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EXECUTIVE PRODUCER'S NOTE

When Ellen Wilber and I wrote LOVE AT FIRST BITE, we were so excited to try something new: a musical with a real rock beat. In fact, one of my funniest memories is of performing (badly) the rap song sung by Frankenstein to my stunned children, who informed me that I really shouldn't give up my day job. But the result exceeded our expectations – we created a show that brought down the house the first time we performed it; a show whose message was particularly resonant for teens: differences are not our weaknesses, but our strengths.

I cannot help but think that this message is even more important today. In a world where outsiders are banned and difference is mocked and speaking your truth can be devastating, LOVE AT FIRST BITE offers an alternative view of diversity – one in which our contrasts make us richer, more compassionate, and invincible. This time, I hope that real life might imitate art.

I'd like to thank our dynamo creative team: Lanni West, Carol Cronce, Ally Sawyer, Craig Mowery, Zabrina Campney, and Theresa Westgate. Deepest thanks also to our project manager and rehearsal manager, Holly Taylor and Robin Robicheau, and our business manager, Jean Alexander. And thank you to all the parents who have painted and sewed and lugged and hauled and hammered and glued to create a monstrously wonderful show tonight. We are an all-volunteer troupe, which means everything you see onstage tonight was a gift of time and energy from *someone*.

Finally, I want to remind you that 100% of our net proceeds go to charities. That means every year we start at \$0, and what we make, we give away. Every dollar you give tonight will benefit children through the Upper Valley Haven, CHaD, and the Zienzele Foundation. It's our fervent hope that our monsterpiece tonight might make the world a little less scary for them.

Enjoy the show!

Jodi Picoult



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DIRECTOR'S NOTE

Lately, I find myself in awe of how much hate and negativity is broadcast through print, television, and social media. It has almost become the new norm. I don't even flinch anymore when I read of someone criticized because of the color of their skin, beaten for their orientation, ostracized due to their gender identity, or shunned for their beliefs. I've almost become numb and stopped questioning how this could still be happening, here, in 2018. It is easy to become cynical about the future, and I ache for the next generation as they are products of this world we've created.

Love at First Bite is about monsters who are trying to find their place in this world. They try to hide who they are in fear of the repercussions. They only share their true selves with those closest to them. I think back on those horrible years called adolescence, where the slightest wrong look from one of the "cool" kids could send you into a great depression. Where you spent countless hours worrying what to wear to school, or who you should sit with at lunch. Where you conformed to fit in, rather than explore who you truly were.

Then I look at the more than thirty young men and women who are part of Trumbull Hall Troupe. I see their differences, their unique qualities, their traits that make them who they are. I watch as they all come together week after week and celebrate in those differences, rather than criticize. I notice that they support one another rather than cut anyone down. They compliment and congratulate instead of criticizing or ostracizing. It doesn't seem to matter what school they are from, how much theatre experience they've had, what grade they are in, what clothes they wear to rehearsal, or what part they are playing, they are in this together. In this troupe, they encourage each other to be their true selves. And as I watch this rehearsal after rehearsal, I am given hope that this coming generation will be far better than mine, and that they will rise above the hate to bring love and acceptance.

To quote Drake at the end of the show, "Be different, Be yourself, but most of all, BE POSITIVE."

— Lanni Luce West

PRODUCTION STAFF

Executive Producer	Jodi Picoult
Book & Lyrics by:	Jodi Picoult
Music by:	Ellen Wilber
Book & Additional Lyrics by:	Jake van Leer
Director	Lanni Luce West
Music Director	Carol Cronce
Choreographer	Allyson Weiner-Sawyer
Costume Designer	Theresa Westgate
Set Designer	Craig Mowery
Stage Manager	Zabrina Campney
Makeup Designer	Ben Makalinaw
Lighting Designer	Craig Mowery
Sound	Seth Stoddard
Lightboard Operator	Harrison Hinman
Master Carpenter	Tiger Stanley
Master Painter	Suzy Psomas
Props Master	Julie Davis
Assistant Props Master	Buffy Meliment
Tech Supervisor	Ken Munsey
Production Manager	Holly Taylor
Rehearsal Manager	Robin Robicheau
Business Manager	Jean Alexander
Volunteer Coordinator	Tanya Swett
Assistant Volunteer Coordinator & Snack Coordinator	Meg Falcone
Logo Design	Chris Scott



THE BAND

Carol Cronic - Piano

Norm McMullen - Percussion

Gerry Grimo - Bass

Bill Sawyer - Guitar



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CAST LIST

(in order of appearance)

