

Mom Was Gone Again

Can't exactly remember why,
only that we didn't expect her
to come home until very late.
It was dark in our room.

Velvety black. Someone had closed
the curtain. Kaeleigh was scared.
I tried to tell her not to worry, but just
then, Daddy burst through the door.

I closed my eyes tight, made myself
no more than a shadow. Something
about him was different. I didn't
want that something to find me.

I cracked my eyes just a slit as he sat
on Kaeleigh's bed, pulled her into
his lap. He smelled of Brut and Wild
Turkey. His peculiar potpourri.

*I love you so much, my little
flower. Daddy needs something
from my girl, my sweet rose.
Will you give it to me?*

I wanted to be his little flower,
would have given my daddy anything.
What did he want from Kaeleigh?
She laid her head on his chest. "What?"

*I want you to see something,
something that proves how
much I love you. This is only
for you, Kaeleigh girl.*



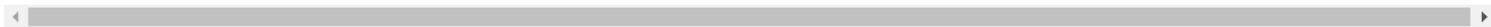


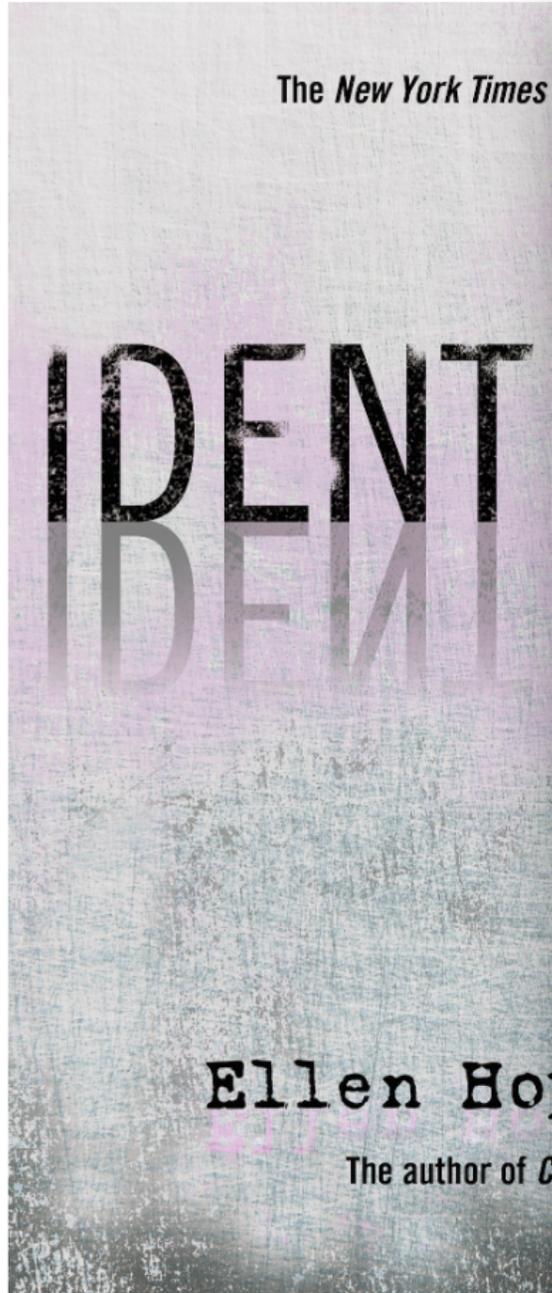
down on the bed beside him.
Then he opened the snaps on
the fly of his flannel pajamas.

*It stood up, stiff as a stalagmite.
See how much Daddy loves you?
Show me you love me, too. Touch
it. He closed her hand around it.*

I know it sounds bad, but I wanted
to touch it too. I didn't know
what it meant, only that it made Daddy
happy. I wanted to make him happy too.

