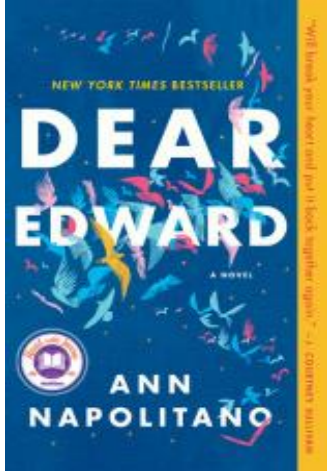


# Dear Edward

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## About the Book

*What does it mean not just to survive, but to truly live?*

One summer morning, 12-year-old Edward Adler, his beloved older brother, his parents and 183 other passengers board a flight in Newark headed for Los Angeles. Among them are a Wall Street wunderkind, a young woman coming to terms with an unexpected pregnancy, an injured veteran returning from Afghanistan, a business tycoon, and a free-spirited woman running away from her controlling husband. Halfway across the country, the plane crashes. Edward is the sole survivor.

Edward's story captures the attention of the nation, but he struggles to find a place in a world without his family. He continues to feel that a part of himself has been left in the sky, forever tied to the plane and all of his fellow passengers. But then he makes an unexpected discovery --- one that will lead him to the answers of some of life's most profound questions: When you've lost everything, how do you find the strength to put one foot in front of the other? How do you learn to feel safe again? How do you find meaning in your life?

DEAR EDWARD is at once a transcendent coming-of-age story, a multidimensional portrait of an unforgettable cast of characters, and a breathtaking illustration of all the ways a broken heart learns to love again.

## Discussion Guide

While no guide is available at this time, be sure to check out our fiction discussion questions, which may help you in your group's discussion of the book.

## Author Bio

Ann Napolitano is the bestselling author of HELLO BEAUTIFUL, which was selected as Oprah's 100th Book Club pick; DEAR EDWARD, an instant *New York Times* bestseller, a Read with Jenna selection, and an Apple TV+ series; A GOOD HARD LOOK; and WITHIN ARM'S REACH. For seven years, Napolitano was the associate editor of the literary magazine *One Story*, and she received an MFA from New York University. She has taught fiction writing at Brooklyn College's MFA program, New York University's School of Continuing and Professional Studies, and Gotham Writers Workshop.

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