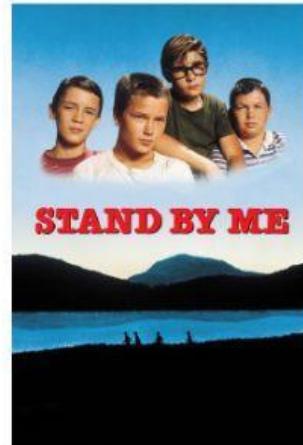


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In 1982 Stephen published the book "The Body". In 1986 the story was made into the very successful movie "Stand By Me." Read the first chapter of the novel and fill in the blanks with the correct article or leave it blank if necessary.



CHAPTER ONE "The Hardest Things to Say"

(1)..... most important things are (2)..... hardest things to say. They are (3)..... things you get ashamed of, because (4)..... words make them smaller. When they were in your head they were limitless; but when they come out they seem to be no bigger than (5)..... normal things. But that's not all. (6)..... most important things lie too close to where your secret heart is buried; they are (7)..... clues that could guide your enemies to (8)..... prize they would love to steal. It's hard and painful for you to talk about these things ... and then (9)..... people just look at you strangely. They haven't understood what you've said at all, or why you almost cried while you were saying it.

I was twelve, nearly thirteen, when I first saw (10)..... dead person. It happened in 1960, (11)..... long time ago...although sometimes it doesn't seem very long to me. Especially on (12)..... nights when I wake up from (13)..... dreams in which (14)..... hail falls into his open eyes.