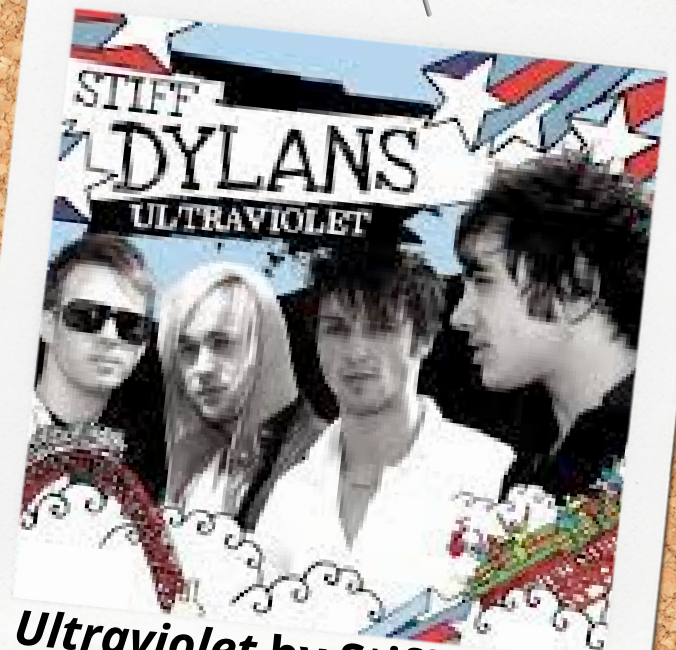
Turtle Under Ice
by Juleah del Rosario

"Rowena feels like her family is a frayed string of lights that someone needs to fix with electrical tape. After her mother died a few years ago, she and her sister, Ariana, drifted into their own corners of the world, each figuring out in their own separate ways how to exist in a world in which their mother is no longer alive. But then Ariana disappears under the cover of night in the middle of a snowstorm, leaving no trace or tracks. When Row wakes up to a world of snow and her sister's empty bedroom, she is left to piece together the mystery behind where Ariana went and why, realizing along the way that she might be part of the reason Ariana is gone." (6)

I chose this novel for Violet as I think she would definitely relate to the sisterly bonds of Row and Ariana. Both sisters are struggling with their grief over losing their mother in different ways. I think Violet would take comfort in seeing the two unique expressions and feel more at peace with her feelings. Also, she would probably enjoy reading about another pair of sisters who are similar to her and her sister Eleanor's relationship which will make her smile while remembering all the good times they had as she moves forward with her life and her web series.

Violet's Playlist

I chose this song for Violet as I think it would remind her of Finch. In *All the Bright Places*, Finch does a play on words with Violet's name (Violet Markey) by calling her UltraViolet ReMarkeyable. I could also see Finch blasting this song on a boombox standing outside Violet's window in a tribute to John Cusack in *Say Anything* while courting Violet. I could see her downloading this song and smiling remembering Finch after he is gone.

