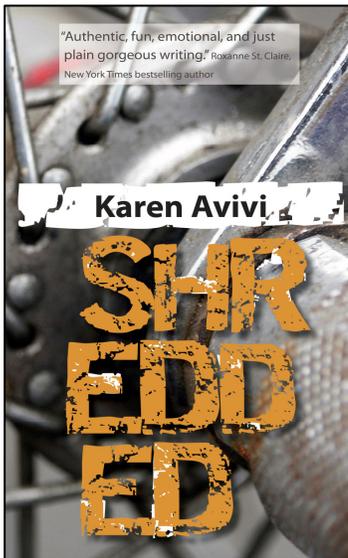


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Drop into the world of rule-breaking, gravity-defying girls who shred riding freestyle BMX

Shredded by Karen Avivi is more than a girls' sports book or a BMX biking book. The motivating push-your-limits story takes on feminism, friendship, sexism, and sibling rivalry.

Josie Peters thinks she'll do anything to ride in the Ultimate BMX freestyle event the summer before her senior year. To hit the qualifying events in the Midwest, Josie and her friends take off on a summer road trip where late-night parties, an intimidating mega ramp, and the lure of sponsorships spark friction between the girls. When Josie's best chance for success depends on her relationship with flashy rider R.T. Torres, she has to decide what she's trying to win and how much she'll sacrifice.

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