*That's right. That's right.
His voice rocked in rhythm
with his body. Oh yes, my Kaeleigh
loves me. My little flower . . .*



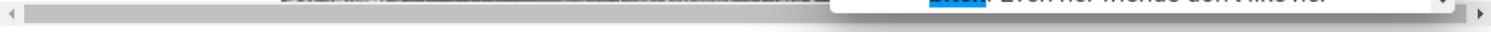


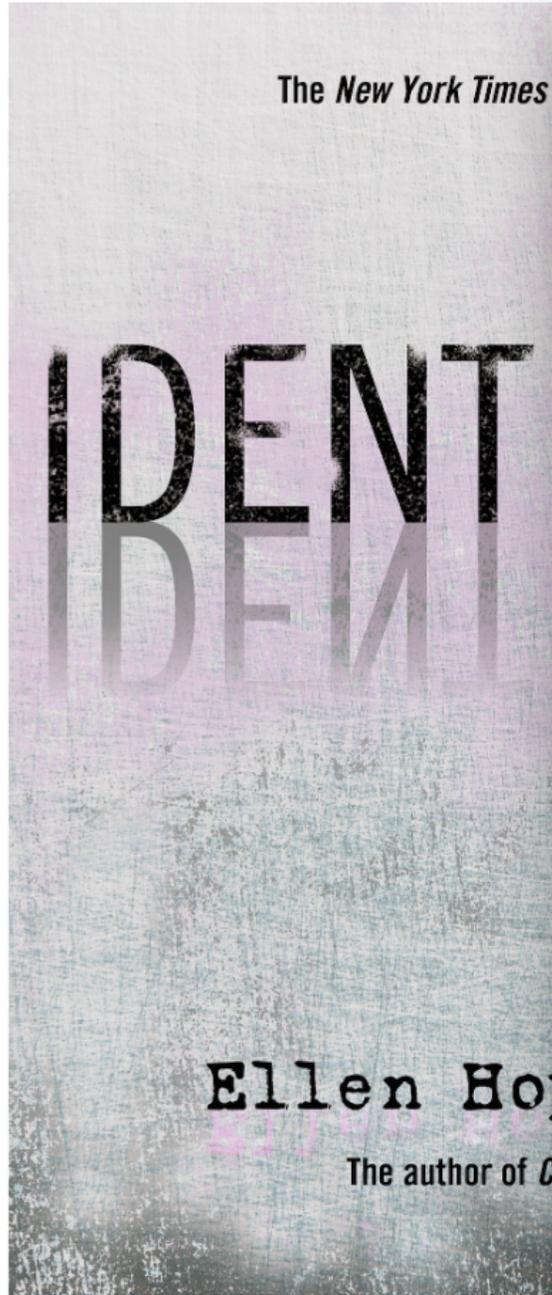
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his open window, was that **bitch**
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That sonofa**bitch** better stay far,
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“that no-good son of a **bitch**”
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being a **bitch** was him, being
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I could be **bitchy**, and it may come
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bitch. Even her friends don't like her





