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Synopsis

A new kind of bighearted audiobook about being seen for who you really are. Amanda Hardy is the new girl in school. Like anyone else, all she wants is to make friends and fit in. But Amanda is keeping a secret, and she's determined not to get too close to anyone. But when she meets sweet, easygoing Grant, Amanda can't help but start to let him into her life. As they spend more time together, she realizes just how much she is losing by guarding her heart. She finds herself yearning to share with Grant everything about herself, including her past. But Amanda's terrified that once she tells him the truth, he won't be able to see past it. Because the secret that Amanda's been keeping? It's that at her old school, she used to be Andrew. Will the truth cost Amanda her new life and her new love? If I Was Your Girl is a universal story about feeling different - and a love story that everyone will root for.

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Customer Reviews

The first thing that drew me to ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã ËœIf I Was Your GirlÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢ was the amazing cover art; and the second was when I found out it was a contemporary with a transgender protagonist. IÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢ve read a few other titles similar and enjoyed the concepts of identity and social anxiety ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â œ they make compelling stories.I found Amanda, our protagonist, to be strong but a little naive and a somewhat whiny - but it worked for her age and to set up her hearts desires. It was easy to relate to the fear and anxiety Amanda goes through and how it is always there, as it would be with anyone hiding a big secret. The treatment of questions

about her old name, body parts and surgeries, and how they should never be asked just made sense. ItÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s intimate and personal and is passive-aggressive, if not a form of bullying to ask if you do not have a close relationship. But it is always one of the first questions out of people's mouths when they discover someone is transgender. It actually taught me some deportment in handling this issue, and for that I am thankful. The last thing I want to do is come across as rude and mean in the face of someone who is going through a difficult journey.In comparison to the other novels IÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢ve read tackling transgender issues, Ã ƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã ËœIf I Was Your GirlÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢ is the most realistic representation I've read of a trans character to date Ã ƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â œ with a focus more on the person and their relationships instead of Gender Identity and using it as a plot reveal.AmandaÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s love interest, Grant was a bit of a larrikin. Your typical boy, but with a worldly compassion shaped from his experiences. It was nice to read something that was positive, strong and kinda cute. It brought issues into a real world landscape and gave the characters a chance to react organically.The violence described in this book that Amanda lived through felt a bit much. I understand it is a real issue for transgender teens, but for me personally, was confronting and didnÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢t add much to the story. Although, its educating readers to real world fears people like Amanda face Ã ƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â œ it makes a blunt, horrific point which I find disgusting and devastating.I didn't like the flashbacks interspersed throughout the story so much. I much prefer the narrative style to discover the past through one poignant moment, or through conversation. Frequent time jumping always pulls me from the story.I had issue with a few things - but after reading the Author's Note, feel they are less important now. Many things were written in a way about Amanda and her circumstances to make Ã ƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã ËœIf I Was Your GirlÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢ easy and relatable, losing some realism. But still, I would have liked some more realistic characters and reactions.A great book about a girlÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s emotional journey into adulthood.Overall, this was a heart-warming contemporary. The storyline itself felt a little simple. But the character development was great. Pleasant writing style, not heavy with the feels, but enough to hit you with what is important. I read the entire book in a day. Pacing is great, I put the book down once for a short rest.One little factoid I read somewhere is that the cover model is a transgender teen, which I felt added another dynamic to the novel. I was really impressed with Meredith RussoÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s writing and look forward to see what she produces next.

This book is a revelation on so many levels. It is so well written that you forget you're reading. I'm an older reader, and I appreciated this book. Warning: you can't put it down!! Definitely not for Young

Aults only!

It is a very strong work of fiction by an actual transgender author that communicates the experience of being a transgender teenager very clearly while taking a few explicitly acknowledged liberties to improve story. I found it to be mature, well written, very engaging and that it succeeds in its goals of humanizing transgender people and communicating both the joys and the terrors. It neither fetishizes or flinches from the experience. Without spoiling it, I found the ending very well done.The author is also extremely clear in explaining that it is a work of fiction, that it does not represent certain specifically called out aspects accurately for the sake of the story, and that it is _a_ story of transgender experience - not the only one. At 281 pages, it is substantial without being extremely long. Recommended reading

In a way, my favorite part of the book was the epilogue, in which the author freely admits she didn't cover the experience of being trans perfectly. No author ever gets everything perfectly. No human ever gets anything perfectly.I wish the book head started with the epilogue, so that trans kids didn't start thinking "right, as if." Amanda had it pretty good. Back in the day I'd have been delighted to have had it so good, and I'm a straight hetero monogamous married woman. I still face other challenges.But that's not the point. If this book helps one person have the courage to go on at the time when a new president wants to reverse the law about which public bathroom a person must use, I expect it's even harder on kids who don't fit society's norms.Anyhow it's s good and Important read for anyone of any age who comes from a similar social background. Don't know if it would read as well for an African American kid growing up in the projects.But it doesn't have to. If it helps one kid in pain to call a number at the back of the book, if it helps one kid feel prouder and less afraid, it's worth it.The book is very well-written and captures and holds attention. I recommend it to anyone of any age, regardless of gender and its accompanying challenges.One more thing. Please call one of the numbers at the back if you feel at all suicidal. I've tried suicide twice and devastated my family and myself. Please hang in there. You're gonna die anyhow. Please give life another chance. Everything feels so impossibly black and white when you're in your teens and early 20's.Life gets greyer and easier with time.Lastly, thanks to the offer for publishing a good and righteous book.

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