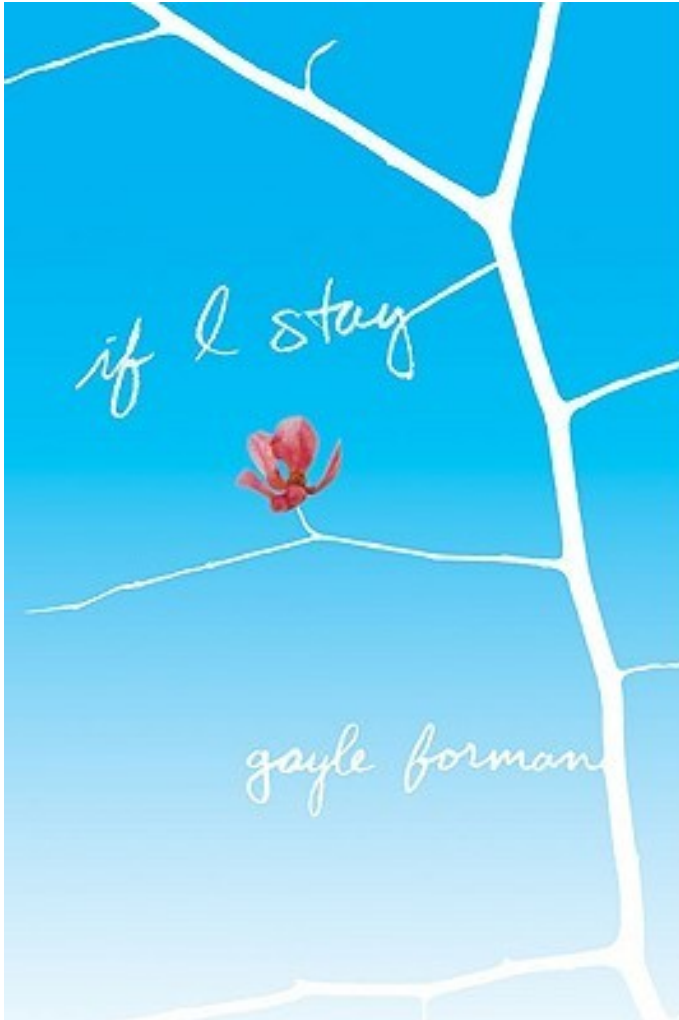

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Just listen, Adam says with a voice that sounds like shrapnel.

I open my eyes wide now.

I sit up as much as I can.

And I listen.

Stay, he says.

Choices. Seventeen-year-old Mia is faced with some tough ones: Stay true to her first love—music—even if it means losing her boyfriend and leaving her family and friends behind?

Then one February morning Mia goes for a drive with her family, and in an instant, everything changes. Suddenly, all the choices are gone, except one. And it's the only one that matters.

If I Stay is a heartachingly beautiful book about the power of love, the true meaning of family, and the choices we all make.

Insightful reviews

Vanessa: I keep hearing that *If I Stay* by Gayle Forman is this wonderfully heartbreaking novel. Some reviewers have cried, some have felt empty after reading this, and... unfortunately, your Auntie Nessa is just not one of them. (Also, haven't read this book since July 2012, finally decided to finish my review... in January 2013. Go me.)

If I Stay follows the story of a girl named Mia, with a perfect family who decide to go out into the city on a snow day, and their car crashes, killing everyone in it. Except for the main character, who lingers on as a spirit and has to deal with the fallout of losing her entire family but being unable to do anything about it. There's also flashbacks to her and her boyfriend, concerts, and by the end of the book, her spirit merges back with her body, despite the inner turmoil she has between leaving this world, or living on as an orphan.

Maybe it's because I *really can't stand* 'chick-flicks' such as *The Note Book*, that this novel just didn't go over well with me. I didn't know too much about the plot, but I just didn't feel sad *at all* when Mia's family died. It's upsetting when you stop to think about it, but it just didn't get any visceral reaction from me while reading.

I think my main fault was with the characterisation of everyone. They are *way* too perfect. (Well, the dad loses a few points for dissing Alice Cooper and insisting on playing The Ramones instead during the car journey. Just a personal thing.) I mean, the novel starts out like a freaking 'perfect, white middle class American family' commercial. It's snowing outside, but everyone is snug and warm inside. They're making stacks of pancakes and Mia's little brother is saying silly,

naïve things. The father is just like: "Hehe, you go, sport." And then we are told that our main female character has incredible musical talent. And her boyfriend Adam is in a band, and he is also musically gifted. Oh, look! The radio announces that there's a snow day! Much rejoicing!

Until, of course, the car accident. Now, thankfully, I see Mia as becoming less of an annoying shit-head than Ever Bloom was in Alyson Noël's novel, in which a perfect girl *also* lost her family in a car accident, but I found it an absolute chore to read. Flashback, then Mia being sad at the hospital, then flashback then hospital then... argh. Seriously, it was always some revelation about her out-of-body experience, then it went back to her family, and this kind of narrative just didn't do it for me.

