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Taming 7

The group's dynamics become increasingly complicated as secrets from the past continue to haunt them, particularly in Lizzie's ongoing feud with Gerard. Revelations about their feelings and past actions bring clarity and understanding, forcing them to confront their insecurities and fears.Gerard realizes the depth of his emotions for Claire, while Claire gains a new perspective on her relationship with him, grappling with her emotions. However, Gerard's past actions create tension, particularly regarding his relationship with Dee, the school receptionist, which causes a rift between him and Claire.Claire must navigate her love for Gerard amidst her anger at his past actions. Despite the pain, she remains committed to supporting him, recognizing that his past does not define him. The revelation of Gerard's traumatic past and its impact on his life forces Claire to reevaluate their relationship and loyalties.As secrets unravel, the characters are left to reevaluate their relationships and find healing. Gerard begins his journey towards healing, supported by Claire and their friends, while discovering new strength in their love and support. The new year brings renewed hope and determination for Gerard and Claire as they face future challenges together.Lizzie struggles with grief and resentment, stemming from her sister's loss and a misunderstanding with Gerard. Her self-destructive behavior damages relationships, revealing unresolved trauma and her need for healing. Johnny Kavanagh is a dependable leader, committed to Shannon and his friends, balancing ambition with loyalty. Shannon brings warmth and support, despite her own traumatic past. While Patrick serves as a mediator, displaying hidden depths. Aoife supports Joey through young motherhood, bringing hope and renewal. Gerard's stepfather, Keith, creates tension due to their strained relationship. The characters' unresolved trauma influences behavior and relationships, driving the narrative and character development. Misunderstandings and secrets fuel conflict, but unraveling truths adds depth, confronting fears and seeking resolution.Gerard struggles with juggling his desires with his responsibilities, adding emotional depth and resonance to the story. The confrontation between Gerard and Claire is a pivotal moment that forces them to confront their feelings and deal with the aftermath of Gerard's past mistakes. This emotional exchange propels the narrative forward, highlighting the intricacies of love, trust, and vulnerability. The revelation of Gerard's past secrets shakes up the dynamics of his relationships, making him and others reevaluate their loyalties and face reality. This revelation pushes the characters toward healing and resolution, illustrating the power of love and friendship in overcoming adversity."Taming 7" by Chloe Walsh explores the complexities of trauma, love, and the strength of human connections. The story follows Gerard's journey as he confronts his past to find healing and understanding, emphasizing the importance of facing one's demons for personal growth. The book highlights the characters' struggles with love, loyalty, and forgiveness, offering a powerful message about resilience and the enduring power of human relationships. Ultimately, it shows that even in the face of deep-seated pain, there is always hope for new beginnings.Claire is more than just Gibbsie's friend; she's his confidante who truly knows him. Despite challenges, her love remains unwavering. Their bond faces numerous trials as they grow older. Gibbsie's past traumas threaten to overwhelm him, causing Claire to step in and support him. Her efforts often put her at odds with friends, but she sees his pain and wants to help.Claire's attempts to aid Gibbsie inadvertently expose his deepest secrets, forcing him to confront his demons. Their friendship is tested as they navigate complex emotions. Claire's love becomes both a blessing and burden; balancing protection with respecting privacy. As feelings deepen, they face the challenge of turning their friendship into something more. Tension builds between them, struggling to reconcile past and present.Lizzie, a friend dealing with her own trauma, creates tension within the group. Her unresolved anger towards Gibbsie stems from believing he's responsible for her sister's death. Confrontations between Lizzie and Gibbsie are explosive, forcing Claire to choose sides. The broader dynamics of their friend group add complications. Johnny's loyalty is tested as the truth about Gibbsie's past comes to light.Claire plays a difficult role, navigating loyalty to Gibbsie while maintaining friendships with others. A revelation forces Gibbsie to confront his past, testing his relationship with Claire.The book delves into profound topics such as trauma, loss, and healing, rendering it an emotional ride for readers. The story presents unresolved tensions, particularly in the relationship between Lizzie and Gibbsie, leaving room for future narratives. For those who want to avoid spoilers, a link to purchase the book is provided.Gibsie's past is revealed, including his traumatic experience of being raped by his stepbrother Mark. This event has been kept hidden for years. Claire inadvertently exposes Gibbsie's secret during a confrontation, leading to a significant moment in their relationship.Lizzie struggles with her unresolved anger towards Gibbsie, resulting in dramatic