

# If We Were Us by K. L. Walther

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### **BOOK SYNOPSIS**

A high school romance that flips the switch on the will they or won't they trope when two best friends are forced to confront truths about their friendship, identities, and relationships during their senior year at boarding school.

Everyone at the prestigious Bexley School believes that Sage Morgan and Charlie Carmichael are meant to be. Even though Charlie seems to have a new girlfriend every month, and Sage has never had a real relationship, their friends and family all know it's just a matter of time until they realize that they are actually in love.

When Luke Morrissey shows up on the Bexley campus his presence immediately shakes things up. Charlie and Luke are drawn to each other the moment they meet, giving Sage the opportunity to spend time with Charlie's twin brother, Nick.

But Charlie is afraid of what others will think if he accepts that he has much more than a friendship with Luke. And Sage fears that if she lets things with Nick get too serious too quickly, they won't be able to last as a couple outside of high school and miss their chance at forever. The duo will need to rely on each other and their lifelong friendship to figure things out with the boys they love.

### **REVIEWS AND PRAISE**

"Gripping...Entertainingly depicts mature views on life, friendship, and romance." —Kirkus Reviews

"An excellent choice for most YA collections, this will be welcomed by fans of Becky Albertalli's *Simon vs. the Homo Sapiens Agenda* and Molly Backes's *The Princesses of Iowa*." — <u>School Library Journal</u>

## **AWARDS AND ACCOLADES**

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