Ms. Stake	Gaby Santana
Ms. Snodgrass	Dory Psomas
Mr. Bumbledorf	Nate Krawitt
Lucy	Romaney Granizo-Mackenzie
Ralph	Gunnar Langhus
Igor	Clay Kynor
Britney/Skeleton Dancer	Izzy Herz
Scrappy	Ben Hoffer
Astor	Alex Whyte
Arabella	Abbi Anderson
Ethel	Alicia Sanyal
Drake	Logan Winny
Rex	Jaden Poirier
Fido	Lee Densmore
Fifi	Charlotte Sturm
Cafeteria Lady	Skye Robicheau
Chrissy/Skeleton Dancer	Madelyn Trimpi
Abby/Skeleton Dancer	Claire Falcone
Nikki/Skeleton Dancer/Dance Captain	Olivia Johns
Jenny/Skeleton Dancer	Ella Caterini
Frank N. Stein	Kai Renshaw
Tori/Mummy	Elise Debo
Dori/Ghost	Katie Davis
Lori	Abby Soderquest
Veronica	Anyia Traudt
Gargoyle/Headless Horseman	Jack Starkey
Nurse/Statue	Nika Renshaw
Dee Ceased/Act 1 Dancer/Dance Captain	Annabelle Stott
Cerberus/Phantom of the Opera/Hand	David Kasten
Mummy	Andrew Davis
Flying Monkey	Locky McCann

THE CAST + CREW

Abigail Anderson is a Mascoma High School sophomore. This is her first year with THT. "Cheer up child. It'll turn out alright in the end. You'll see." - Mrs. Potts

Ella Caterini is a Hanover High 9th grader. This is her first year with THT. "Life's too short to wear boring clothes!"

Andrew Davis is a 7th grader at the Lyme School. This is Andrew's first year with THT. "Good choices come from wisdom, and wisdom comes from bad choices" - Anonymous

Katie Davis is a Hanover High School freshman. This is Katie's 2nd year with THT. "Be who you are, not who the world wants you to be." - Unknown



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NOV. 18 | 2:00pm

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THE CREW

Hannah Falcone

Grace Gardner

Johnny Lang

Anika Pixley

Ava Thorburn

Elise Debo is a Hanover High School freshman. This is her first year with THT. "To the world you may be one person but to one person you are the world." - Dr. Seuss

Lee Densmore is a Lebanon High School freshman. This is his first year with THT. "The noblest of arts is that of making others happy." - P.T.Barnum

Claire Falcone is a 9th grader at Lebanon High School. This is her 2nd year with THT. "If Cinderella's shoe fit perfectly, then why did it fall off?" - Anonymous

Hannah Falcone is a Lebanon High School senior. This is her 4th THT production. Bears, beets, battlestar gallactica" - Dwight Schrute

Romaney Granizo-Mackenzie is a Hanover High School senior. This is her fourth THT show. "Sometimes I'll start a sentence and I don't even know where it's going. I just hope I find it along the way." - Michael Scott

Izzy Herz is a Hanover High School sophomore. This is Izzy's 3rd THT show. "I love Ally"

Benjamin Hoffer is a Hanover High School senior. This is his 2nd THT show. "Get in the damn ship! Everything's on a cob! The whole planet's on a cob! Go! Go! Go!" - Rick Sanchez

Olivia Johns is a Lebanon Middle School 8th grader. This is her 2nd THT show. "Mom, is this a good smile? "

ACT ONE

Scene 1 - School Hallway

"High School Bites"

Full Cast

Scene 2 - The Main Office

"Vampire Hunter"

Ms. Stake

Scene 3 - School Hallway

"Howl at the Moon"

Scrappy, Fido, Fifi, Rex

Scene 4 - Science Lab

"Being Frank"

Frank N. Stein, Britney

"The Perfect Ghoul"

Mr. Bumbledorf

Scene 5 - Gymnasium

"Good Girl Gone Bad"

Lucy, Veronica, Tori, Dori, Lori, Ethel

Scene 6 - Vampire House

"Normal"

Ethel

Scene 7 - Cafeteria

"Out for Blood"

Full Cast

Scene 8 - Science Lab

"The Girl Necks Door"

Drake

Scene 9 - Vampire Home

"Blood is Thicker Than Water"

Astor, Arabella, Drake, Ethel,
Gargoyle, Cerberus

Scene 10 - Science Lab

Scene 11 - Outside Vampire House

"Terrified"

