



BOOK RESUME: IF I STAY

BOOK SYNOPSIS

Heart-wrenchingly raw and heartbreakingly romantic, Gayle Forman's international bestseller asks the ultimate question: What would you do if you had to choose?

Everything can change in an instant. For Mia, the day started like any other, surrounded by a loving family, an adoring boyfriend, and a bright future filled with music and infinite possibilities. What she never expected is the choice before her now. Caught between life and death, between a happy past and an uncertain future, Mia has to contemplate everything she holds dear and make a choice: to go or to stay.

Adapted into a major motion picture starring Chloe Grace Moretz, Mia's story will stay with you for a long, long time.

REVIEWS AND PRAISE

★ "Intensely moving, the novel will force readers to take stock of their lives and the people and things that make them worth living." —*Publishers Weekly*, starred review

★ "Mia's story will engage readers willing to suspend their disbelief that the future can be seen in the present." —*Booklist*, starred review "Beautifully written." —*Entertainment Weekly*

★ "Forman excels at inserting tiny but powerful details throughout . . . which will draw readers into this masterful text and undoubtedly tug at even the toughest of heartstrings." —*Kirkus Reviews*, starred review

"A beautiful novel." —*Los Angeles Times*

"A do-not-miss story of love, friendship, family, loss, control, and coping." —*Justine Magazine*

"The brilliance of this book is the simplicity." —*The Wall Street Journal*

"A touching and thought-provoking novel." —*Romantic Times*

"Every moment I spent reading Forman's masterpiece drew me in more." —NPR.com

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Grade Range: Gr 9 Up

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“The author endows the narrative with as much humor as poignancy and lays bare the challenges Mia has encountered in each of her relationships as well as the breakthroughs, leaving readers in suspense until the final bars.”

—*Shelf Awareness*

AWARDS AND ACCOLADES

- A YALSA Teens Top Ten selection
- An Alaska Battle of the Books selection
- An Arizona Grand Canyon Reader Award selection
- A California Young Reader Award selection
- A Delaware Blue Hen Book Award selection
- A Washington DC Capitol Choices selection
- A Florida Teens Read selection
- A Georgia Peach Book Award for Teen Readers selection
- An Indiana Eliot Rosewater High School Book Award selection
- A Kentucky Bluegrass Award selection
- A Maryland Black-Eyed Susan Book Award selection
- A Michigan Thumbs Up! Award selection
- A Michigan Great Lakes, Great Books Award selection
- A Missouri Gateway Readers Award selection
- A New Hampshire Isinglass Teen Read List selection
- A New Jersey Garden State Teen Book Award selection
- An Oklahoma Sequoyah Book Award selection
- An Oregon Reader’s Choice Award selection
- An Oregon Battle of the Books selection
- A Pennsylvania Young Reader’s Choice Award selection
- A South Carolina Young Adult Book Awards selection
- A Tennessee Volunteer State Book Award selection
- A Texas TAYSHAS Reading List selection
- A Virginia Readers’ Choice selection
- A Washington Evergreen Young Adult Book Award selection
- A Wyoming Soaring Eagle Book Award selection

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