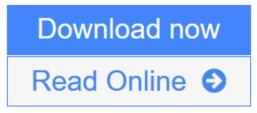


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Miss Me Not is a beautiful story of self-discovery, forgiveness, caring, and love.

Madison Hanson's past demons have given her a shadow of an existence with little hope. With the sudden tragic death of a fellow student, Madison questions her own life choices, and is now forced to evaluate everything she thought she believed in.

When fate intervenes and partners her with Dean Jackson, a popular "all around good guy" from school, Madison gets a glimpse of a life that is filled with sunshine that has the power to break through the darkness she has cloaked herself in.

With Dean's help, Madison discovers a desire to finally step out of the shadows, and embrace life and all its gifts.

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### A. Bookzilla. says

08.02.'13. Free today in the Kindle store!

Despite not really loving the one book by Tiffany King I read, this sounded interesting and I really wanted to give her another chance and read it.

If you've ever thought about suicide (and seriously, who hasn't?), you should read this. I won't say that there weren't things I disliked about it, but Tiffany King does deal with this sensitive subject with respect and it's not just empty words.

Honestly, I didn't like Madison so much, but this is mainly because I spent the book worrying about James because she just left him behind. (view spoiler) But you can see the change in her from this non-existence to learning to want to live.

Other than this, I did love the story. When you find something worth living for, no matter how small - just something to appreciate life for, like a beautiful tree in the park - it's easy to make that choice to live, and that's the message Tiffany King sends.

Dean was great and I was so glad he never gave up on her. His whole family was beyond awesome. As for Madison's mom - ugh. I have nothing else to say.

The ending was a bit rushed, but it will leave you satisfied.

I'm glad I gave this author another chance.

### **Dani Morales says**

So one of the things that I absolutely LOVE about Tiffany King is her ability to write a book about a controversial issue and make you feel characters are feeling. Suicide is something I take very seriously and I hate when people bash it or the people we have lost. So I applaud Tiffany for taking on such a strong topic and doing so in an amazing job. Most of you are wondering why I can applaud her and say that what she has written is the truth. This is why; up until I was 18 I struggled with life and seriously thought about suicide. In some cases Madison and I are alike so I can relate to her. Where she made a pact with her best friend James, I actually tried to go through with it. Her tattoo's on her wrist are there to remind herself, I have a tattoo on my left wrist for the same reason. Only mine is the Chinese symbol for faith, it covers up my scar of the one time I tried to cut my wrist. So that's my story and that why I love Miss Me Not and Tiffany King for writing this book. The more people bring this epidemic to attention, maybe the more lives could be saved. I wasn't able to find a statistic for 2011 but there were 38,364 suicide deaths reported in the U.S. in 2010. Many of you might have known one of these people, some of you have might not, and some of you might know one or more who could become part of the statistic for this year. The point is to open your eyes and see what's around you. YOU could be the person to change the life of someone even if you don't realize it. Okay I know you are probably tired of reading about this.. so on to the book!

Madison had a really hard life. She had two parents who were there but who never actually there. So she took it upon herself to try and get the attention of them. Granted some was a little extreme and one that ultimately ended pretty badly. That one thing ultimately left Madison feeling alone and had her fading into the background. Being in Jr.High/High school and the rumors spreading about her didn't help her see the point in life. When she met James, who became her best friend, the pact was formed. Their friendship wasn't the typical friendship; they provided comfort for each other, an out. That was until a fellow "shadow" stole their thunder. Then Madison had to meet with a tutor for one of the classes she was in, what she didn't see coming was that it was going to be Dean. Madison considered him to be possibly the king of the populars, but she didn't count on developing feelings for him.

I absolutely love Dean. He is quite possibly the best guy ever, so sweet, and never gives up. He starts off by tutoring Madison and gets her to agree to more tutoring even though it was supposed to be the one time. He slowly starts to chip away at the wall she's built around herself. Getting her to open up to his touches and hanging out. He ignores the rumors about Madison and agrees to keep their friendship a secret. He takes her to meet his parents, to her first time at a theme park, and gains her trust. Dean is slowly getting under Madison's skin. He's getting her to trust him. It's not easy and Madison pushes every chance she gets telling him she doesn't need to be saved... but whether or not she needs to be saved, maybe, just maybe Dean has his own motives?

