

The book *How It Went Down*, by Kekla Magoon, shows the theme, **Bad choices cause bad experiences**. When Tariq was shot by Jack Franklin lots of people thought Jack was innocent but new stuff comes up to find if Jack is guilty or not so was it racially motivated or self defense?

Therefore Tina explores Tariq's room but then she finds his knife,giving her a bad experience from a bad choice.

Tina keeps coming into his room to explore some of his things because she misses him but then she starts to feel sad.

"I sit on the bed, the room is full of stuff, why does it feel so empty? Tariq's room is the same but not the same without him" (Magoon 137).

Tina enters his room and realizes it's not gonna be the same without him but then she finds his knife.Shows that bad choices cause bad experiences because when she explores his room she finds his knife and realizes he was in a gang then realizes that he might've been a bad kid.

Jennica tries to help Tariq but she fails, giving her a bad experience from a bad choice.

Jennica tried to save Tariq by administering CPR but she may have taken in his last breath during mouth to mouth and it haunts her.

"I didn't stop pushing, but I knew. Right then. I was breathing hard myself. My lungs probably took in the last air Tariq ever exhaled. It can't possibly be in me anymore, but it feels like it is. Like it's weighing heavy on my chest with every breath I take, even now."
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Shows why her choice to save him has now given her a traumatic experience Even though she had good intentions it went awry and now the outcome will always affect her.

Conclusion- I would rate *How It Went Down* by Kekla Magoon a 10/10 because it was interesting to see many perspectives. But the book was depressing at times but the ending is amazing but a little sad.If you like books about social justice and anti-racism then you would probably like this book. It does have language,abuse,death, and racially motivated beliefs.