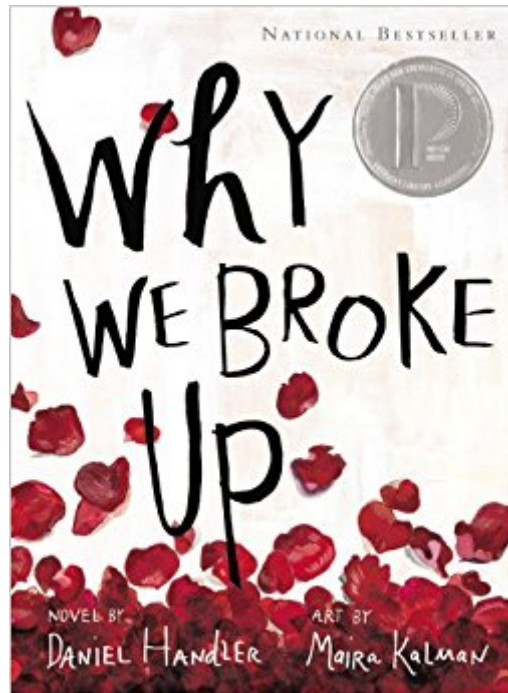




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# Why We Broke Up



## Synopsis

I'm telling you why we broke up, Ed. I'm writing it in this letter, the whole truth of why it happened. Min Green and Ed Slaterton are breaking up, so Min is writing Ed a letter and giving him a box. Inside the box is why they broke up. Two bottle caps, a movie ticket, a folded note, a box of matches, a protractor, books, a toy truck, a pair of ugly earrings, a comb from a motel room, and every other item collected over the course of a giddy, intimate, heartbreaking relationship. Item after item is illustrated and accounted for, and then the box, like a girlfriend, will be dumped.

## Customer Reviews

Best Books of the Month, January 2012: Min, precocious and equally obsessed with classic cinema and good coffee, broke up with Ed, a popular math-loving jock who secretly carries a protractor. Daniel Handler weaves this heartrending story of first love and other powerful firsts as Min reveals, item by item, what's in the box she's leaving on Ed's doorstep. As readers learn why these two unforgettable characters broke up, the significance of these simple love tokens, beautifully illustrated by Maira Kalman, charmingly unfolds. Written with an emotional depth that allows both adult and teen readers to revisit memories of heartbreak and find pieces of themselves in Min--and maybe even Ed, *Why We Broke Up* will leave you wondering how Handler knows exactly what it's like to be a teenage girl in love. --JoVon Sotak --This text refers to the Preloaded Digital Audio Player edition.

\* "Characters are vivid, and their portrayal is enriched by realistic dialogue....Handler offers a heartbreaking, bittersweet, and compelling romance with a unique angle and flare." •School Library Journal, starred review  
2012 Printz Honor Book  
ALA Best Fiction for Young Adults  
Title School Library Journal Best Book of the Year  
Kirkus Reviews Best YA Book of the Year  
Booklist Editor's Choice Pick  
Children's Book Committee at Bank Street College Outstanding Book of the Year  
"The Lemony Snicket author (writing under his own name) convincingly inhabits the mind of Min, a teenage girl reeling from her first heartbreak. This poignant, bittersweet novel centers on a box of objects infused with memories of her brief, unforgettable love." •Entertainment Weekly

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