What happened to Madison that has her making a pact with James to be suicide buddies? What's the reason for Dean wanting Madison to trust him so badly? Will Madison and Dean's attraction for each other make the friendship line blur into something more? The ultimate question...what happens to Madison, was she saved or does she become another statistic?

You have to pick up this book and buy it. It is beautiful and Tiffany King, there's no words to express how much I love and appreciate the time and effort it took to write a book like this. You are a hero and definitely brought hope to anyone who reads this and has is considering suicide. I want you to know, speaking from personal experience, that I wish I had a book like this to read when I was in that position in my life, sometimes all we need is a little hope. This book is that hope.

### Amanda (Hootie) Clark says

I NEED A HUG! I can't even describe how much I loved this book but I will try! When I first started reading it I was nervous about the subject matter, but as I got into the story I found myself getting absorbed into it so deeply I was halfway through before I realized it!

So you got this girl, Madison, who doesn't like to be touched and has a bitch for a mom. She doesn't want to continue living in her world of exile. She always felt invisible to her parents so she acted out to try and get attention. When the acting out turned into something more than she could handle shit hit the fan and caused a rift in her life that made her feel like death was the only solution. So she makes a pact with her "friend" James. I used quotations because her friendship with James is superficial only, she hasn't gotten close to anyone due to her past. Before they can carry out the pact another student commits suicide and inadvertently saves Madison's life.

"That asshole Mitch Johnson saved my life today. What a prick."

She starts to reevaluate her situation and the reasons she wanted to take her own life to begin with, when she

gets roped into being tutored by one of "The Populars" named Dean Jackson.

OH Dean!

"Fuck me. Seriously, out of the entire student body, Ms. Jones would pick him."

Madison is immediately prickly with Dean assuming he is another person in her life who will cause her grief over past sins but it turns out he becomes one of her biggest champions. I loved this relationship for so many reasons but the obvious is how much Dean helps Madison throughout the book. After a while they decide to be friends.

"Your regular friends are going to give you shit for it,"

With Dean being popular Madison fears him being associated with her will cause him problems. Dean, being the absolute sweetheart that he is puts her fears to rest and reassures her he doesn't care what anyone else thinks.

Madison soon discovers that by having a friendship with Dean she has neglected her "Suicide Buddy" James. Things start to get serious for Dean and Madison as they move from friends to dating and he takes her to meet his family. Dean's mom takes a special liking to Madison and becomes her surrogate mother in a sense which I totally cried about. I felt so bad for Madison during this book but as you slowly progress into the story things start to look up for her. Dean's family takes her in and they show her what a real family is supposed to look like. There were so many funny parts in this book that really helped break up the heavy topics and make it a litter lighter and fun.

"Was it too much to ask for a germaphobe in the group?"

I was pleasantly surprised to find so much witty banter between all the characters. Madison had a spunk about her that made me feel like I could connect to her because I have felt like she has a time or two. When she was faced with negativity she bit back with sarcasm and who doesn't love that!

"Isn't it supposed to be 'dudes before boobs' or something like that?"

I think I found my new catch phrase! I laughed more than I thought I would while reading this book. I absolutely loved that about Miss Me Not. Yes it's a sensitive subject and yes it can get heavy at times but Tiffany broke up the heavy with laughter and sweet moments that will make you tear up or full out cry. With the help of Dean's family Madison starts to put back the pieces of her life and finds it isn't as bad as she once thought and begins the healing process. I was beyond blown away by this book and I have faith you will be too! I absolutely believe this is the strongest book Tiffany has written hands down! I was left feeling extremely happy and satisfied (That's what She said)

I seriously can't describe how I felt when I was finished with this book! It was the perfect balance of all elements, Drama, Love, Conflict and Tragedy. I loved the way Madison overcame her demons and came out stronger for it. I wanted to beat the shit out of her mother basically throughout the damn book though. Dean was the perfect guy being understanding, sweet, and patient with Madison. The message behind the it all was

beautiful, if you hold on for a little bit longer you will eventually come out of the darkness that threatens to take you down. You don't stay in one situation for too long and Miss Me Not really brought that fact to light. It was the perfect book to read for anyone who has felt like the only way out is suicide and the author should be really proud of that. I highly recommend you give this book a try because like me, you WILL NOT REGRET IT!