Drake, Lucy

INTERMISSION

ACT TWO

Scene 1 - Gymnasium, The Annual Blood Drive

"Annual Halloween Blood Drive Ball"

Full Cast

Scene 2 - School basement/hallway

"You"

Drake, Lucy

Scene 3 - Gymnasium

"Getcha"

Frank, Britney, Nikki, Abby, Chrissy, Jenny

Scene 4 - Hallway

"Perfect Ghoul Reprise"

Dee Ceased

Scene 5 - Hallway

"Puppy Love"

Scrappy, Ethel, Fido, Fifi, Rex

Scene 6 - Classroom

"Freak Show"

Monsters

Scene 7 - Hallway

Scene 8 - Same Hallway

"Bump in the Night"

Ralph

Scene 9 - Science Lab

"Reprise of Vampire Hunter"

Ms. Stake

Scene 10 - Hallway

"Be Positive"

Full Cast

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David Kasten is a Hartford Memorial Middle School 7th grader. This is David's 2nd THT show. The most important thing in life is to stop saying "I wish" and start saying "I will". Consider nothing impossible, then treat possibilities as probabilities. By Charles Dickens

Nate Krawitt is a Hanover High School sophomore. This is Nate's first year with THT.

Clay Kynor is a Hanover High School junior. This is Clay's 2nd THT show. "Do not take life too seriously. You will never get out of it alive."
- Elbert Hubbard

Johnny Lang is a Hanover High School freshman. This is Johnny's 2nd THT show. "There's no such thing as 'fun for the whole family'"
- Jerry Seinfeld

Gunnar Langhus is a Hanover High School sophomore. This is Gunnar's 2nd THT show. "I'm back. I look like a Hemsworth." - Ralph Dibny, 2018





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Locky McCann is a Richmond Middle School 8th grader. This is Locky's first THT show. "Why not you?" - Mindy Kaling

Annika Pixley is a Lebanon High School senior. This is Annika's first THT show. "Don't tell me the skies the limit when there is footprints on the moon."

Jaden Poirier is a 7th grader at Hartford Memorial Middle School. This is Jaden's 2nd THT show. "Everyone has two hands, one for helping yourself and one for helping others"

Dory Psomas is a senior at Hanover High School. This is Dory's 6th THT show. "Welcome to "Love at First Bite." The show where everything's made up and the points don't matter."

Kai Renshaw is a senior at Hanover High School. This is Kai's 5th THT show. "If you're somebody who's nobody, it's no fun to be around anybody who's everybody" - Will Ferrel

Nika Renshaw is a Hanover High School sophomore. This is Nika's 4th THT show. "Some days you're the pigeon, someday you're the statue"

Skye Robicheau is a homeschooled senior. This is Skye's 5th THT show. "Just be who you wanna be" - Kinky Boots

Gabriela Santana is a Lebanon High School junior. This is Gabriela's 2nd THT show. "Oof"

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Alicia Sanyal is a freshman at Hanover High School. This is Alicia's first THT show. "Take a sad song and make it better."

Abby Soderquist is a Hanover High School junior. This is Abby's first THT show. "The future leaders aren't the ones filling out the correct bubbles on tests they're the ones thinking through the problems in many different perspectives."

Annabelle Stott is a Lebanon High School senior. This is Annabelle's 6th THT show. "I talk a lot, so I've learned to tune myself out." -- Kelly Kapoor, The Office

Jack Starkey is a Richmond Middle School 8th grader. This is Jack's first THT show. "Everything will be okay in the end. If it's not okay, it's not the end." - John Lennon

Charlotte Sturm is a Hanover High School sophomore. This is her first year with THT. "The whole planet is on a Cobb Morty" - Rick

Anya Traudt is a freshman at Hanover High School. This is her 2nd year with THT. "Chocolate comes from coco, which is a tree, that makes it a plant. Chocolate is a salad." - a life changing unknown person

Maddy Trimpi is a sophomore at Woodstock Union High School. This is Maddy's 2nd year with THT. "I regard the theatre as the greatest of all art forms, the most immediate way in which a human being can share with another the sense of what it is to be a human being." - Thornton Wilder

Alex Whyte is a sophomore at Mascoma Valley Regional High School. This is Alex's 5th year with THT. "Isn't it funny how like, elephants like, have a saggy butt?" - Kim Kardashian

Logan Winny is a Lebanon High School junior. This is Logan's 6th THT show. "We suck but we're loud" -Larry Blaidell

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