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### ***Angel Rock Leap***

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“Angel Rock Leap” by Ellen Weisberg and Ken Yoffe is a touching story about finding peace in adversity. When nineteen-year-old Sarah is asked to leave the science program she is studying in Boston, she returns home to her small town. While she is disillusioned because she failed, she also knows that she was pursuing a dream that was never hers. Her true love is writing.

Returning home, with a small inheritance from the loss of both of her parents, she only has one friend waiting for her when she gets there. Sarah is still very much hung up on the things that happened in her past. One was the loss of a childhood friend when he moved away; another was being dumped by a boyfriend in her teens, and the big one - memories of being bullied in high school.

Seeking employment at a small café, Sarah runs into the woman who was her nemesis all throughout school. Having failed at her own attempts to escape their hometown, this woman continues to try to make life miserable for Sarah. Both women have much in common, but unfortunately, everything revolves around the incidents and people that were painful for Sarah.

As the people involved come back into Sarah’s life, she has to learn how to get past her anger and hurt at how she was treated, so she can live to her full potential. When she encounters the man who disappeared when they were children, she discovers he is stuck in his own way. They both need to realize that they have to take responsibility for themselves and move on with their lives. It is not easy, but it can be done.

“Angel Rock Leap” by Ellen Weisberg and Ken Yoffe is so realistic and covers relevant issues affecting society today. The characters truly seem like real people to me. I felt their anger and angst permeating into my hands through the pages of this novel. I could easily relate to some of the issues that the protagonist has to overcome, such as learning how to get past hurt and anger caused by people not worthy of our energy. While this novel is written about young adults, I think readers of all ages will enjoy it, and find themselves relating. “Angel Rock Leap,” would be a great selection for a reader’s group.