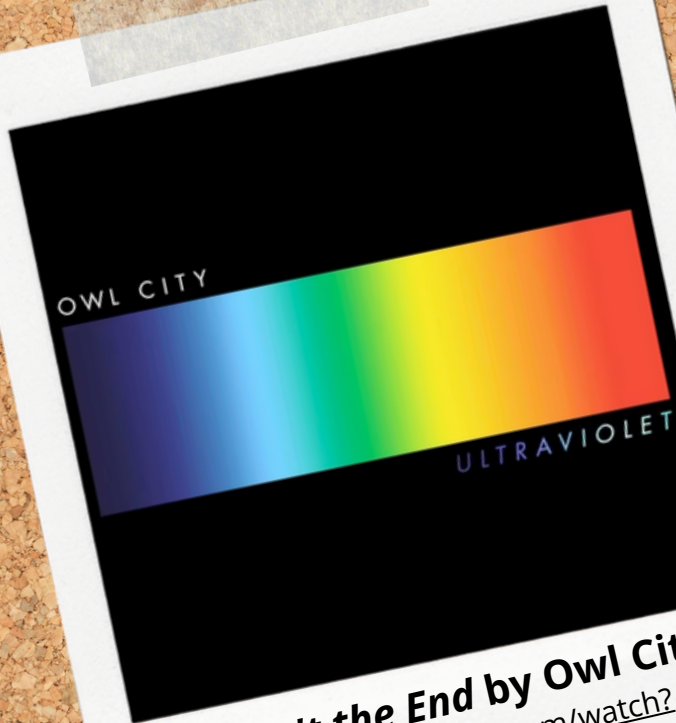


Ultraviolet by Stiff Dylans

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kCOvld3nh7I>

"She's a wave and she is breaking
She's a problem to solve
And in that circle she's making
I will always revolve
And on her sight
These eyes depend
Invisible and Indivisible
That fire you ignited
Good, bad and undecided
Burns when I stand beside it
Your light is ultraviolet"

Violet's Playlist



This Isn't the End by Owl City

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e6QiQzf5JGM>

I chose this song for Violet as it has to do with love and loss. The song is focused of the loss of a father but I feel like Violet would listen to this song and think of Finch after he is gone. The phrases in the song, "she tried to look happy in front of her friends" and "wanted him back just to tell him goodbye" describe Violet to the letter. Also, the lyrics, "but nobody knew he was dying inside he promised his family he'd be alright" describe Finch and his final days. I think Violet would take a lot of comfort in listening to this song and remembering her relationship with Finch.

**"How close to the ending?
Well, nobody knows
The future's a mystery and
anything goes
Love is confusing and life is hard
You fight to survive 'cause you
made it this far
It's all too astounding
to comprehend
It's just the beginning,
this isn't the end"**

Violet's Playlist

I chose this song for Violet as I think it would be a great song for her to listen to after Finch passes away. In the novel, Finch struggles with Bipolar symptoms and describes his up and down moods to Violet as trying to "stay awake". He was very afraid of his down moods when he would sleep for days on end causing him to do crazy things to keep himself awake. I think the words of this song would be very powerful for Violet while she thought of him singing them to her saying that he is no longer in pain and he can finally rest.



Movin' On by Chris Rupp
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PMeyLZgtWHI>



"My life has been special, more
precious than words
Good times and bad times,
love and the hurt
I'm proud of who I am,
and the path that i've led
I have no regrets, it's been
worth it in the end
I'm movin' on to a
road less traveled
I'm moving on to a place
where I can rest"

Violet's Playlist



Keep Me in Your Heart
by Warren Zevon

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4n2nyXg7fuU>

I think this is a great song for Violet when she thinks about her sister Eleanor. One of Violet's struggles in the novel is about moving forward in her life after surviving the car accident that killed her best friend, her sister Eleanor. Violet worries about how continuing to live will be unfair to her dear departed sister. This song would be encouraging to her to think of Eleanor singing to her that it's ok to continue living, especially because she now lives in Violet's heart.

"Shadows are fallin' and I'm runnin'
out of breath
Keep me in your heart for a while
If I leave you it doesn't mean
I love you any less
Keep me in your heart for a while
When you get up in the mornin'
and you see that crazy sun
Keep me in your heart for a while
There's a train leavin' nightly called
When All is Said and Done
Keep me in your heart for a while"