confrontations. Johnny's unwavering support for Gibbsie is notable, showcasing the depth of their friendship. However, Lizzie's resentment towards Gibbsie also causes tension within the friend group.Despite the challenges, Gibbsie and Claire's relationship deepens as they support each other. Johnny remains a key figure in Gibbsie's life, offering loyalty and support. The book promises an emotional journey, perfect for those seeking a compelling read that matches their current mood.La autora Chloe Walsh es conocida por su serie de novela "The Boys of Tommen", que se hizo famosa en TikTok, Goodreads y Amazon. Ella ha estado escribiendo y publicando romance contemporaneo para adultos y jovenes adulto durante una decada. Sus libros han sido traducidos a varios idiomas. A pesar de su xito, Chloe es una apasionada defensora de la salud mental y vive en Cork (Irlanda) con su familia.La serie "The Boys of Tommen" incluye varias novelas que exploran historias de amor entre personajes jóvenes adultos e irlandeses. La novela "Taming 7" es la siguiente entrega de la serie y sigue a los personajes conocidos por los lectores. La historia gira en torno a la relación entre Gerard 'Gibsie' Gibson, un chico bromista que esconde secretos, y Claire Biggs, una chica soltera que intenta domesticarlo. La novela ha sido recibida con gran entusiasmo por los lectores, muchos de ellos han leído la serie en línea y están esperando ansiosamente a leer "Taming 7". La autora Chloe Walsh es conocida por su estilo narrativo rico e inmersivo, que permite a los lectores sumergirse en el mundo de sus personajes. Sus libros tienen una gran cantidad de crtticas positivas, especialmente entre los jóvenes adultos y las fanáticas del romance contemporaneo.Algunos lectores han criticado la publicacin simultánea de "Taming 7" con otra novela de la serie, lo que ha generado cierta confusin. Sin embargo, la mayoría de las críticas son positivas y enfatizan la habilidad de la autora para contar historias emocionantes y crebles sobre el amor y las relaciones.En resumen, "Taming 7" es una novela romntica que forma parte de la serie "The Boys of Tommen". La autora Chloe Walsh ha ganado el corazn de muchos lectores con sus historias de amor y su capacidad para hacer que los personajes parezcan reales.Look, I'm not gonna lie, I was super hyped for Clairegibsie's book, been waiting ages since 2018 when I read the series, and I thought it was dead in the water. But then Joeayaofie's book came out and gave me hope again, and I'm still trying to process how this one turned out. Don't get me wrong, I love Johnnyshannon and Hughielizzie, but this book felt more like an epilogue for Johnnyshannon and a prologue for Hughielizzie instead of Clairegibsie's story. And the romance? It was basically non-existent. Where was the chemistry that they had in B13 & K13? I'm still looking for it, but unfortunately, this book got overshadowed by other stuff - let's just say Lizzie drama played a big role here.I needed more angst, more drama, and more jealousy from Clairegibsie and their love interest. What I got was... nothing. It feels like they had better chemistry when they were side characters in the other books. Even one of those Facebook snippet teasers had more spark than any scene in this book. Maybe it's because this is the first main character that's not done a Lynch member, or maybe it's because the book is shorter, but whatever the reason, I'm still trying to wrap my head around how disappointing this was.I did enjoy some sweet moments like the prologue and the hot tub scene, but overall, I'm left feeling heartbroken and confused. Is this what we're getting now? Half of the content about everyone else except Clairegibsie in their own book? It's just... ugh. I guess I'll just have to rant for a bit longer before moving on the author is dissatisfied with a particular book in the series, specifically the romance between Claire and gibsie, they felt that this couple did not receive the attention and development deserved by other main characters in the same way. some of their grievances include the handling of trauma and healing for gibsie, repetitive inner monologues from claire about her relationships, and an overall sense of monotony due to overused tropes and clichés.I never really cared about girlie that much, but she's doing way too much in this story, attacking people and insinuating they have eating disorders over something as trivial as marmite? It's just too much. what really shocked me was how cruel she was being to people who don't deserve it. I love characters like ice cold bitchdes, but girlie is taking it too far with her constant insults. it's like we're only getting a snippet of who lizzie will become in the series and honestly, it doesn't look good. not even nestas was this unlikeable in ascot. the way she talks to her friends, especially claire, gives me ptsd because i had a friend like that back in high school. when someone's always bringing you down with snarky comments, it really gets under your skin. and as for claire, she's been getting bullied by lizzie nonstop. it's no wonder she cut her off, especially if she feels like she's being treated like lizzie's punching bag. i don't blame her one bit, not even a little. this drama was grating on my nerves so much that i almost dn'ted the book. and as for clairegibsie's book, it just feels like an introduction to hughielizzie's story, they deserve better than being overshadowed by someone who's basically a