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You have a loving family, a caring and witty boyfriend, bunch of adorable friends...well, simply a perfect teenage life. Have you ever imagined yourself dying alone, without knowing where your family is?

Mia is left in the operation table staring at her broken body after a horrible car accident with her family in the hospital. She finds herself in a kind of limbo, a limbo where she can see, hear and touch, but can't feel anything. From here she must make the toughest choice of staying on Earth and living, or dying and hopefully seeing her dying family again.

It may sound as a heartbreaking and sad story, but you will be surprised by how Gayle Forman makes the story rather funny at times. Through the eyes of Mia, we are brought to the sweet memories of her family and friends; and through that we got to know them better. Everyone in the story has their own personality and quirks. You will be emotionally attached to the story, it makes the book easy to read and everything is vividly portrayed!

Accidents happen; no one can have a complete control of his/her own life. We never know when will be the end of our life and for sure, we cannot avoid the passing of one's life. Life is fragile, stop hurting others' feelings as we may not have the chance to apologize afterwards. Enjoy every moment you have with the people around you and try to have an open-mind. Be positive and cheerful, live your life with no regrets!

"If I Stay" is moving, gripping and beautifully written. It makes you reflect on your relationship with your loved ones and starts to cherish every moments you have with them.

Recommended by Ms. Kwok Hoi Ying