The ending was also really dull, and I just felt nothing after reading it, like I had wasted my time.

If I Stay had some nice writing at points, though. I also grew to like Mia somewhat after being in her head for all this time, but her boyfriend's behaviour was kind of ridiculous at times. I mean, this is a guy who considers pulling the hospital's fire alarm so that he can sneak into the intensive care unit Mia is in without the nurse noticing. Mia is also guilty of this, since when she sees her grandparents showing up (as her next of kin), she instead thinks of how much she wants to see her boyfriend. What?

I'm sure if you like tearjerkers and cozy 'chick flick' books, this one will light up your world. Unfortunately, I'm not about to forgive the boring pacing, the constant flipping between different time periods, and the lack of emotional connection with the characters. 2/5.

(This review is also on my blog: <http://book-wyrm.blogspot.co.uk/2013/...>)

Z Russo: My impression? It was good. Not fantastic, but okay. Decent. Tolerable. But I'm a bit irritated with this book right now, because it is one of those books that has been ridiculously overrated. Yeah, it was sad. But not 'devastating'. Not 'heart-wrenching'. This book was fine, but I honestly think that if I had read the first chapter and then read the last chapter I wouldn't have missed much. Yes, her parents were both beautiful people who will be missed. And I have to admit the whole story of her brother's life and death tugged at my heartstrings. But at the end of the book, I found myself feeling more bored than anything. This book wasn't new, or original, or groundbreaking. It was a way for me to kill time while I waited for my Mom to pick me up from school. I've seen stuff like this novel a million times before, and most of them were a lot more sad. Sorry Forman, but I'm not impressed.

EDIT: Guys, I wrote this review in 2010. Do you seriously feel the need to continue commenting on this, when I've been messaged by die-hard fans and fellow haters alike, had to answer every possible argument for or against it, and been criticized for ~daring~ to write a less-than-glowing review on a website whose *literal purpose* is to review, critique, gush about, and condemn books? Are you honestly that rilled up by a negative opinion?

If *I Stay* just isn't that great. My tastes have changed quite a bit since I read it, and I stand by my opinion. Why do you care? Why are you still whining about it when a simple read-through of the

comments will show that I've already addressed your specific complaint? Go away. Write your own glowing review. Watch the movie version coming up (which also looks terrible, but what do I know). Go. Leave. I don't care. I do not care. *I don't caaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaare.*



Juliana Zapata: Nada de lo que leí o escuché sobre éste libro me preparó para leerlo.

En las primeras 25 páginas ya estaba hecha un mar de lágrimas, es sin duda una historia desgarradora y hermosa, muy bien escrita y con un mensaje maravilloso.

Reseña Completa: <http://bastvilard.blogspot.com/2015/0...>

Jessica ? Elsecaller ? at Rabid Reads: Reviewed by: Rabid Reads This is the 1st time i have reread *If I Stay* . . . and i am chuffed to document that once 5 years, it really is nonetheless a wonderful book. It's extraordinary to me how, in exactly a number of brief pages, Forman is ready to make you care concerning the corridor family. particularly care. feel it while Mia starts off to observe from outdoor herself, as her life, her world, is totally destroyed. My dad smiles and faucets on his pipe. He began smoking one lately as a part of this entire Nineteen Fifties Father understands most sensible unfashionable kick he's on. He additionally wears bow ties. i'm by no means fairly transparent on even if all this is often sartorial or sardonic---Dad's approach of saying that he was a punker yet is now a middle-school English teacher, or if turning into an instructor has truly grew to become my dad into this actual throwback. yet i love the scent of the pipe tobacco. it truly is candy and smoky, and jogs my memory of winters and woodstoves. And simply as Mia isn't yes approximately which her father is being---sartorial or sardonic---I'm by no means definite on which Forman is being either. it has been goodbye that i will not be mindful what my first effect of this e-book was, but if i began analyzing this time, i used to be nervous . . . nervous that this older-and-wiser me was once going to hate the book that I formerly loved, b/c numerous instances Mia and her mom and dad stumble upon as not anything greater than pretentious hipsters, who're too rattling cool for everyone, yet as I persisted reading, increasingly more insights approximately Mia's point of view and preoccupation along with her personal (lack of) coolness have been revealed, and rather than being irritating, during this one, singular state of affairs it made sense. Mia's mom and dad quite are that cool. it isn't pretense. it is not affectation. Her mom has moxie, her father is geektastic with a previously punk twist, b/c he performed drums for a punk band, now not b/c he listened to it at the radio. Her seven 12 months outdated brother has "verve," and says issues like: "I'm gonna be 8 in December. Then i am a guy and you will have to name me 'Ted,'" Teddy reported. And Mia . . . well, Mia performs cello. Not that there is whatever unsuitable with taking part in the cello . . . yet relatively . . . it may provide issues. specially while her father makes jokes approximately Mia being switched at birth, b/c she does not even appear like the remainder of her blonde-haired, blue-eyed family. AND b/c Teddy was once born at a birthing middle the place a mixture up used to be impossible---neither meant to be in anyway hurtful to Mia, yet come on . . . you have in mind what it was once like . . . scrutinizing off-hand comments, psychoanalyzing conversations . . . If i used to be the brunette counterpart of my Arian family, and my mom and dad refused to enable my child brother be born in a hospital, i may certainly see myself pondering . . . in the event that they have been pondering . . . The element is regardless of the inherent coolness of Mia's family, it is a genuine family, and Mia's recounting of them is stuffed with bittersweetly recognizable truths. And during this tale . . . a kind of truths is that Mia has to come to a decision if she's going to stay. That selection is a painful process. i am not going to lie, I sobbed audibly whereas studying this book. yet Mia's tale is as attractive because it is heartbreaking, as hopeful because it is bleak, and that i wouldn't surrender studying Mia and her kinfolk for anything. this can be one of many books that may stick to you for years. So please . . . do your self a prefer and skim it sooner than going to determine the motion picture while it comes out on Friday. you will not remorse it.

