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## Croak

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16-year-old Lex Bartleby was the perfect daughter, friend and student until she entered middle school. Almost over night she became an angry, disrespectful, violent teenager. Her desperate parents have tried everything...talking, grounding, counseling but nothing has worked. When she is finally expelled from high school, her parents make one desperate effort to save her. Lex is exiled to her mysterious Uncle Mort's farm where she will spend the summer milking cows and feeding pigs...or so her parents think.

When the terrifying biker guy accosts her at the isolated rural bus stop, Lex gets ready to fight for her life and then he calls her name. THIS is Uncle Mort? He is not a farmer but he is a harvester...a harvester of human souls. And he wants Lex to join the family business.

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