

*See You in the Morning*, by Mairead Case (Featherproof Books, Oct 2015)

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*See You In The Morning*, by Mairead Case, is a coming-of-age novel that tells the story of three high school friends that spend a summer together in a small Midwestern town. This novel was published in late October 2015 by Featherproof Books and is now available for sale. Currently, Mairead Case is a PhD Student and English teacher at the University of Denver, for which she has received multiple scholarships and awards.

The story itself is told from a first person point of view as the narrator seems to be spilling out thoughts from her stream of consciousness, as she faces and overcomes the obstacles that are love and change through her ever-changing moods. Also present in the book are John, an eccentric teenage boy with a passion for love, and Rosie, a rich and spiritual teenage girl that seems to believe in fate and soulmates. The book encounters the many 'firsts' that all teenagers are bound to experience at one point or another, and includes tension through the experiences of painful crushes, confusing love triangles and the embarrassment and eventual growth that comes with puberty and maturity. The text, structure and attention to detail by the author beautifully compliments the awkwardness and anxiety that comes naturally with these events by the dream-like and wavering form in which it reads, which allows the book to be raw and relatable. Additionally, the author is able to shine a light upon the small experiences that are often overlooked in life, with Mairead succeeding in intertwining heartbreaking truths and the little joys in life with the simplicity of dimly-lit diners and creaky porches.

Overall, the book was able to perfectly capture the hardships and rewards of adolescence and the experiences that come with it while allowing its readers to develop an open mind about the beauty of the little things in life. I truly enjoyed this book and would recommend it to any young adults and teenagers who may be struggling to find their path in life, as well as to fans of *The Perks of Being a Wallflower* and *The Fault in our Stars*.