bully.the author's character development journey is quite interesting, and some readers might be wondering how they can still look forward to the book despite disliking certain characters. the key here is that it's possible to empathize with a character without justifying their actions or condoning their behavior. this can be a complex issue, especially when dealing with characters who are flawed or even abusive. the author mentions that the last 25% of the book was emotionally challenging for them, particularly due to gibsie's storyline. although they felt that the trauma wasn't handled well throughout the series, seeing what happened to this character left a lasting impact on their emotional state.it seems that some readers were spoiled on certain aspects of the story before it was even released, which led to 1-star reviews based solely on speculation. this raised questions about trigger warnings and how spoilers can affect readers' experiences.the romance between johnny and gibsie is a standout aspect of the book for many fans, with their relationship being a highlight despite some criticisms. the author expresses admiration for their characters, referring to them as precious and unique.Given text content here the author has mixed feelings about the new book in the series. They mention that it hasn't been released yet, but they've already read a part of it and have strong opinions.update august 2023: they express their excitement for this book and its potential impact on the toxic hughielizzie fanbase.March 10, 2025they rate the book one star, jokingly, but also mention that they still loved it despite its shortcomings.March 16, 20253.5 but leaning towards 4 because their favorite characters Johnny and Shannon are well-developed and cute, and Joey and Aoife's storyline is heartwarming.However, they criticize Chloe Walsh, the author of the book, for not doing justice to Gibbsie and Johnny's story, which left them feeling disappointed and frustrated. They also express concerns that the book might portray Lizzie as a villain, without giving readers the opportunity to understand her perspective.Additionally, they mention their own emotional investment in the series, stating that it has become their favorite, and they're struggling to cope with the author's departure from the story.July 29, 2024they seem disappointed and disillusioned with the book, feeling that it didn't meet their expectations and might have been written by a ghostwriter.Overall, the author is divided between their love for the series and its characters, and their frustration with the author's handling of Gibbsie and Johnny's story.Love these boys with our whole hearts, and hope and pray that they'll pick themselves back up and show us that they're worth the pain. That they're worth fighting for. If I had to describe this book in one word it would be, Messy I had already known that this book wasn't everyone's favourite and I thought that made mine and Hodi's experience with Claire and Gibbsie would be different but it's safe to say that wasn't the case. The writing itself was very repetitive and redundant, it was the same thing going on and on, same snarks and jab being thrown around, same miscommunication enveloping the plot of the entire book and the same filler content being thrown at us for a couple who don't have a duet.The writing was bad in this one, I enjoyed the book to an extent. Hence, the two stars. But, the writing just deteriorated here and maybe I felt it because the last book that I read by her was redeeming 6 and that was honestly her best but this was so meh. It didn't feel like Claire and Gibbsie's book and that made me more mad.Claire Biggs, I hate her so much. This was the most shocking outcome of this book because the things she did in this book made her too far gone for me to defend her. Her whole personality was Gibbsie, thinking about him, loving him, overthinking about him. Without Gibbsie, she would be nothing.Alo Lizzie cant be defended either but at least she has a personality. I know she's a bitch but Claire was such a bad friend like she ALWAYS chose Gibbsie she never once even considered what Lizzie said and thought of her.The romance between Claire and Gibbs felt like a side plot for another book, they barley had any domestic scenes or any communication, or anything other than miscommunication throughout this book. I'm more excited about Katie and Feely's book than Hughie and Lizzie's but I'll gladly take the drama we get from that over this.This book was a huge disappointment for me, and I'm still trying to process my feelings about it. The main focus of the story is Gibbsie's traumatic past and how he deals with his emotions, rather than the relationship between him and Claire. The romance aspect was non-existent, with the two characters barely interacting in meaningful ways. I felt like I was missing out on a deep and meaningful connection between them, and Gibbsie never showed any effort to pursue their relationship. The book's sole focus on Gibbsie's trauma made it feel like a one-note drama. Despite his strong character, he struggled to overcome his past and share his pain with others, which broke my heart to watch. His bravery in maintaining a positive outlook despite everything he went through was inspiring, but also heartbreaking when I realized how much he had to carry alone.Gibsie didn't have a single person who had his back or supported him throughout. His friends and mother only took notice when they