Slammed

Colleen Hoover’s Slammed was a beautifully written book with a compelling storyline and amazingly deep characters that made this book hard to put down. It is really hard to believe that this is not only Colleen’s first book, but that it was also written and published in such a short time. This book reads like it is written by a seasoned author that has numerous #1 bestsellers. The basic story goes like this; Layken’s dad passed away, so she and her brother are forced to move when their mom gets a new job. The day they arrive to their new home, Layken meets her handsome neighbor Will. Will and Layken soon find out that they really care for each other. But alas, a wrench is thrown into the beginning of the budding relationship. Can Will and Layken be patient and persevere to have a relationship? This book is about grieving and learning to pick up and find the strength necessary to overcome the challenges that life throws at you. Will and Layken’s feelings for each other are so real and pure that you couldn’t help but hope that they could find a way to be together. This book used song lyrics and slam poetry to help convey the powerful emotions that are felt throughout this book. I really try to write spoiler free reviews, so it is hard in this case to convey just how good this book is. This book really is a must read!

Point of Retreat

The sequel to Slammed, this book was no disappointment. Will and Layken are back and are trying to make their relationship together. They are faced with even more tragedy and events that threaten to make their chance at a HEA a slim one. Layken becomes concerned that their shared “family experiences” are the only reason that they are together. She needs to know that Will really is in love with her. Through “stars” containing Layken’s mother’s words of wisdom, Will tries to find ways to prove that he does in fact love Layken. This book is again filled with emotions that run the gambit. The reader is taken on a powerful journey of love and loss, strength and weakness, happiness and sadness. This book was amazing and left you completely satisfied at the end. I just recently became aware that there is going to be a third book in this series containing new and old material from Will’s POV. I will be buying it the very day that it releases.

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