### Jennifer Kyle says

"Would I really be missed? Would Dean miss me? I looked down at the flower that was still clutched in my hand and began plucking off petals. "Miss me, miss me not."

Madison Hanson is a high school student with a sad past and sadder present. She has gotten the role of being a shadow down pat. Madison and her best friend, James, make a suicide pact. Death seemed to be closure on their heartbreaking day to day lives.

When the news of Mitch Johnson suicide is announced at school, she is angry that Mitch beat them to the punch. Watching the reactions to the loss of Mitch Johnson the boy she didn't know hits her hard. She tries to live.

Madison's history grades start to slip and her teacher recommends a fellow student who happens to be Dean Jackson, the boy who has it all, to tutor her.

Dean is a wonderful character! He tries to be Madison's friend and little by little and inch by inch he earns her trust. Through her time with Dean and his family she sees all that a family can be and feels loved and cared for.

Tiffany King writing is excellent! This story makes a lasting impact on those who read it. The subject matter is serious and the story takes to you some very sad places of thoughts and circumstances.

The lifesaving message of reaching out to someone who has become a shadow in their own lives couldn't be more important!

"My world was suddenly filled with people who were the petals of the daisy that would miss me."

### Andrea Gage says

\*\*\*I received an ARC copy of this book\*\*\*

Tiffany King is one of my favorite authors out there. Her book Forever Changed was the first book to make me cry and is one of, if not my favorite book of 2012.

Miss Me Not is a book that will touch a lot of people's lives. I myself having gone through some of the obstacles that Madison had to go through related to this story more than I could have imagined. MMN was a fantastic read and is so beautifully written that I cried more than once, if not all the way through. MMN is raw and it cuts you right down to your core. It may just be a story but, if you have not already realized it, you start to realize that there are people out there similar to Madison and it makes you feel for those people.

Miss Me Not is on my to be read again pile, as well as being put in my must recommend pile. I believe everyone, especially people with children, should read this book.

### **Autumn Review says**

I tend to steer clear of books about suicide. It's just one of those topics that is difficult for me to read about. However, when I was asked to review this one, I accepted. I suppose it's because I knew that despite the difficult subject matter, that Tiffany King would find a way to bring happiness into the story. And she did.

I'm going to start by saying that I've read most of King's books, but Madison and Dean have touched me the most. I really felt like I got to see a clear picture of who Madison was and what was happening in her head. She is such a heartbreaking character. Madison has been emotionally neglected by her parents her whole life. She has tried desperately to gain any kind of attention from them whether it's positive or negative. She feels alone and invisible in the world. The only person that she has is her friend James. They've made a suicide pact, but after a classmate commits suicide, Madison has a change of heart. This is around the time that Dean enters the picture.

Dean is popular and the antithesis of what Madison is. When Dean is assigned to be Madison's tutor, she's not really sure what to think. He's sweet, charming, and seems to be committed to helping Madison. I seriously loved Dean. He recognized that Madison needed to take things slowly and that he needed to gain her trust. I also loved his family. They were so supportive of Madison and accepted her unconditionally. I really appreciated the relationship she developed with Sarah, Dean's mother.

Watching Madison's journey was both endearing and heartbreaking. While she struggles to heal her own wounds, she faces tragedy again. I have to say that I did see this coming, but I still cried. Literally. But, despite this devastating event, she becomes even more determined to live her life.

This is a book that deals with some heavy subject matter. I do recommend this book, but prepare yourself to read about darker issues. I'd like to mention that while I've enjoyed King's other books, I feel that she has developed a sophisticated writing style. Well done. Definitely worth checking out.