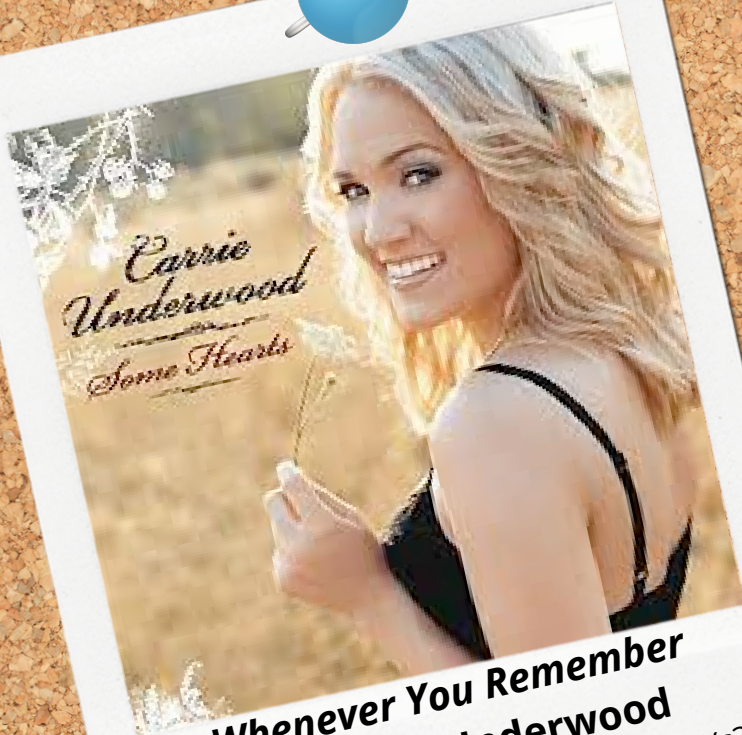
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This song would be great for Violet as she continues to travel around Indiana completing the "wonders project" following in the footsteps of Finch. At each of the stops she notices the treasures left behind by Finch and I can see Violet blasting this song on the radio about how she will always remember Finch larger than life. The song is also about thanking someone for shaping their life and I can see that being how Violet feels about Finch.




"Well, you showed me how it feels
To feel the sky within my reach
And I always will remember all the strength
you gave to me
Your love made me make it through
Oh, I owe so much to you
You were right there for me
In my dreams, I'll always see you soar above the sky
In my heart, there'll always be a place for you
for all my life
I'll keep a part of you with me
And everywhere I am, there you'll be"

Violet's Playlist



**Whenever You Remember
by Carrie Underwood**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OW1ujYc34MM>



I think this is a great song for Violet as she heals from the loss of her sister. Violet struggles with writing, a passion she had prior to the accident that took her sister away. This could be a song Violet would listen to and think of Eleanor singing it to her, encouraging her to keep writing and living life to the fullest.

"Whenever you remember
times gone by
Remember how we held our
heads so high
When all this world was there for us
And we believed that we
could touch the sky
Whenever you remember, I'll be there
Remember how we reached that
dream together
Whenever you remember"

Violet's Playlist

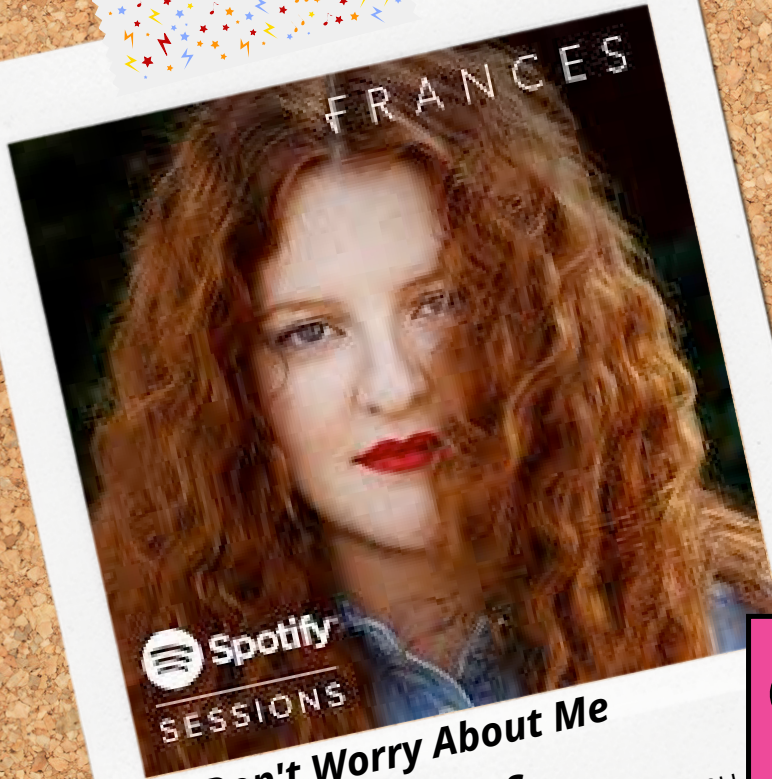


I chose this song for Violet as I think words similar to these lyrics are going on in her head as she climbs the bell tower of school on the fateful day when she meets Finch. She is incredibly overwhelmed by grief and feels she cannot go on without her, especially on what would have been Eleanor's 19th birthday. I could also see her lying on her bed with this song on repeat.