Chloe: This publication is an emotional curler coaster yet I enjoyed it!

Anna: motion picture TRAILER ?????????? i am so excited. I enjoyed this ebook challenging !!!! significant goosebumps whereas staring at and naturally I bawled my eyeballs out !!! here is the hyperlink to the trailer :<http://youtu.be/rMp896hfp74>This e-book used to be beautiful. filled with a lot living, dying, loving, crying....Not inevitably in that order. this can be a publication approximately Mia instructed from Mia's aspect of view, which incidentally was once heart-breaking and gorgeous. On a typical day within the general lifetime of 17 yr outdated Mia and her mom, her dad and her little brother Teddy...Life derailed and took a distinct course.....a attractive snow day turns tragicThe tale begins. She is a cellist. super talented and Juillard bound. Mia is in a coma from the twist of fate and the tale is her having an out of physique experience. it's fantastically written. i used to be emotionally invested. I in simple terms took a holiday to wipe my tears away. existence is a present that typically we take for granted. analyzing this tale actually made me detect that its very important If I stay. If I live. it is as much as meAll this discuss medically brought on comas is simply healthcare professional talk. it is not as much as the doctors. Its less than the absentee angels. it isn't even as much as God who, if He exists, is nowhere round correct now. it truly is as much as meAs "she" is wandering the halls of the sanatorium she is seeking her boyfriend Adam. Adam absolutely received my heart. Singer, track writer, lover of song and such a lot of all completely in love with Mia. Full-throttle, intense, can't-erase-that-goofy-smile form of love.But now that Adam is here, i am paralyzed. i am scared to work out him. to work out his face. If he's crying it is going to kill me. fail to remember this can be my selection business. That on my own will do me inI do not care. I in basic terms want a second. So i will express her that i am here. that somebody continues to be hereLike I said, this booklet provoked loads of options for me. plenty of emotions. regular trickle of misty-eyed moments after which a few outbursts of full-out WAILING. Anna-Style....where I scare my hubby and he thinks i am having a seizure. you have been warned.In the quiet nook of the ICU I begin to quite take into consideration the sour issues i have controlled to disregard up to now today. What would it not be like if I stay? What would it not suppose prefer to get up an orphan? To by no means scent Dad smoke a pipe? To by no means stand subsequent to mother quietly speaking as we do dishes? To by no means learn Teddy one other bankruptcy of Harry Potter? to stick with no them? i am not definite it is a international I belong in anymore. i am not yes that i need to wake upAdam~ Its okay. in order to go. every body wishes you to stay. i would like you to stick greater than i have ever sought after something in my life. yet that is what i need and that i may perhaps see why it will possibly no longer be what you want. So I simply desired to inform you that I comprehend in case you go. it is ok with the intention to cease fightingAdam is mumbling anything now. In a low voice. again and again he's saying: Please. Please. Please. Please. Please. Please. ultimately he stops and appears at my face. "Please Mia" he implores. "Don't make me write a song."STAYIf you stay, i'm going to do no matter what you will wantAnd that will suck, yet i might do it. i will lose you love that if i do not lose you today. i'm going to allow you to go. if you happen to stayAnd then he's taking her hand and she or he has visions. She sees a future. She hears music. She sees vacationing a cemetery with 3 graves. She sees long island City. She sees her cello.....She feels the pain....She determined TO STAYGORGEOUS booklet COVERSLOVE could make YOU IMMORTAL?Im diving correct into publication 2Told from Adams aspect of view. My middle is preparedbring it !!!!! ?

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