The story of an extraordinary week in the life of an ordinary high school community. It's Homecoming Week at Newman High. The words “tradition”, “pride” and “spirit” are in the air. When an act of vandalism raises questions about the Newman Brave - the school's beloved Native American mascot and logo - an ordinary student is inspired to take action.

*KICK* explores the feelings behind the reality of racial stereotypes. It is the story of an extraordinary week in the life of an ordinary high school community and it follows Grace Greene as she faces a difficult decision. Over the course of *KICK*, Grace encounters new thoughts and feelings about education, activism and her own Cherokee heritage.

*KICK* also asks questions: What are the costs of speaking out against injustice? Do young people have the power to create change? How can we be seen as unique individuals in a world of powerful, sometimes demeaning racial images? And what about “political correctness”? Are there limits to how sensitive and tolerant we have to be.

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“We are not ‘honored’ by the Newman Brave. We are not honored to have our scared symbols used as part of someone’s game. Imagine what it would feel like to have a crucifix, or the Star of David painted on the gymnasium floor. Imagine how it would feel to have your people used as mascots.” - Grace Greene in *KICK*

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