Lost Without You by Freya Ridings
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tDPpex1wvOc>

"But I think I'm lost
without you
I just feel crushed without you
'Cause I've been strong for
so long
That I never thought how
much I needed you
I think I'm lost without you"

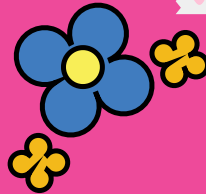
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**Don't Worry About Me
by Frances**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bzWkKXuv00U>

This song would be great for Violet when she first worries that she hasn't heard from or seen Finch after her parents forbid her from seeing him. I could see Violet singing this song in her bedroom thinking about her time with Finch and how he always told her not to worry and that he was okay. Also, I could see Violet recommending this song to Kate, Finch's older sister when Kate contacts Violet to see if she knows where Finch is in the novel. He tells Violet, "Not a diagnosis. Not an illness. Not something to be rescued."



"Cause if I fall
You'll fall
And if I rise
We rise together
When I smile
You'll smile

And don't worry about me
Don't worry about me
I'll feel the fear for you, I'll cry your tears
for you. I'll do anything I can to
make you comfortable
Even if I fall down

When you're not around
Don't worry about me"



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This song would be great for Violet as she falls in love with Finch. All her former friends at school do not approve of her relationship with the "school freak", but Violet knows there is more to Finch than meets the eye. I can see Violet singing this song in her bedroom after one of her adventures with Finch.



"Two wrongs never felt so right
It was written in the stars, for two young and
wild at hearts
To sneak out late into the night
You'd climb in and take my hand
And you'd slide on over, on over and we'd ride
'Cause young love don't know nothin' when the
radio plays you sing along
When she's holdin' on
You just can't get close enough, you swear it's
sent from above
It's real, it's good, and it's young love"

Violet's Playlist



All We'd Ever Need
by Lady A

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-vjs6UBLtQ>

I think this would be a great song for Violet as she heals from losing Finch. I could especially see her singing it out loud or in her head when she swims in the Blue Hole, the same place where Finch died. She comes to terms with the fact that she could not have saved Finch and I think this song would be a part of her healing process and finding peace.

"I should've been chasing you
I should've been trying to prove
That you were all that mattered
to me
I should've said all the things
That I kept inside of me
And maybe I could've made you
believe
That what we had
Was all we'd ever need"

Violet's Playlist

I imagine Violet singing this song to Finch when they first go and visit the Blue Hole on one of their "wanderings". Their love is truly blossoming and they take it to the next step: sex. I could also see Violet listening to this song when she remembers that time with Finch.



**"You're taken over the beat of my body
You just don't let up, don't let up
You're taken over the beat of my body
But you lift me up, lift me up
If you take my pulse right now
It would feel just like a sledgehammer
So close together
So far apart
You're turning me on
And my fire's waitin' for your spark"**

Violet's Playlist



One Call Away
by Charlie Puth

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BxuY9FET9Y4>

"Cause you know, I just wanna see your smile
No matter where you go, know you're not alone
I'm only one call away
I'll be there to save the day
Superman got nothing on me
I'm only one call away
When you're weak I'll be strong
I'm gonna keep holding on"

I think this is another great song for Violet when she thinks about Finch. He was always there to save her from her grief and did everything he could to make her smile even on his darkest days, especially the first day they met on the bell tower. Not only did Finch save Violet from jumping, he kept her secret of why she was up there in the first place.

