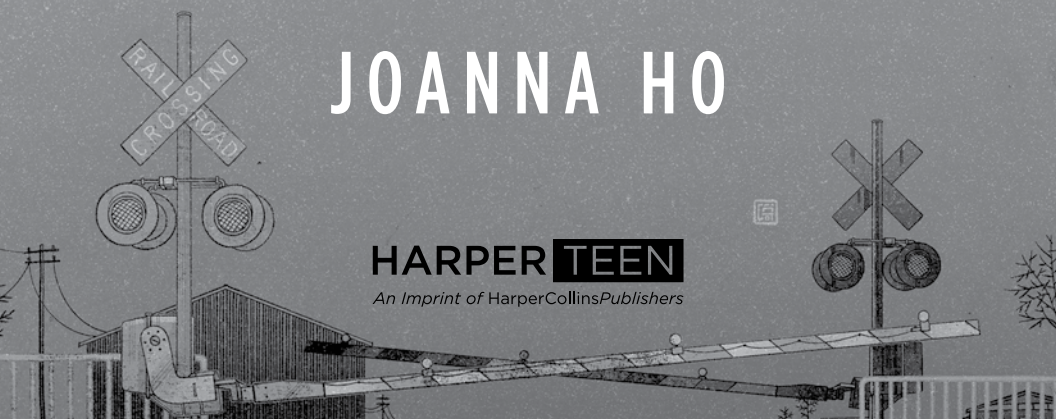


## A black and white photograph of a railroad crossing sign. The sign is a rectangular board with a diagonal cross. The word "RAILROAD" is written along the top-left to bottom-right diagonal, and the word "CROSSROAD" is written along the top-right to bottom-left diagonal. The sign is mounted on a post in front of a road.



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## RESOURCES

If you or someone you know needs help, please reach out to the following organizations.

**National Suicide Prevention Lifeline Phone Number:**

1-800-273-8255

**National Suicide Prevention Lifeline Website:**

[www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org/](http://www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org/)

**National Suicide Prevention Lifeline Website for Youth (Teens):**

[www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org/help-yourself/youth/](http://www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org/help-yourself/youth/)

**Youth Suicide Warning Signs:**

[www.youthsuicidewarningsigns.org/youth](http://www.youthsuicidewarningsigns.org/youth)

**You Matter:**

[www.youmatter.suicidepreventionlifeline.org](http://www.youmatter.suicidepreventionlifeline.org)

**Active Minds:**

[www.activeminds.org](http://www.activeminds.org)

**Ditch the Label:**

[www.ditchthelabel.org](http://www.ditchthelabel.org)