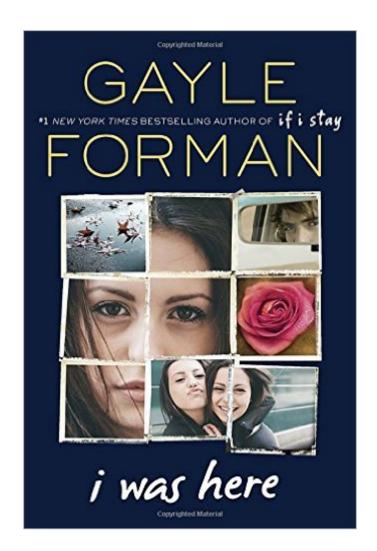
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## Synopsis

The newest heartwrenchingly powerful novel from the bestelling author of IF I STAY. When her best friend Meg drinks a bottle of industrial-strength cleaner alone in a motel room, Cody is understandably shocked and devastated. She and Meg shared everythingâ "so how was there no warning? But when Cody travels to Megâ <sup>™</sup>s college town to pack up the belongings left behind, she discovers that thereâ <sup>™</sup>s a lot that Meg never told her. About her old roommates, the sort of people Cody never would have met in her dead-end small town in Washington. About Ben McAllister, the boy with a guitar and a sneer, and some secrets of his own. And about an encrypted computer file that Cody canâ <sup>™</sup>t openâ "until she does, and suddenly everything Cody thought she knew about her best friendâ <sup>™</sup>s death gets thrown into question. I Was Here is Gayle Forman at her finest, a taut, emotional, and ultimately redemptive story about redefining the meaning of family and finding a way to move forward even in the face of unspeakable loss.

## **Book Information**

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## **Customer Reviews**

2 - "If that's what happens to normal, what hope is there for the rest of us?" Stars.I think I should firstly say that I am a huge fan of Gayle Formanâ <sup>™</sup>s books. She somehow manages to take a bunch of fairly unremarkable, usual characters and give them what starts out as an ordinary story, but with one unique twist, turns them into extraordinary books. I am guaranteed to need tissues and want a hug after finishing a book by her, but I always feel I am a better person for having read the story she has given me.You get all of the above with I Was Here with the exception of needing

tissues and wanting a hug. This book left me cold; I know that is a pretty blunt summation, but thatâ <sup>™</sup>s how I felt. I am not sure what went wrong but for me there was no emotion from me or the characters, I felt no empathy or sympathy for what any of them were experiencing, and I could find no real solid reasoning for half of the things Cody did, thought or said. I would go as far as to say disliked her, her mother, their attitudes and just them in general intensely.Ben didnâ <sup>™</sup>t evoke much from me either, in fact no one in the book did really, apart from Megâ <sup>™</sup>s little brother Scottie. Megâ <sup>™</sup>s suicide and the reasoning behind it, her familyâ <sup>™</sup>s behavior in the aftermath, and the actions Cody took to try and get to the bottom of the mysteryâ | nothing. I felt absolutely nothing, I kept reading as I was sure that at some point something would happen to give me that lump in my throat, bring on that lip wobble or just a slight tear to the eye.I have absolutely no doubt that I am probably in the minority with my feelings about this book, Gayle is, and will always be an author I am happy to read a book by.

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