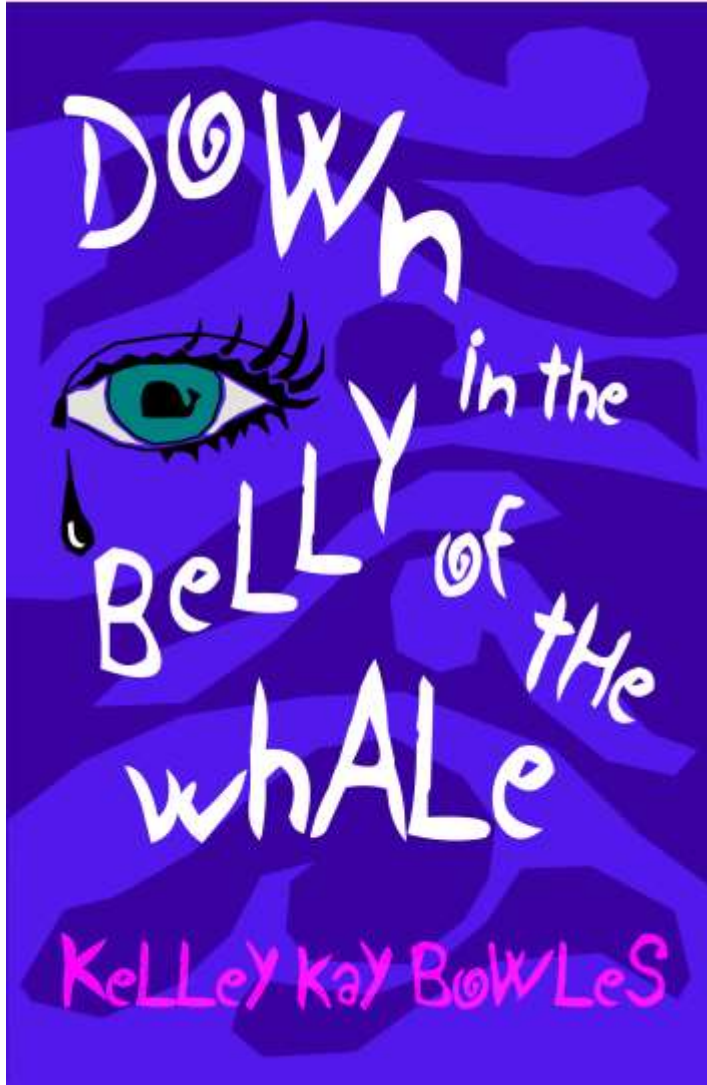


Book Description



DOWN IN THE BELLY OF THE WHALE

A contemporary story about family and friendship for fans of Eleanor Porter and L.M. Montgomery.

Harper Southwood is a teenage girl who can sense when people *will* get sick—but so what? She can't predict her best friend's depression or her mother's impending health crisis. Being helpful is all Harper ever wanted, but she feels helpless in the face of real adversity. Now, she's got a chance to summon her courage and use her wits to fight for justice. Laugh and cry along with this irrepressible, high-spirited teen in her journey of self-discovery, as she learns that compassion and internal strength are her *real* gifts, her true superpower.

FROM THE BACK COVER:

My name is Harper, and I'm almost sixteen. Along with the typical teenagery turmoil, I have this bizarre ability to know when you're gonna get sick. ***But so what?*** My supernatural sense won't help you avoid that nasty flu bug—because if I feel it, you've already got it. It doesn't help me heal my best and only friend, Cora—she's filled with so much fear and anguish. It doesn't help my mom, because there's something big and bad ***already inside her***, and I haven't felt a thing. This isn't a gift; it's a ***curse***.