learned about the abuse he suffered as a child, but by then it was too late. He deserved love and support regardless of his past, but nobody was there for him. Considering Gibbsie is an amazing friend to those around him, it's heartbreaking to see him not receive that same energy back. His friends let Lizzie get away with bullying him, even when they learned she had made false accusations against Caoimhe, which only added insult to injury. Lizzie never apologized or took responsibility for her actions and continued to treat Gibbsie like the enemy. The most frustrating aspect of this book was seeing Gibbsie's suffering go unnoticed, while Lizzie got away with her cruel behavior. It physically sickened me to see her manipulate and guilt-trip people without consequences. I can't understand why anyone tolerated her behavior, and it infuriates me that she's not being held accountable for her actions.Long story short, this book was a disappointment for me as it only made me angry, with moments of boredom in between. What disappointed me most was that it didn't deliver on the promised beautiful romance. The friendship between Johnny and Gibbsie is worth mentioning, though.2/5 stars - "Boys of Tommen" series:1. Binding 132. Keeping 133. Taming 74.25 The trope "sunshine girl class clown" caught my attention, but unfortunately I was not as invested in Gerald and Claire's story as I thought I would be. Some characters' backstories were well incorporated into the narrative, though. Lizzie, for instance, has a lot of potential for character development. Her mysterious nature and emotional depth made me feel frustrated with her at times. On the other hand, there are moments where I feel like she needs to open up more about her feelings. "Im always okay starsSome books can be really frustrating to read, especially when they deal with complex themes such as character pain and mental health struggles. The idea of holding back emotions is heartbreaking, but also infuriating at times. It's hard not to feel angry or frustrated when characters put on a happy facade despite being deeply hurt. I was particularly invested in Gibbsie's storyline. He broke my heart, just like I knew he would. His complexity and depth went beyond his initial persona as the "joker" of the group. I loved him because I could see beneath the surface, but it also made me angry that he had to suffer in silence. Claire was a ray of sunshine on the page; she stood up for what was right, even if it meant dealing with some frustrating moments. Her love and dedication to Gerald made her character special, although I did wish there were other ways for their relationship to unfold. The friendship between Gerald and Claire is adorable, but sometimes it felt like their romance took a backseat in the story.I am utterly enamored with the bond between Johnny and Gibbsie, which always stole the show for me. Their bromance was truly one of the highlights of the series, and I find their dynamic so captivating. What resonates with me most is how they've been there for each other throughout this journey.However, my feelings towards Lizzie are complex and multifaceted. On one hand, I understand that we all deal with pain differently, and it's hard to put ourselves in others' shoes. The scene during Hugh's birthday where she lost control broke my heart, and I can empathize with her pain. But on the other hand, I couldn't condone or excuse the way she treated Johnny, who was innocent and didn't deserve to be made a target.The ending of chapter 59 left me reeling, and I'm still trying to process my emotions. The author's ability to craft such an intense experience is truly impressive. My only concern is that there are several loose ends left unanswered, which has left me feeling frustrated and eager for more.Overall, this series has a special place in my heart, and I'm deeply invested in the characters' stories. I'm still hoping for more from Johnny and Shannon's journey, particularly with regards to their therapy sessions and upcoming developments. She was short and sweet and I liked that about this story in particular because this was friends to lovers done well honestly and weve def seen enough of them romantically to believe that they fell for each other. my only gripe would be the lack of scenes of them being cuties togethernk who was always ruining aforementioned scenes? lizzie, fucking, young, FUCK, THAT, BITCH, Jesus fuck if i see her name again ill be too soon. she ruined everything, always. every scene she was in, the place started to REEK because of all the BULLSHIT SHE WAS SPEWING. I have never raged at a character like this fool claire made one no-so-tiny little boo-hoo towards the end of the book that really put me off and I dont agree with "that" decision, poor gibsie, his trauma was explored so deeply in this book who woulda thunk! i thought he was a jolly ol' lad but color me surprised (not really) when its the trauma olympics up in this point and he came to claim his medal! claire i dont even know a damn thing about and thats where the rushed bit comes in, but im not really complaining. I wouldve liked to explore her more as a character, yet it didnt take anything away from me liking the story/romance, also this book was less spicy and they deserved better wtf 5-star favorites Irish June 19, 2024since the spoilers are all over Twitter I cant believe the audacity of this author to villainize who she painted out to be as a victim in previous books who isnt EVEN ALIVE TO