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Community Research

Susin Nielsen touches on a lot of big issues in little ways in her novel. Some of those issues, like affordable housing, may be more obvious. Others, she introduces more subtly like addiction. All of them are issues affecting people in Vancouver and other places in Canada. Choose an issue that is affecting your community and compare it to the ones in the novel. You might need to think about your biases, fears and assumptions before you try to find more.

Here's a list to get you started:

- Drugs and addiction
- Affordable housing
- Homelessness
- Bullying
- Mental health care
- Education opportunities
- Beliefs
- Foster system
- Refugees

