

Zoe would have asked questions to a charging rhino, and Proxy wasn't quite that.

--about Darius; P tells about him going haywire

Zoe

The tip of her tongue showed as she thought.

Z and R full of vim & vinegar

Zoe: uses "Besides," another time or two fairly early in ms (1st use p. 76)

Zoe

What obtains, Algernon?

(Zoe) groaned in concern.

Zoe and I wore creases into our ears at the vent, our world at the mercy of the voices in the bar room.

bright as a goldfinch

Zoe

thin as a toothpick, and as sharp

If we were ever bored, I don't remember it.

add traps/mention of trapper to back room

Z: "What's that?"

R: "A wolf trap." others are coyote

Z: "Ooh, ow."

Zoe

A bold female was not new to me--what else was Velma Simms?--but Zoe was in a category all her own.

Rusty/Zoe

#Dibs on

"Are we even Steven on this?"

*now?*

"Just you quit."

"Tough." (i.e., that's just too bad)

The age of 12 may be the midnight of chaste childhood, but the 2 of us were in the  
dark about that, thank goodness.

*pure-hearted  
unscorped  
unsullied*

"We could even change our names. Actors do it all the time."

"Really? (or: They do? How?)

"They just do. Roy Rogers is Leonard Slye."

Rusty

If I was a bundle of inquisitiveness, Zoe was a 00.

Duane calls Zoe "eyechart"? (Her Greek name wd have to begin w/ X)

Zoe

sassy eyes

Zoe in blind bit

her eyes perfectly vacant

Zoe

Groovy.

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Zoe

"Yesss." (?)

(That kind of thing) went off with a bang in a 12-year-old mind.

Twelve-year-old minds can click fast when there's good reason.

...which sent Zoe giggling through the louver slats again.

"Aw, Zoe, be a guy."

"What?"

"Never mind."

Zoe

nut-brown eyes, hazel although that was a color I didn't yet have a word for,

Zoe could strike up a conversation w/ the nearest gatepost.

Zoe

You expect girls at that age to get huffy and prissy. Zoe got deadly.

Zoe: wide-set eyes, so that she seemed to be looking at you from two directions.

Zoe

the midnight of her eyes

Zoe

mannerism: begins occasional sentence with "Plus"

"Plus, you wouldn't want to..."

*Besides,*

we had played doctor and knew the so-called facts of life--kids can almost smell this  
on each other--

Rusty & Zoe

We weren't dumb.

Rusty abt Zoe

What luck! She was an eavesdropper after my own heart.

Zoe

Proxy (?) calls her Skinny Minnie.

We seemed to catch it from each other.

(Angus-Rob feud during enforced sheep partnership)

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For someone with a (rather pretty) snub nose, Carnelia could look down it a mile.

or: It was astonishing how far down her snub nose she could look (when it came to...)

or: Carnelia looked down her nose at most things, and all things Milliron.