

If I Was Your Girl

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If I Was Your Girl is the story of Amanda Hardy, an 18 year old girl who is starting a new high school in Tennessee. However, in the past, she had been living with her mother, and going by Andrew. When going to this new school and living with her dad, Amanda makes new friends, starts building relationships, and begins to have feelings for a boy named Grant. Her main friends become Chloe, Anna, Layla, and her closest friend Bee, and while she feels safe with them and wants to trust them, she is terrified to tell them her past. But despite the anxiety she feels about her secret, she becomes more popular and gets closer to Grant. The book tells the story of Anna's new life, her past life, the future she wants, and what she never wants to be revealed, but comes out in the end. *If I Was Your Girl* is about a lot of things: love, betrayal, mental illness, recovery, and more. Anna is a normal high school girl upon first glance, but just like this book, if you dig deeper, then you will see the different levels and aspects of the characters and the story.

I loved this book when I first read it in the beginning of high school, and I love it now after reading it again. While I cannot relate to Amanda and her specific situation, I could feel sympathy for her, and I was engaged in the book and her story. I would recommend this to teenagers and older for triggering topics and drug use.

Recommended Titles

I Wish You All the Best by Mason Deaver

Felix Ever After by Kacen Callender

All Boys Aren't Blue: A Memoir Manifesto by George M. Johnson