DEFEND HERSELF by writing that she was an accomplice of a rape situation which deals w main character of this book. god its high time to let the dead remain in peace afterlife.I dont know why if you want your book to have trauma you have to ruin other characters in the book and specially a girl who killed herself due to trauma but no you need to make her the villain just so that gibsieclaire can get a bit of traumatic past. I feel really sorry for gibsie I wish no one would go through what he did but I cant believe the reason behind Claire saying all that shit in the spoilers saying someone wasnt a victim rather an accomplice when that girl is not even alive to defend herself and?? how dare you girl this isnt trauma olympics. Not to mention, how this fucks up the whole Lizzie arc and her life. Just to add trauma to one male characters book you legit single-handedly ruined two female arcs. this is legit so upsetting the way shes trying to change the whole storyline is sickening to me because what is even true anymore??In the latest installment of Chloe Walsh's series, the protagonist's character has sparked intense backlash due to their depiction of eating disorders and sensitive topics. The author's stance on women's rights is perceived as problematic, leading to widespread disappointment among fans. For those who have yet to encounter this book, beware of the spoilers, which have left many readers utterly disillusioned. The plot twist, while unexpected, failed to deliver justice for the characters involved, leaving them without proper closure.On a more positive note, certain aspects of the novel did manage to resonate with the reviewer, such as the strong friendship between Gibbsie and Johnny, which was portrayed as superior to other relationships in the series. Other notable highlights included the character developments of Joey, Aoife, and AJ, as well as the adorable moments shared between Johnny and Shannon.However, the reviewer's disappointment stemmed from the lack of depth and growth in Claire's character, who felt more like a prop than a fully fleshed-out individual. The rushed ending and handling of trauma left many questions unanswered, including the fate of Gibbsie's rugby aspirations and the significance of certain conversations between characters.Overall, the reviewer feels that this book suffered from poor pacing, repetitive plot points, and an overemphasis on setting up future storylines rather than providing a satisfying conclusion to its own narrative.The main character's behavior has been consistently marred by Lizzie's hurtful comments, making it challenging to redeem her. Despite valid feelings, her bullying behavior is unacceptable, leaving a conflicted impression and wondering about the story's direction. The cheating plot between Hughie and Lizzie is unappealing, and the group dynamics need repair. However, the friendship between Gibbsie and Johnny is a highlight. The upcoming book by Claire and Gibbsie is highly anticipated, but the previous one was disappointing due to frustrating character developments, particularly with Claire, who lacked personality beyond her love for Gibbsie. Her treatment of Lizzie and lack of empathy were annoying, and the storyline with Gibbsie felt rushed and unfulfilling, lacking tension and slow burn. The characters of Hughie, Katie, and Lizzie also had underwhelming storylines, making the book an overall frustrating read.I gotta admit, I was trying hard to like them, but honestly, most of the time I just wanted to yell at them! Their book is coming out soon and that's about it. But seriously, how am I supposed to warm up to them when they're always following Lizzie around and defending her, while their girlfriend is literally right next to them? That's just not cool! And don't even get me started on the whole 'loyalty' thing - yeah, right, like he's so perfect with no flaws. Emotional cheating is still cheating, you know!The only ones I actually liked reading about were Feely, Joey, Shannon, and Aoife. They were my faves, tbh! I loved how mature Shannon was and how much she cared for others. And of course, I'm totally in love with Joey - even though we didn't get to see him as much, the little bits we got were amazing. It's just such a shame that this book was a letdown overall.I mean, it pains me to give it only 3 stars, but honestly, the ending made me hate Clair and Gibbsie deserved way better than what he got. Lizzie, on the other hand, should've been villainized more in my opinion! I'm not looking forward to reading about her next.But hey, at least the Boys of Tommen series is always a thrill ride for me - those characters are my babies, and every time I read one of their books, it feels like coming home. Gerard just ripped my heart out with his actions in this book, though... and Gibbsie's storyline was a total mess!Claire Biggs, Gibbsie's love interest, shines like sunshine in this book. She radiates hope and sincerity, understanding people's struggles and sympathizing with their emotions. Claire's authenticity is refreshing as she always shows her true self, never hiding behind a facade to keep others happy. Her unconditional love for Gibbsie, even when he was struggling to love himself, is heartwarming. The way she protected him from his nightmares and gave him a sense of security and purpose is remarkable. This book's balance of humor, comfort, and joy, along with its darker moments, makes it a rollercoaster ride of emotions.Gibsie, the clown with