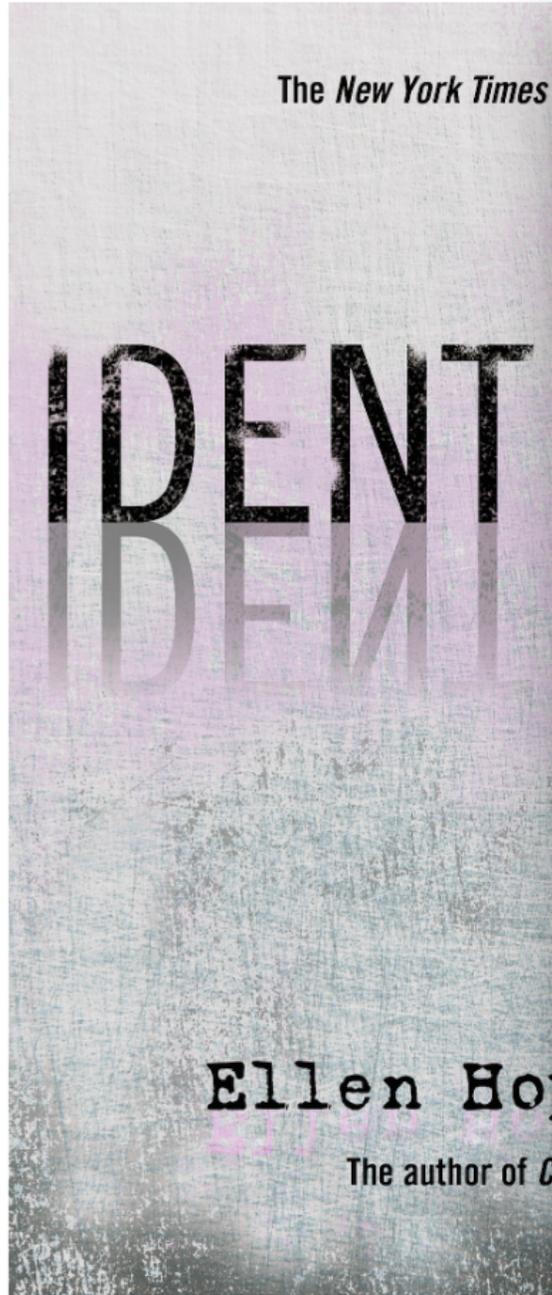
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Okay, I guess the bitch
- Q Raeanne: Home Bitter Home
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'Cause once the bitch bus
- Q So, So Mine or Not
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Once a bitch, always a bitch,
- Q The Greed Factor, Again
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What the hell are you doing, bitch?
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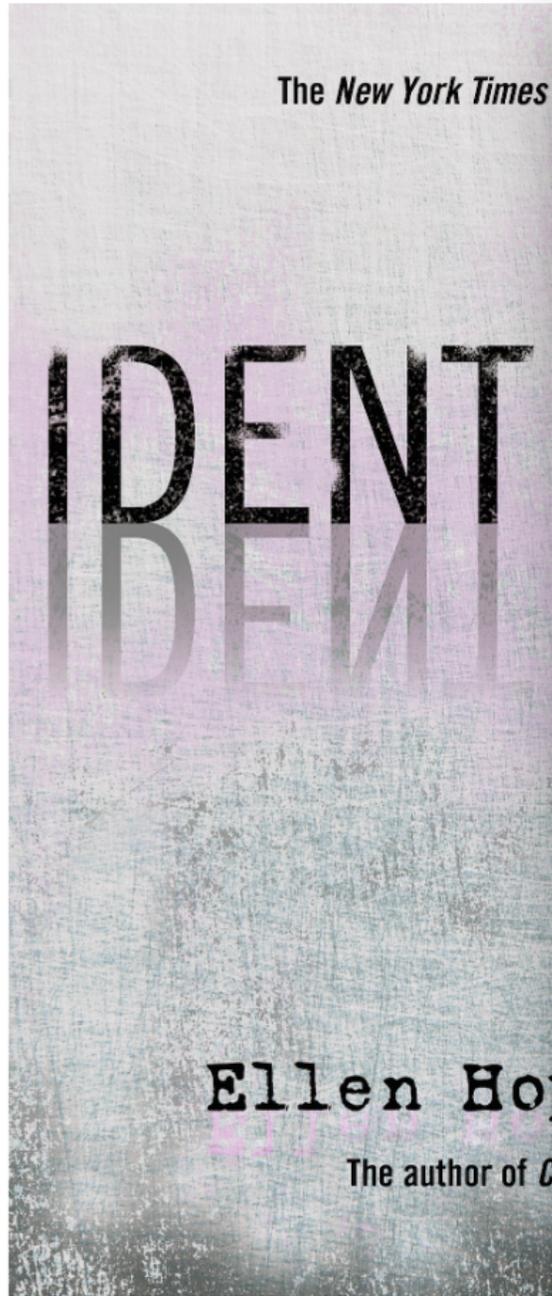
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I'm all **fuck**ed up. My mantra.
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how **fuck**ed up I am, they've
- Q I Stop in the Girls' Room
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...up! What the **fuck**?
- Q This Huge Part of Me
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What the **fuck** is it, Kaeleigh?
- Q She Was Mad, Okay
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Get the **fuck** over here and don't give me shit.
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Bogart. Pass that **fuck**ing thing over here.
- Q It's Bone-Chilling Here
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of that **fuck**ing semi. How