### **Krystal Marlein says**

### 5 stars ?? NO!!!! Try EVERY SINGLE STAR in the galaxy!

OMG!!!!! WOW!!!! Grab a box of tissues, lock yourself away from everyone & prepare for an amazingly sweet, heartbreaking, funny and all around AMAZING book! It's no secret, I worship the ground Tiffany King walks on! She is my favorite author hands down. I know I said Unlikely Allies was her best to date but

WOW!!!! MMN surpasses EVERYTHING I have read from Tiffany!!! I could NOT put it down. I stayed up unable to go to bed until I finished. Read cover to cover in one sitting! I laughed! Oh Madison, she is freaking hilarious! I love all her snarky, witty remarks & inner thoughts! She's had a tough life, parents that didn't love her, a past that haunts her, closed off from everyone. In walks my brand new book boyfriend, Dean! Popular, smart, sarcastic & all around AMAZING guy!! Ladies back off cause this boy is MINE!! He gets to Madison like no one ever has! Madison has to learn to live now that suicide is out. The day this book releases you MUST BUY & READ IMMEDIATELY!!!! I NEVER EVER reread books, EVER! This one spoke to me & I will reread! I connected on so many levels with the characters in this book. Tiffany capture the feelings of suicide & death so accurately I found myself relieving some of my past. A book that can make me bring up past emotions & have them feel so fresh is a GREAT book! Seriously, November 23rd RUN & BUY!!!! Tiffany, you have surpassed your already perfect writing & created something on a completely different plane. I'm always amazed that you seem to always be able to surpass perfection & this tops it all!!!!

### **Emma Hart says**

I didn't know if I wanted to read this book. It hits a bit too close to home, for me anyway. I read some reviews before it was published and I ummed and ahh'ed right up until the second I clicked 'buy this book'.

I'm glad I clicked it.

A lot of people have described Miss Me Not as 'dark'. No, it's not. It's simply brutally honest. And I love that.

I've been in Madison's position. I suffered with depression both before and after I had my daughter and I still have my days - but several times I have been Madison.

And that's why I'm reviewing here. Tiffany already knows how I feel about Miss Me Not, but there's so much more to say.

The beauty of this book is the raw honesty. Tiffany has written what so many people are afraid to write, and I love her for it. Depression and suicide in teens is such a taboo subject, it's hard to talk about and even harder to write, but Tiffany has done this beautifully.

Every feeling of Madison's I believed whole-heartedly. I could feel her pain, her anger, her guilt.. And even her love for Dean.

I didn't mention Dean, did I? No?

### I WANT HIM.

Seriously. He's a jock with the biggest heart I've seen in a long time. He reminded me so much of my partner when I was in Madison's frame of mind I nearly laughed.

Is Tiffany King a mind reader? No, she's just a damn good writer who isn't afraid to tackle a tough subject.

Every single bit of this story drew me in and I didn't put it down once. Even when I was making a drink I did it one handed, more focused on my phone and uncovering the next bit of Madison's dark past.

Although the genre is YA, Miss Me Not is a book for anyone. A teen, parent, teacher, friend.. Anyone.

The raw, compelling storyline will draw you in and leave you turning the pages in quick succession because you simply HAVE to know what Madison did that was so bad, and if she'd let Dean get close to her.

All in all, buy this book. RIGHT NOW. It's 100% a 5\* star book.

### **Brenna says**

"For four years I had done nothing but contemplate snuffing out my existence. No more judgments, no more glares and most of all, no more gossip surrounding things I had done. All of that was swiped away. In the end, they would still win. They always won."

*Miss Me Not* is the story of Madison, a high school senior who has done nothing but dream for the last four years about the day that she would end her own life. Her and her only friend, James make a pact that they will do this together. All is going smoothly with their plan until a classmate of theirs commits suicide before they do. Seeing the school's reaction and mourning for Mitch, it changes Madison's perspective and she realizes she is going to need a new plan.

### "I didn't want their tears. I didn't want them to think of me. I wanted nothing from them. That asshole Mitch Johnson saved my life today. What a prick.

