Lovereading4kids Reader reviews of

I Have Lost My Way
by Gayle Forman

Below are the complete reviews, written by the Lovereading4kids members.

Izzy Read, age 17

If you feel alone, pick up this book.

Having not properly read a full book in months, you could say I had lost my way as far as reading goes. After having devoured this book in a matter of hours, it relit the fire, the hunger I have for reading.

Three people all at crossroads in their lives, feeling isolated and alone; until they- quite literally- bump into one another. A YouTube famous singer, a closeted boy about to enter into an arranged marriage and someone all alone in New York. It shows how the most unexpected people can guide you through the darkest of times.

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Georgie Rowe, age 20

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It has been a lifetime since I read a Gayle Forman novel, but the minute I started reading 'IHLMW' I could feel it unlocking the same section of my heart that 'If I stay' did all those years ago. These books are the best kind: the ones which you can’t put down, they’re too all-consuming.

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Nathaniel, Freya and Harun’s perspectives it felt as if I was hearing the thoughts of old friends, and the more the book revealed about their backstories, the harder it was to put it down.

This book makes me long for the days when I devoured books, before reading was part of my degree so off limits for entertainment purposes. I barely looked at my phone as I learnt of these character’s struggles, and considering how dependent upon it I am that’s quite the feat. The transpired over the course of book was utterly real and raw, and watching it unfold was devestating. But in that good way that makes you feel enriched as it crushes you.

It's worth mentioning that this book is so much more diverse than much of what I used to see in YA, back when I was considered part of that bracket, and it brings me so much joy to see. This story would lack so much if it were about more normative stories, and the diversity of it didn't feel forced, but natural. These characters felt real, and not as if they’d been made to fill a quota on some invisible checklist.

If my glowing review didn't convey it thoroughly enough, I would definitely recommend this book, and readers of Gayle Forman should be excited to read her next masterfully emotion-triggering work.

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Olivia Tierney, age 20

A beautiful story of fresh hope and new beginnings, ‘I Have Lost My Way’ is a book you should treasure. It is a book that touches your heart and doesn’t let you forget it! Highly recommended.

A novel revolving around three broken teens who upon stumbling into one another find the strength to heal their wounds. Heart-breaking, heart-warming and beautiful, this is YA at its best. I was overcome with how much such a short book could make you feel! From the very first page I was trapped in an emotional net - the characters were so heartbreakingly real - I felt every single word. I loved this book with my whole heart; I laughed and I cried and everything in between. I am envious of all those who have yet to discover such an encouraging life lesson about second chances and the power to change your own destiny. Definitely one of THE books to read in 2018!

Humaira Kauser, age 19

What can I say? I knew I was going to love this book even before I knew what it
was about. I'd like to think I'm a big fan of Gayle Forman- her books are exquisite and I love the way I can lose myself in her books- I just get transported for hours at a time without even realising it.

Now to the book ‘I have Lost My Way’. What I love so much about this book other than the plot and writing is the pure diversity that is portrayed. You can tell that the author hasn't made the characters the way they are just for the sake of it- so much thought, effort and love have gone into them and I each love Freya, Harun and Nathaniel. Representations matters and Gayle Forman gets that. Honestly it doesn't matter whether or not you have read any of Gayle Forman's books before, you'd love this if you love a good book.

Edel Waugh

This was a beautiful story about three lost souls who one day accidentally collide into each other’s lives. Freya, Harun and Nathaniel are each going through hardships in their lives and this story takes place over one day, the day they all meet each other. I truly loved these three characters, my heart went out to each of them, each struggling and searching for something, seemingly in-vain, and finding just what they needed in each other, a friend and hope. I loved this! I recommend this for everyone to read.

http://edelwaugh.blogspot.ie/2018/03/i-have-lost-my-way-by-gayle-foreman.html?m=1

Francesca Hughes, age 16

‘I Have Lost My Way’ is a poignant novel about loss, friendship and fate.

Harun, Freya and Nathaniel have all lost their self-confidence in several different ways, when they meet by a coincidental accident, they slowly begin to regain confidence in the content of the character, abilities and dreams that make them who they are.

Despite the three different perspectives Forman maintains a lyrical writing style that she previously demonstrated throughout her bestseller ‘If I Stay’, which therefore creates a similarity moving, reflective tone that is likely to make this novel just as award-winning.
Katie, age 16

**Good book.**

*It's a good book but I struggled to get into it. I found that I could easily put it down but I enjoyed reading it.*

Grace Spear, age 15

*‘I Have Lost My Way’ is a book I couldn’t put down as the way it is written drew me in making me wanting to find out what happens next.*

The book told the story of Freya, Harun and Nathaniel who all meet in a strange coincidence of fate. Freya has just lost her voice whilst recording her debut album. Harun is in love with a boy and is afraid of losing both his family and the love of his life. Nathaniel has come to New York after his family life has collapsed leaving him with many questions. It seems like they’ve found each other at the right time solving all the issues they haven’t been able to face alone together.

*I love how the books chapters were set out as it gave you a good insight into the characters personalities. I didn’t quite catch on to Nathaniel’s story, so the ending felt like a bit of a surprise. I loved the relationship between the three of them and how it seemed like they’d known each other for years. Seeing Freya and Nathaniel slowly fall for each other seemed pretty perfect and made me feel warm inside. My favourite character was Nathaniel as there’s a lot more to him than meets the eye. I would definitely recommend this book as it goes into topics that really made me think.*

Amy Laws, 16

**This book was incredible and extremely gripping- I loved it.**

*I am a massive Gayle Forman fan so I was really excited to give this book a try. I was certainly not disappointed as this book lived up to all my expectations. This book was the perfect mixture of being both sad and beautiful, and it was so emotional and engaging. I absolutely loved this book and therefore I would highly recommend it to any YA fans.*
Neha Saji, 15

Explores various current issues such as homophobia, mental health etc. Personally, I found it hard to get into and eventually continue because the three different perspectives made it confusing.

I Have Lost My Way' by Gayle Forman tells the story of 3 different people: Freya, Harun and Nathaniel. It explores the subjects of homophobia; mental health; suicide; abandonment; the feeling of loneliness - so you can say it has many triggers. I found it hard to get into, and by half way of the book I could no longer continue. Maybe it was because having three different perspectives was hard to understand; or maybe the triggers were too much - I just was not able to relate. Aspects of the book were far too boring, or normal, for me to enjoy. However, I know many people who have been able to enjoy and feel for this book!