

Supplee, Suzanne **Somebody Everyone Listens To**. 245p.

Recommended for Grades 7-12

Realistic Fiction

Retta knew all along what she was supposed to do with her life. She has never had any harsh criticism on her singing. When she took a chance, and moved to Nashville for the summer she didn't realized how hard it was going to be to make it big. Retta runs into many problems and meets many people when living in Nashville. Her parent's marriage was in trouble and she couldn't take her living conditions at home. She hated her job and her boss and had to convince a relative to borrow her car for the summer.

Suzanne Supplee created Retta to be a girl who knew what she wanted and was going out to get it. There were a lot of details and you could picture Retta sleeping in her car night after night and being really frustrated. She changed from the beginning to the end. Retta found her own identity in Nashville and performed her own songs and not covers of other country artists.

Somebody Everybody Listens To is a book about finding your dreams and never giving up. Many lessons can be learned from reading this book. This is a must have book to read.

- *Gabriela*