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"NORTH OF THE GRIND"

This book caught my attention with the cover. It's a little more detailed & attention grabbing than most books I've read. Thankfully the cover isn't the only thing that grabbed my attention. David is a troublemaker just like I was. But he wasn't a troublemaker just to be problematic, he's going through some things that most grownups wouldn't be able to go through. With a tough childhood like that, who wouldn't be troubled? Howard started mentoring him to try to help himself get over his dark secret from his childhood but ends up learning to love & care for David. I can relate to David in a lot of ways, He just wants to be accepted & cared for. He wants someone to be there for him & understand him because no one in the world seems to think he ever does anything right. Everything he does gets him in trouble even if he's the victim in the situation. Unlike David, I didn't have a mentor but situations like the one I'm in gets some people to open their eyes. Like the situation with Howard & Roman.. This is a great book & I liked it mostly because I can relate to David in so many ways.