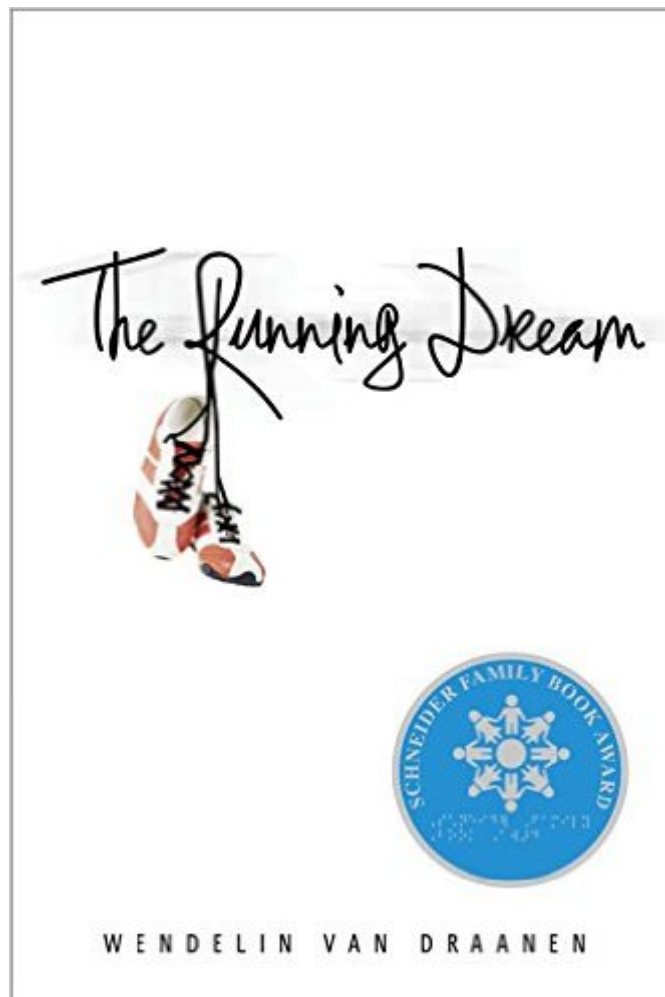


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# The Running Dream (Schneider Family Book Award - Teen Book Winner)



## Synopsis

When Jessica is told sheâ€™ll never run again, she puts herself back togetherâ€™ and learns to dream bigger than ever before. The acclaimed author of *Flipped* delivers a powerful and healing story. â€” Jessica thinks her life is over when she loses a leg in a car accident. Sheâ€™s not comforted by the news that sheâ€™ll be able to walk with the help of a prosthetic leg. Who cares about walking when you live to run? â€” As she struggles to cope, Jessica feels that sheâ€™s both in the spotlight and invisible. People who donâ€™t know what to say act like sheâ€™s not there. Jessicaâ€™s embarrassed to realize that sheâ€™s done the same to a girl with CP named Rosa. A girl who is going to tutor her through all the math sheâ€™s missed. A girl who sees right into the heart of her. â€” With the support of family, friends, a coach, and her track teammates, Jessica may actually be able to run again. But thatâ€™s not enough for her now. She doesnâ€™t just want to cross finish lines herselfâ€™ she wants to take Rosa with her. â€” â€”Inspirational. The pace of Van Draanenâ€™s prose matches Jessicaâ€™s at her swiftest. Readers will zoom through the book just as Jessica blazes around the track. A lively and lovely story.â€” Kirkus Reviews

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You know how it is when you wake up in the morning and sigh...you have to go to work at a place that makes you ill, or you have to face down a bill collector, or spend hours in your home trying to work and take care of your child while outside your next door neighbors are playing music so loud it could wake the dead. Or maybe you can't sleep because of the aches and pains or the icy wind blowing against the window, and you wish your life could be better? I'm guilty of this; I'm guilty of cussing or crying, sighing or grumbling...but what if it was worse? What if I really had something to complain about? I don't. I get up every day on two good legs, with minor aches and pains maybe, but able to walk out the door and follow my dream. This is a book that shows us what real troubles are, and how someone can overcome the fact that they have lost the destiny that they were shooting for with their whole heart, body, mind, and soul. Jessica Carlisle has a gift - she can run like the wind and win race after race for her team. She's so good, in fact, that she's looking at winning gold medals in the Olympics when she gets older. Not only is she good at running, she loves it. There is nothing like the power - the "whoosh" - as her feet glide across the asphalt to people cheering. In that world she is Queen; in that world everything else makes sense. After a meet one day, where she has set a record almost impossible to achieve, Jessica is sitting on the bus with her friends when the crash comes. The lights go out and when they blink back on, she's in a hospital bed.

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