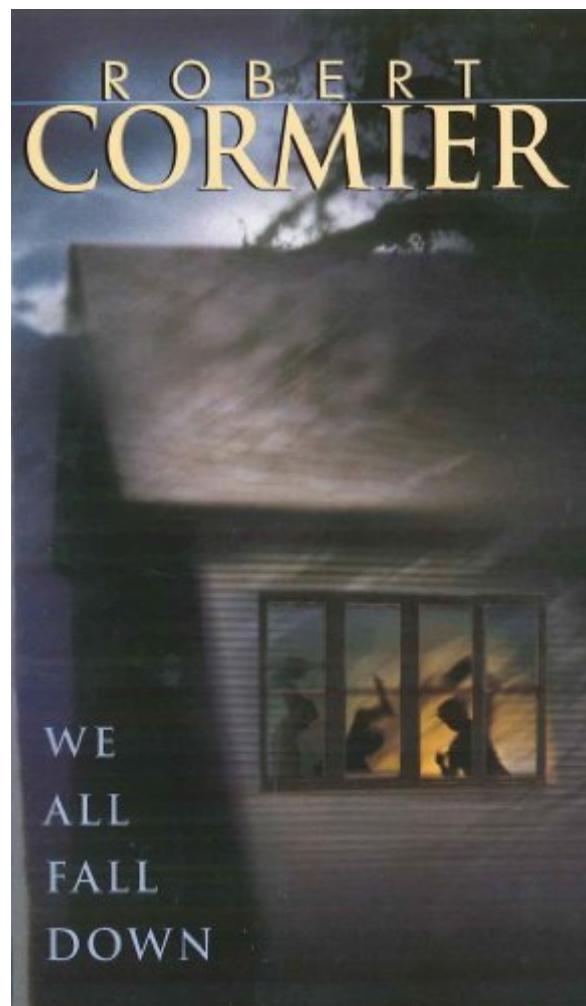


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# We All Fall Down



## **Synopsis**

Buddy Walker is troubled by his parent's recent divorce, and when Harry Flowers suggests a prank, he goes along, just for opportunity to do something different. He doesn't realize that someone is watching. When Jane Jerome's house is trashed, and sister brutally injured in a home invasion, she struggles to continue with her life as her family falls apart. The Avenger has witnessed reckless evil. He has killed before and knows that he just needs to wait until the time is right before he can take his revenge. Robert Cormier once again sheds light on the conflict between good and evil and the dark side of human nature. In his classic style, each character's point of view is revealed invoking both sympathy and horror while showing the complexities of the psyche.

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## **Customer Reviews**

Amazing book, I had to read this for my English class, and I actually enjoy it

Exactly what I wanted.

What a wonderful story. Wow! I couldn't put it down. Highly, highly recommend. I wish the story would go on a bit longer.

One of Cormier's best

My son loved this book. Easy to read. It was very interesting. My son had to read for his class

Another book that my son had to read for school. Easy to down load to pad, and him to have it anytime he need it

Robert Cormier's novel, "We All Fall Down, begins with a violet, nonsense crime of vandalism and assault of a family's home in suburban Massachusetts. During the novel, there is a breakdown. Cormier writes from Jane Jerome's perspective; the Avenger's; and Buddy Walker. Cormier explores the victim, the criminal, and the mysterious Avenger who we learn about later. The novel is about the crime, the aftermath, and the effects on those involved as well. There is even a love story between Jane and Buddy that is believable too. There are the secrets, deception, and realistic portrayal of adolescence along the teenage angst generation. Buddy comes from a broken family home where his father has left him, his sister, and his mother for another woman. Jane's family is trying to recover and pray for her sister's recovery. The Avenger is another story but the author does an insightful job. In the end, I was bothered by the abrupt ending. I wanted to know what happened to Jane and Buddy. If I have a complaint, it's that the novel isn't broken down with chapters and only two parts. The back and forth among the perspectives can be difficult at times. It's still a good novel filled with suspense and revelations. Cormier doesn't write down to his young readers but to him and that makes him special.

Cormier's body of work in adolescent literature is probably without peer. In a sense he links his novels to the classic early childhood fairy-tales that suggest that sometimes endings are tragic, and many times they are unclear. *We All Fall Down* had nothing like the interest or coverage of *The Chocolate War*, and some critics took issue with the inclusion of a particular character in this novel.

Regardless, Cormier again has taken the pulse here and delivered a real story with an ending that is sad and critically honest. For adolescents, particularly girls, this is an important novel. Adolescent boys should also pay close attention. Gen-xers should also avail themselves of this one. It will bring back memories of a time and place, and the empty vastness of the world back then. Cormier's death is a profound loss to adolescent fiction. A humane mind such as his doesn't come around often.

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