Madison is soon signed up for mandatory tutoring and in comes, Dean Jackson. Holy freaking SWOON is this kid amazing!

### "As an obvious rule, I didn't crush on anyone, but if I did, Dean Jackson would be worthy. Dean was everything I wasn't, smart, funny, charismatic and all-around good guy."

Dean makes every effort to be there for Madison. He is extremely understanding and doesn't push himself on her too quickly. Their friendship and relationship progresses so beautifully, I was in complete awe of Dean. I really appreciated that part of the story and that it didn't feel rushed at all. The buildup was perfection and their conversations and banter had me grinning and laughing alot.

### "You might as well know, Mads, you're not going to scare me away. So stop trying."

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# "You look so beautiful. Did I tell you that already? Like you belong here," he said huskily, never taking his eyes from mine. "You make this place even more special."

As the story progresses we learn more about Madison's past and why she has had this extreme want to end her life for years. She has wanted nothing more than the attention of her parents, any interaction would have satisfied her. I've read books where there was physical, sexual, and/or verbal abuse, but this one was different than anything I've read. I have never had so much hatred for a mother in any book. This is a case of a woman who just has ZERO maternal instincts whatsoever and should never have had children. And the kicker, she's extremely religious and spends all her time at church. (Ummm...?) It honestly sickened me the way her mother treated her and I had a really hard time with that the entire book.

### "I mean, what kind of effed up person envied physical abuse as a form of desirable attention? Me. That's who."

One of my very favorite parts of this book was Dean's family. They were such a light in the darkness of this story. I cried happy tears quite a few times because the moments were just so touching and emotional. His mother, Sarah was simply amazing.

### "Madison, Dean has filled me in on your home life, and I hope you don't mind when I say that sometimes parents are just assholes," she said, shocking me.

I had been wanting to read this book for quite a while, I was in complete **cover love** with it and was working myself up to starting it. This book deals with death, depression, suicide, abuse, and many other really heavy topics. Some of which are extremely personal to me, so beginning this book I was expecting to be a complete and utter mess the entire time. I'm surprised to say, I really wasn't. Don't get me wrong, there are some very heart breaking, heart wrenching moments. But, I also cried many happy tears and there is one part that did have me sobbing like a baby (view spoiler), but as a whole, it didn't feel as dark as I had anticipated. Tiffany King did an excellent job of writing about a really tough topic, while putting enough fiction in there for it to be enjoyable. There were some generalizations, inconsistencies, and things that got glazed over a bit. Sometimes things felt all too convenient and I can't lie that it did bother me a little.(view spoiler) Overall, I loved this book. It was well paced and the balance between light and heavy was handled flawlessly. I really enjoyed it.

"The amazing thing about love was that when you didn't have it, the word seemed impossible to use, but when you were surrounded by it, it was as easy to say as breathing."

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### Holly says

Now I've read all of Tiffany's books so it is with utmost certainty I can say this my favorite book by her so far! Now, if you're familiar with her books just a heads up this one deals with a darker touchier subject, but as ALWAYS Tiffany handles it beautifully. Miss Me Not is going to be one of those books that sticks with you LONG after you're done reading and for some, it may hit close to home or it may cause you to take a step back and think...

Madison and Dean are well written; Tiffany did such an amazing job getting us into Madison's head making us feel her thoughts, ideas and her feelings. Dean was sweet and lovable and from the start you were able to see he wasn't the typical douche jock like Madison though he was, he was a genuinely good guy, however I would've like to get a peek into Dean's thoughts thru the book at times.

I love how raw and real Miss Me Not is, it's a book that definitely cuts down deep and makes you cry but it will also make you smile and root for Madison anddddd it will make you want to rip out the reproductive organs of Madison's mother; there aren't words strong enough to describe my hatred and disgust of that woman!

I definitely think Miss Me Not is a MUST read by adults and teens alike; maybe it'll open your eyes and make you see how your actions and words can affect another person or maybe it'll help open a dialogue

between kids and adults...and hopefully it may offer hope to someone that finds themselves in Madison's shoe that there is someone out there (maybe not in the form of a cute boy) that is willing to help you thru your situation if you just let them...