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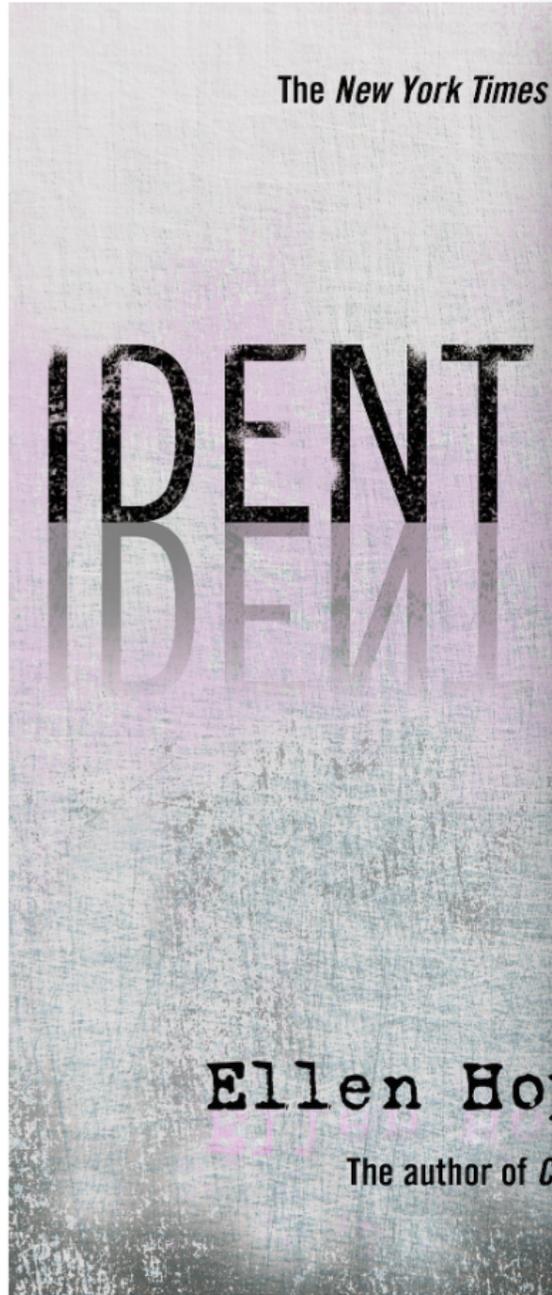
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- his hand away. "Shut the **fuck**
- He Slows
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- "Mom is not hot! She's **fucking**
- We Wander into the Woods
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- to watch the **fucking** news tonight?"
- With or Without Love
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- But not if you're gonna **fuck** off
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- give a **fuck** and push
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- my eyes: Get the **fuck**
- He Announces the Problem





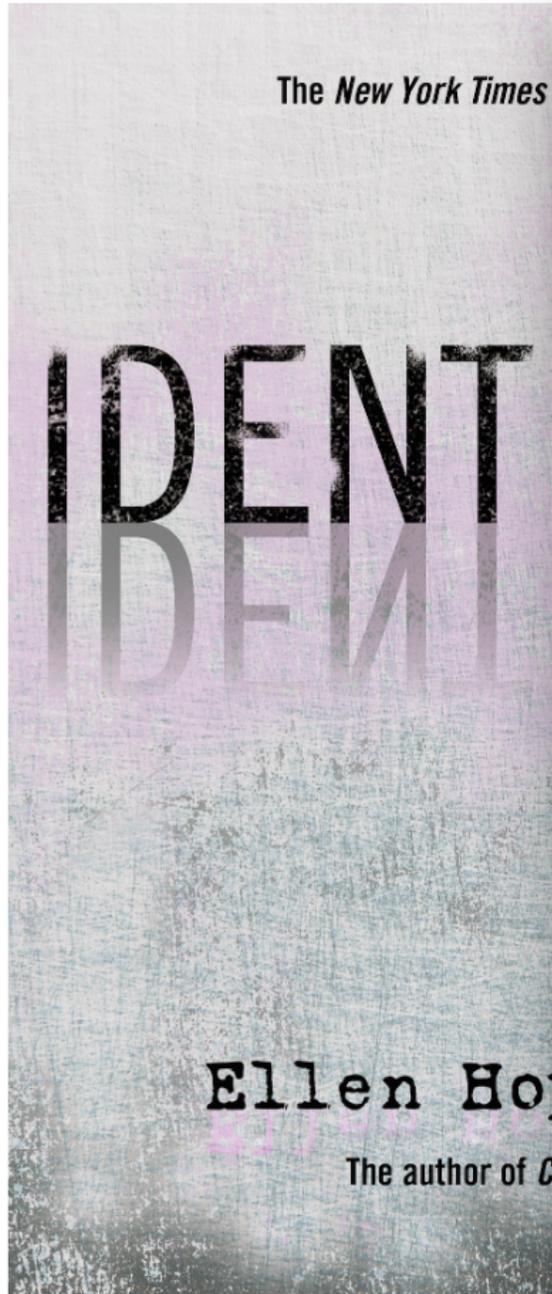
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- Holy **fuck**ing shit.
- He Announces the Problem
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fucking shit is right.
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I realize how **fucked** up I am.
- True to His Word
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My heart yells, "No **fuck**ing
- Not Sure Exactly When
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Okay, who the **fuck** is this?
- Flat Barely Describes It
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What is your **fuck**ing problem?
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she thinks **fuck**ing with Koolhaas



