

About the Author



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Dedication

To all the kids who have taught me how they say /r/

and

To my dear husband, Kevin

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