**If I Stay: A Novel by Gayle Forman**

It is a snowy Oregon morning and school has been cancelled. Seventeen year old Mia and her family decide to take a relaxing drive to visit some friends and run some errands. Everything is calm and beautiful ….. BOOM!

QUOTE

“The car is Eviscerated. The impact of a four-ton pickup truck going sixty miles an hour plowing straight into the passenger side had the force of an atom bomb. It tore off the doors, sent the front-side passenger seat through the driver’s side window…”

Mia is in shock. She is standing a little ways from the accident. Mia walks around the wreckage, calmly detached, past the dead bodies of her parents and little brother. Then she see’s it; her own broken body lying in a ditch.

Mia is having an out of body experience, temporarily floating between life and death while her broken body is in a coma. She observes everything around her; her grandparents’ and boyfriends’ pain.

**Mia has a big decision to make.**

Should she stay and Fight to live?! Suffer through all the emotional and physical pain that she will have to endure?

Or should she let go and join the family that she loves and that she has lost?

Readers will immediately be drawn into Mia’s story and anxiously await what Mia’s ultimate decision will be.

This title will appeal to fans of Stephanie Meyer’s Twilight series. It will also remind you a little of the book “The Lovely Bones”.

There is a sequel: *Where She Went.*

***~*** *Angela Germany’s Booktalk*