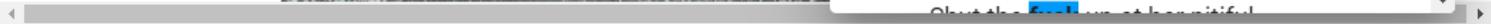


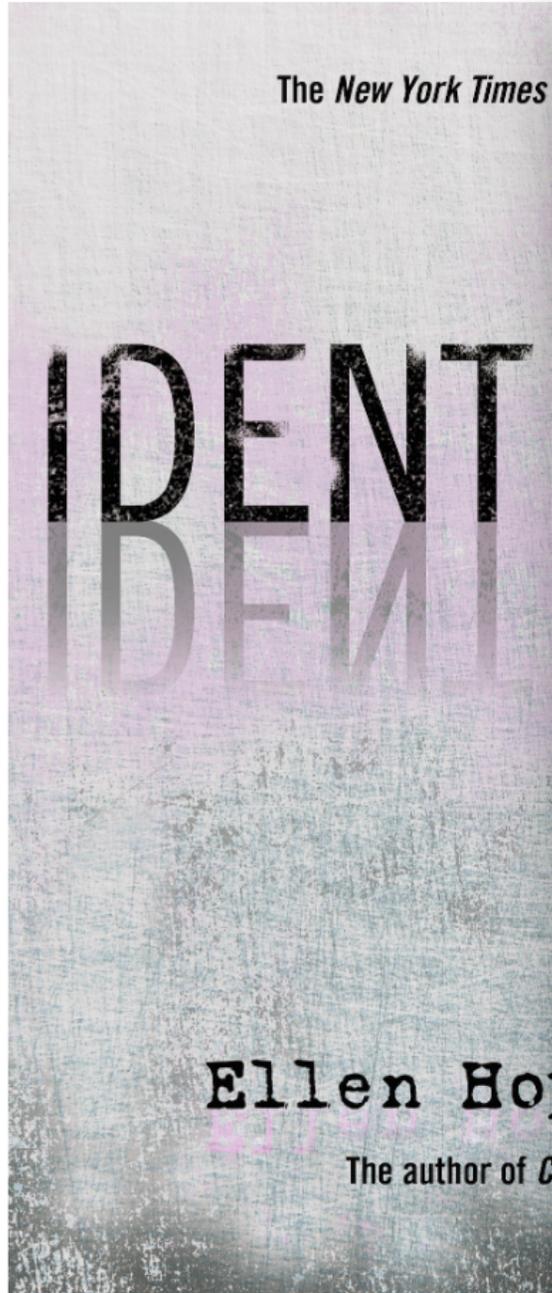
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- she thinks **fuck**ing with Kaeleigh
- While I Might Taunt Fate
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is **fuck**ing with me. And she's right.
- Ty's Quite Recent Invitation
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So why, pray **fuck**ing tell, do I feel
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on his face. What in the **fuck**
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No, he's not a **fuck**ing nut job.
- Daddy Takes a Gulp
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fucked up to wash them
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into the phone. What the **fuck**
- Mom Had Been Spending
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a hedge of "who gives a **fuck**"?
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I have no clue what I'm doing. **Fuck** it.
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Not me. **Fuck** it. The more
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I am not my **fuck**ing mother!
- A Half-Assed Honk
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Did I just think that? **Fuck**