### Helen says

I read this a while ago, but forgot all about it until I tried to DL it again today as a freebie!

I guess that kind of says a lot about how I feel about this book. Actually, it was a good book, and I enjoyed it when I read it, it just didn't stay with me.

### Mary says

Do you remember the first book that changed your life? Do you remember the first time you read a book and I felt every emotion that the characters did? For me that book was Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret by Judy Blume. Go ahead and laugh, people do, but it was the book that turned me into a Book Nerd. Then there was Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austen, when I got older. Now, I read a lot of books and I love a lot of them. However, there are just a few that live up to the standards of those two books for me.

When I read Tiffany King for the first time it was, Wishing For Someday Soon. I don't even have words to describe how outstanding, moving, wonderful or gripping that book was. I didn't think she could ever top that.

I was wrong. Tiffany King just proved to me that she is will be forever in my heart. Tiffany King has wrote an incredible book that will, without a doubt, move you.

Best Part of Book: Tiffany King is the best part book. She lays a story that grips you from the beginning of page 1. Meet Madison a girl with a troubled past whose parents don't care about her. She and her best friend, James, make a pact (like no other). They are suicide buddies. Now, if that doesn't grab you, Dean will! Madison is just going through the motions and ends up being tutored by Dean. He tried to be a friend to her, but Madison doesn't even like to be touched, let alone have another male friend. Especially, one that cares about her feelings. Through the story we find out Madison's heart wrenching back story. (Yes I cried A LOT). I just wanted to reach through my Kindle, hold her and tell it was going to be okay. This is a story that you have to read because my words will do it no justice.

Not so great about the book: NOT ONE THING IS WRONG WITH THIS BOOK! Tiffany wrote a masterpiece and I will tell every single person that I know about it. Even if I have to shout it from the rooftops.

This book will be released on Nov. 23, 2012. I suggest that everyone get it!!!

### **Christy says**

#### Living is hell. Death would have been so much easier.

Wow, I was expecting this book to be good, but it really exceeded my expectations! It was better than good! I loved it. Its one of those books that will stay with you. Very emotional read.

# The plain and simple fact was everyone sinned. Either they were good at hiding their sins, or they weren't. I fell in the latter category. My sins had been featured front and center, on display for everyone to judge.

Madison has a past. A past that has influenced the last four years of her life. She has no relationship with her mom, or Donna, as she prefers to be called. She only has one friend, who has demons of his own. They make a pact. Leave the world behind together. No one would miss them. That is until a fellow student, Mitch, commits suicide. Seeing the fake reactions from some of the popular crowd, Madison can't go through with it. She is trying to figure out another solution for her and James. That is when she starts mandatory tutoring with Dean... Mads has not been in the shadows the last few years, at least not to Dean. They become fast friends, and although its really hard for her, slowly she starts to open up to Dean. She starts to feel things for him and he brings her out of her shell a bit. She is afraid of her feelings, afraid of what would happen to her and Dean if he were to really find out everything about her and what made her the way she was all those years ago. Just as they are getting somewhere, another tragedy strikes (view spoiler) that threatens everything they have been building.

### "Just so you know, everyone has regrets, but it's fucked up to be continually punished for them" -Dean

Oh Dean. Dean was wonderful. <u>Loved</u> him! He gave Madison everything she has been missing in her life. Hope, attention, love and acceptance. Madison had a very difficult upbringing, I was glad she was able to work through a lot of her issues. I also really loved Dean's mom Sarah. She was everything in a mother figure that Madison needed. In some ways, she helped her just as much as Dean.

A really beautiful and touching story. Made me smile, cry and broke my heart a bit. The ending was great! Solid 5 star read! Read away!!!

### Taryn says

This review is posted at My Secret Romance

"A shadow like me. A shadow like James. The school didn't lose a student, they lost a nobody."

Miss Me Not is one of the most emotionally provoking books I have ever read. The kind of book that

brought me to my knees. The kind of book that I knew what was going to happen from the start, but was never really prepared when it did. Miss Me Not is the kind of book that leaves footprints on the soul- it's a book I'll never forget.

