



BOOK RESUME: WE ARE OKAY

BOOK SYNOPSIS

You go through life thinking there's so much you need. . . . Until you leave with only your phone, your wallet, and a picture of your mother. Marin hasn't spoken to anyone from her old life since the day she left everything behind. No one knows the truth about those final weeks. Not even her best friend Mabel. But even thousands of miles away from the California coast, at college in New York, Marin still feels the pull of the life and tragedy she's tried to outrun. Now, months later, alone in an emptied dorm for winter break, Marin waits. Mabel is coming to visit and Marin will be forced to face everything that's been left unsaid and finally confront the loneliness that has made a home in her heart.

Title: We Are Okay

Author: Nina LaCour

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Age Range*: 14 and up

Grade Range: Gr 8 Up
(Recommended by School Library Journal)

An intimate whisper that packs an indelible punch, *We Are Okay* is Nina LaCour at her finest. This gorgeously crafted and achingly honest portrayal of grief will leave you urgent to reach across any distance to reconnect with the people you love.

REVIEWS AND PRAISE

★“Exquisite.” —*Kirkus Reviews*, starred review

★“LaCour paints a captivating depiction of loss, bewilderment, and emotional paralysis . . . raw and beautiful.” —*Booklist*, starred review

★“Beautifully crafted . . . A quietly moving, potent novel.” —*School Library Journal*, starred review

★“A moving portrait of a girl struggling to rebound after everything she's known has been thrown into disarray.” —*Publishers Weekly*, starred review

★“Bittersweet and hopeful . . . poetic and skillfully crafted.” —*Shelf Awareness*, starred review

“Short, poetic and gorgeously written.” —*The New York Times Book Review*

“A beautiful, devastating piece of art.” —*Bookpage*

AWARDS AND ACCOLADES

- Winner of the Michael L. Printz Award
- A ALA Rainbow List Top Ten selection

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- A YALSA Best Fiction for Young Adults selection
- An Illinois Lincoln Teen Reader's Choice Award selection
- A Rhode Island Teen Book Award selection
- A Texas TAYSHAS Reading List selection
- A Washington DC Capitol Choices Reading List selection
- A New Hampshire Flume Book Award selection
- A Iowa High School Book Award selection
- A TODAY Show Must-Read Book
- A *Boston Globe* Best Book of the Year
- A *Seventeen* Best Book of the Year
- A *News & Observer* Best Book of the Year
- A *Booklist* Editors' Choice selection
- A *Publishers Weekly* Best Book of the Year
- A *Bustle* Best Book of the Year
- A New York Public Library Best Book of the Year

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