demonsGibbsie appears to be the class clown, always ready with a joke or an antics to make his friends laugh. However, only his best friend Claire sees beyond the jokes and knows the pain he hides behind them.He is the most thoughtful person in the group, always there for others, but his past traumas and demons are not revealed until deeper exploration. The author reveals intricate details of his trauma and coping mechanisms, which breaks the reader's heart, making Gibbsie more lovable. The childhood friendship between Claire and Gibbsie is comforting to see, as she helps him overcome his fears. Their lifelong friendship exudes soulmate vibes, with loyalty, humor, banter, comfort, and love being their foundation. Their story is painful yet beautiful, particularly when Gibbsie accepts Claire's love and gives her the commitment she needs. The jealousy and bad dates scenes are heartbreaking, but ultimately, they find happiness together.Gibbsie's friendship with Johnny is underrated, but it's adorable. The scene where Johnny comforts a crying Gibbsie while holding him is heartwarming. Their bond is strong, as they confess their love for each other. Gibbsie says he loved Claire "every part of me," showing his deep devotion. Their chemistry is palpable, making their story a beautiful and perfect one. She devoted too much time to secondary couples which wasn't a big deal for me but it overshadowed the main plot and the characters of Claire and Gibbsie who deserved more focus. Their relationship seemed forced and lacked real stakes, making them appear dull compared to other pairs like Johnny-Shannon or Joey-Aoife. I hate how Lizzie bullied Gibbsie throughout the book, taking advantage of her own pain to lash out at him unfairly. It's hard to sympathize with a character who behaves that way.I'm eager for Claire and Gibbsie's story in Healing 7, which I believe is coming soon based on Chloe's Instagram posts. The series needs more development, especially regarding Gibbsie's traumatic past. Meanwhile, I'd love to see more of Claiming 10 with its juicy details about Hughie and Lizzie's tumultuous relationship. Patrick Feely also deserves his own book, and I sense a connection between him and Katie.As someone deeply invested in the series, my review is biased but genuine. While I have complaints, Claire and Gibbsie deserve another book to continue their story properly.Given article text here "the book is so fast-paced it's almost unbearable I just found out the 2nd suicide letter was exposed by claire on page 496 (book ends at page 551) gibsie had a meltdown after being dumped by his girlfriend on page 501, and then he just disappeared from her life for a while with some really disturbing flashbacks to him being sexually assaulted as a kid, but surprisingly they get back together on page 532, and have this awkward moment. 20 pages later it ends on a major cliffhanger because the whole group is falling apart. I haven't even gotten into the caoimhe plot yet but it's just really trash. chloe being the only one who speaks up about womenshannon was actually my favorite part of this book - she's literally the sweetest thing ever but what did surprise me was gibsie and feely, especially because i used to hate feely as a character but he became so good here. lizzie is at her absolute worst in this book, which makes me love her even more for being real about it. i'm dying for lizzie's future scenes with shannon, joey, gibsie & feely, and although i have low expectations for c10 because of the awful plot, i do appreciate that this book brought up some important issues at least.I also love gibsie so much because he's literally my favorite character in the series, but his storyline here felt really rushed and unfair to him. the writing is sloppy and inconsistent, which makes it hard to get invested in the story. it feels like they didn't give gibsie the ending he deserved, and that other characters got more attention than him.I gotta say, I was hooked from the very start on Claire and Gibbsie's storyline in this book. They had their ups and downs, but they always seemed to come out on top, even when things got tough. It's like Gibbsie's always okay, you know? But what really drew me in was how they balanced each other out - they were like two puzzle pieces that fit together perfectly.I loved seeing the way Claire and Gerard's childhood memories played out in the story. Their love is this beautiful, forever kind of thing that just feels right. And I'm not gonna lie, I was totally invested in their relationship from the get-go. I wanted more for them, more development and growth, but I guess we'll just have to wait and see what's next.The Lynch family was another highlight of the book for me - they're just so lovable! I'm still not done with them, if you know what I mean. And can we talk about Gerard Gibson for a second? He's this complex character who's always hiding his pain behind a smile, but he's got this beautiful, vulnerable side that just makes my heart melt.I know some people might have been disappointed by the book, but for me, it was worth every emotional rollercoaster. I loved being back in this world with all these characters, and I'm so grateful to Jessi for sharing this experience with me through our buddy read. Thanks for keeping me company on this wild ride!gussie deserves 5 stars!!!! I am beyond excited for march 29th, as gussie is literally my fave character in the series! I'm eagerly waiting to see what's next for them.