This is the first time I've read Tiffany King, and it sure won't be my last. I want to buy every book she's written now! Miss Me Not evoked so many emotions out of me, something that hasn't happened in a long time while reading. Writing about suicide is a touching subject on so many levels. It's definitely not something that's easily written about. You have to get deep inside the mind and write it as true as you can. This is a dark yet light read with a relatively happy ending- we're talking about suicide here, it's as happy as you can get.

Madison's well thought out suicide plan is shot to hell when a fellow student beat her, and her friend James, to the finish line. Madison feels as though she is nothing but a dull color who brings misery to everyone in her life. She figures by ending her life that no one would notice or even care. Now her planned is ruined and she's stuck living a life she hates. A life clearly no one wants her in- not even her mother.

Her teacher, who I suspect had an intuition about Madison all along, put her in tutoring classes with Dean. As much as Madison likes to believe she is nothing but a shade, she isn't. She starts to develop feelings for Dean, something she's not accustomed to. Dean brings out different sides in her that she doesn't want to experience. She's seeing things in a new light now. Madison becomes so preoccupied with Dean, that she lost touch of how and why her new life had began- and with who.

### "You don't have to kiss me, but I'm going to kiss you."- Dean

I had a feeling all along about James and what his journey in this story would bring. One thing that really hurt me, nearly devastated me, was Madison's lack of concern for James. I was shocked by her actions. Once Dean came into the picture, it was like James was suddenly forgotten. He became the shade she hated being. I hated that...because I knew, I just knew what was going to happen, and I didn't want to accept it. I thought, no, no way would she let that happen. Even though this is a fictional story, I felt as though I was dying inside at times reading it.

#### Denial is a tough pill to swallow.

Madison's mother...oh my goodness how I wanted to kill her! I hated her! She was nothing but a stuck up bitch who cared only about herself. I cried so many times for Madison and what she had to deal with. Her mother brought so much pain to her life when it should have been the opposite.

If your so-called life is 'hell' as you say, it's no fault but your own. You chose this life."

In the end, Miss Me Not is a book that is not to be missed. Tiffany King is another Independent author who I came across by chance, and I am so happy that I did. She hit it home with this book. I feel like she really dug deep and brought this fictional story to life...almost to real for me. Suicide is an unfortunate event that happens too often. It almost makes me wonder if the author has knowledge of this subject at close hand because of my reaction and the emotion she drew from me. Miss Me Not is a book that I feel everyone should read- all ages. It's an eye opener for sure.

### Andrea says

I know what you're probably thinking. "A suicide book? I don't like to read about suicide." Well, much like funerals, nobody actually likes reading about suicide, but it is important nonetheless. And though the story is initially about two teens who have plans to go out together, Miss Me Not isn't about suicide in the way you may think.

Miss Me Not is actually about living. About Madison's decision not to end her life, and with the help of a kind, generous boy, she decides not only to not die, but to really live.

Madison Hanson is not your normal teen. In fact, she can be fairly unlikeable. But Tiffany King did a truly thorough and beautiful job of slowly revealing the events and people who made Madison the way she is...surly, brittle, untouchable. Madison is a girl who did some pretty bad things when she was younger, all to gain her unreachable parents' attention. And as badly as she has been treated because of it, her conscience is the loudest voice of all.

"He was the sun, while I was the darkness."

When Madison meets Dean, I could definitely see where the story is headed. But, the road to friendship was smoother than I imagined it would be and I appreciated that. I expected Madison to continually push Dean away, or for him to initially be a real jerk to her. It quickly becomes apparent, though, that Dean is a boy beyond compare, and that Madison really truly wants and needs love. To have the story, without the major bickering and back-and-forth, made the story much better, and allowed the focus to center on Madison's emotional journey rather than the budding relationship.

Miss Me Not was a very, very well-written, heartfelt, thought story. King's writing is practically flawless. And though the story begins in a tragic place, and has many sad moments, it is also hopeful, and uplifting. Miss Me Not is not to be missed.