

***Steplings* was awarded to the Top 40 List of the Pennsylvania School Librarians Association**

Jason is a mixed-up, nineteen-year old, high school dropout living with his alcoholic father, his stepmother (his mother died of cancer a few years back) who his dad met in AA, and his eleven-year old stepsister. The only thing he has to do in life is make it to court for his case on Monday. He has just received a break-up letter from his super-smart girlfriend who is away at college. He decides that it would be a good idea to hitchhike to her college and somehow allows his stepsister to talk him into taking her with him. She wants to find her loser of a father who lives in the same town. Her mother calls the police who set up Amber alerts. Readers will fall in love with the characters and this book deserves wide readership.

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