

IF HE HAD BEEN WITH ME

by Laura Nowlin

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Rating (0 stars is the absolute worst, 10 stars is the BEST BOOK EVER)



Genre(s):



Contemporary/Realistic



Action/adventure



Science Fiction



Fantasy



Romance



Horror



Mystery



Nonfiction



Historical fiction



Other:

If He Had Been With Me by Laura Nowlin follows Autumn and Finny, two childhood friends whose lives become more complicated as they grow older and drift apart. Despite their moms being best friends and growing up as neighbors, their changing friendships, romantic relationships, and personal challenges gradually pull them apart. As the story unfolds, Autumn looks back on the events, relationships, and decisions that have influenced her life. She often finds herself questioning how different choices might have changed her future while navigating the challenges of adolescence, love, and self-discovery.

I would recommend this book because it is emotional, realistic, and easy to become invested in. The author does an excellent job portraying teenage friendships, family relationships, first love, and the uncertainty that comes with growing up. Autumn's thoughts and feelings feel authentic, making it easy to connect with her as a character. The story is written in a way that keeps readers engaged and emotionally connected.

This book is best suited for readers who enjoy contemporary young adult fiction, romance, and character-driven stories. People who like books that focus on relationships and emotions rather than fast-paced action will likely enjoy it the most. While some readers may find the story heartbreaking, its powerful themes and relatable characters make it a memorable read that stays with you long after finishing the final page.

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