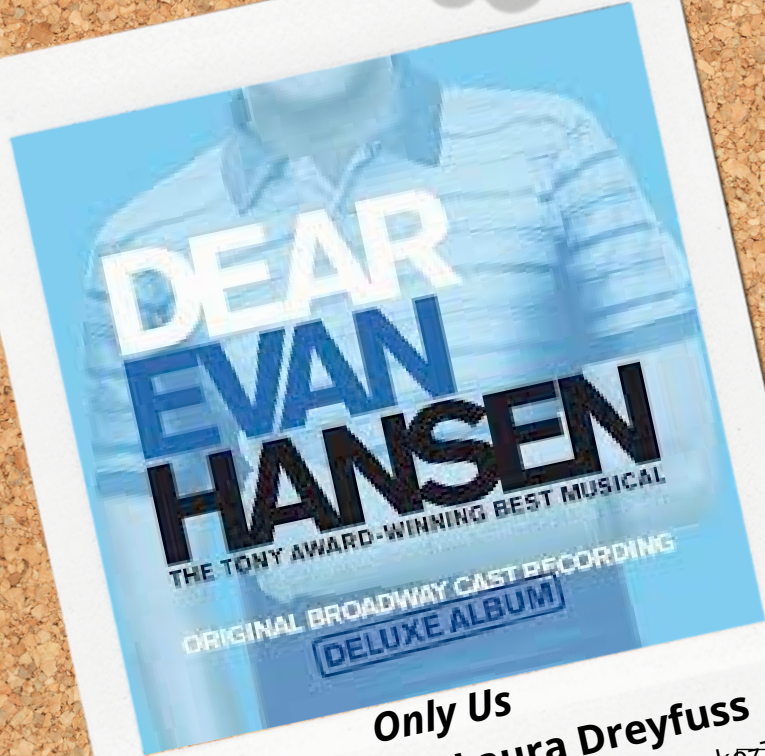
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"Not all who wonder are lost
What I'm searching for is the searching
It doesn't matter what I find
I don't know too much, that's for certain
But I don't mind
I don't mind
I don't know where we'll go from here
Or why this love has disappeared
Where we land is never where we thought
'Cause I'm not moving aimlessly
And time is not a threat for me
I won't fight the fears you never fought
Not all who wonder are lost"




This song would be great for Violet as she and Finch travel all over the state of Indiana on their "wonders project". They call themselves the "wanders" as they discover new places, develop their relationship, and leave behind a treasure that will forever mark their time there. As the song says, they searched more about each other than the place they were trying to find.


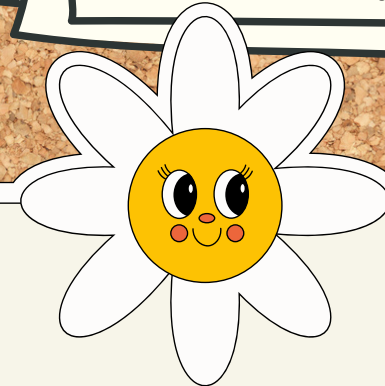
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Only Us
by Ben Platt & Laura Dreyfuss
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s1Evnzkez7o>



"I don't need more reminders of all that's
been broken
I don't need you to fix what
I'd rather forget
Clear the slate and start over
Try to quiet the noises in your head
We can't compete with all that
So what if it's us?
What if it's us
And only us
And what came before won't count
anymore or matter?
Can we try that?
What if it's you
And what if it's me
And what if that's all that we need it to be
And the rest of the world falls away?
What do you say?"



I love this song for Violet and Finch. I could see them singing it to each other on one of their wandering trips. Violet wants to forget about what everyone has to say about her relationship with Finch and help him when he has one of his dark days. I could also see her enjoying this song while she is reading the novel as I suggested it for her in the booklist section.

Violet's Playlist

This song would be great for Violet
as a momento for how she loved
and learned about herself while
working through her grief and
found peace. I could see Violet
listening to this song every day on
they way to school while remembering
Finch and Eleanor.



Photograph by Ed Sheeran

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nSDgHBxUbVQ>

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"So you can keep me
Inside the pocket of your ripped jeans
Holding me closer 'til our eyes meet
You won't ever be alone,
wait for me to come home
Loving can heal, loving can
mend your soul
And it's the only thing that I know,
know I swear it will get easier
Remember that with every piece of ya
Hmm, and it's the only thing we take
with us when we die"

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