

SALLY LOOKS BACK ON THE JOURNEY

so did it surprise you, the way harry was?

looking back, I guess I **sort of** expected Harry **to be this way**. I mean, Amanda **had** warned me, **saying** Harry was not a **sunny** kind of guy. **actually, that was why** she **agreed to date him**.

what was so strange about him?

there were a lot of strange habits **he had that no one I've ever met had**. **none** of my friends is **like that**. his habits **included reading** the last page of every book first **so that he didn't miss out on** the fun part **in case** he died before he finished the book. I mean, that just doesn't **make sense**, does it?

why do you suppose he was saying all those things?

he was saying this to **impress me**, I guess. **most girls** would easily **be impressed by** a guy with a dark side. **not me though**. but it wasn't **that** bad. it certainly wasn't **as bad as** I'm **making it sound** right now.

so what did you do? did you tell him what you thought?

I **made it clear** to him I didn't **go for** this kind of depressing stuff. I told him **he'd better save** it for someone **young enough to be fooled by** it. you know, **I've been there done that**. although it's true I **may have been impressed** by such an attitude ten years ago. **not anymore, though**.

did he get angry when you told him that?

not really. he **made fun of** me **for being** a person who never **gets depressed**. **as if thinking** about death all the time **makes you** an interesting person.

were you nice to him or were you mean?

I suppose I **was being** a bit too ironic when I told him that all you **achieve by getting** ready for death is **wasting** your whole life. I mean, **that's what** I really think and I think it **made him wonder** if he **was doing the right thing**.