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Djibril

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A hard-hitting story of a teenager's unfiltered confessions about sex, grief, and resilience.

Djibril writes emails to his brother in Dublin, detailing his daily life, others' expectations (that he be an athlete, a perfect friend, a stud), the emptiness he feels at home, his relationship to his body and to sex. Except: his brother's dead, hit by a truck. Djibril writes to put himself (back) together, to hang onto a connection despite everything. Slowly, resilience takes hold, and amidst the high-school desire to burn it all down or hang in there, he experiences his first time.

15 artworks by Delaunay, Munch, de Staël, Caillebotte, and more throughout the book give shape to the characters and Djibril's feelings. A conversation evolves between narrative and art in this moving book.
