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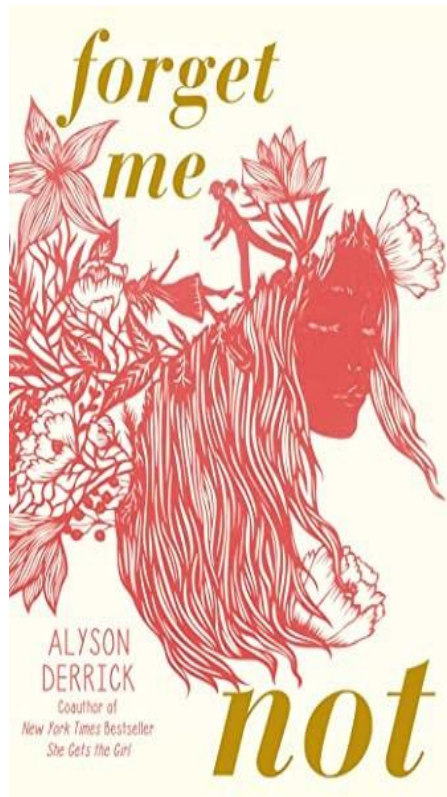
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Fiction

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Book Review: FORGET ME NOT

FORGET ME NOT by Alyson Derrick is a young adult novel about 18-year-old Stevie Green who is in love with her girlfriend, Nora. They live in a small, conservative town, and have been secretly dating for two years. Stevie has been accepted to a college in California and she and Nora have made plans to move to an apartment together in Los Angeles; neither of them has told their parents about this plan. Stevie worries her religious parents won't accept her relationship with Nora and feels the only way it will work is if they make a clean break from their families and friends. But their plan goes awry when Stevie has an accident where she hits her head and cannot remember anything from the last two years--which includes her entire relationship with Nora. Stevie tries to get back to her normal routines after the accident, but she doesn't remember Nora or their plan to move to California at all! (And



neither does anyone else since they kept it a secret). Will Nora be able to get Stevie to fall in love with her again, or is their relationship over forever?

Readers of FORGET ME NOT will stay engaged throughout the entire book as they wait and wonder if Stevie will ever get her memories back. Stevie tries to get help from her high school friends and her parents to remember the past two years, but what she doesn't know is that her friends and family are not telling her the whole truth about everything that happened.

Relationships become strained as Stevie starts discovering clues about her relationship with Nora.

Evolving relationships are a common part of growing up and coming of age. Parents, who once may have seemed infallible, are suddenly viewed through a different (and less rose-colored) lens. People who once might have been thought to be one's closest friends may end up being the exact opposite. It may be discovered that someone who used to be trustworthy no longer lives up to that description. Experiencing relationships changing, or even ending, can be a difficult part of life, but it's all an essential part of being human.

This book is intended for older teens and adults as it contains some sexual content that may not appeal or be appropriate for younger readers.

