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Hope Was Here



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Description

Hope is a 16-year-old girl, living a nomadic lifestyle with her aunt Addie. Addie is a chef and restaurant manager, and Hope works as a waitress. They're always moving from place to place, and the story opens with them up-rooting from Brooklyn, New York. Before she leaves, Hope scribbles 'Hope Was Here' onto the menu board - it's become her motto, a ritual she carries out whenever they have to hit the road - again. Hope's a city girl and she isn't sure how she's going to tackle life in 'cow country'. Things start hotting up for her, though, when she gets embroiled in the local politics of Mulhoney, Wisconsin while working at the Welcome Stairways diner- Soon, Hope is tackling big issues about her own past, while grappling with some surprising developments in her new home town.

Insightful reviews

Kelly R: I love this book a lot. I just picked it up again when I was in a sad mood and immediately remembered how much I had loved it the first time. I adore the way it's written and I love the simple story that it tells.

I love the main character, she is not perfect, but she is entirely likable. Her imperfections make her real and wonderful.

One of the main reasons I love this book is because the Main character, Hope, is just like me. She's my age and temperament. I spend over half of my time cooking and I love any story that relates life to food. I understand it so well. The relationships in this book are really sweet too. I am forcing my mom and dad to read this book.

I recommend this book to anyone.

Madeline: I first read this book in...8th grade, I think. I then went on to re-read it at least five times.

Hope Was Here is about a 16 year old girl who lives with her aunt - the two of them find work at the beginning of the book at a diner in Wisconsin owned by a man with leukemia. Addie is a cook, and Hope is a waitress - a really good one, too, and from the way Bauer describes waitressing, you can tell she's writing from a lot of personal experience.

This book is great for 13-16 year old girls who want to read stories about a real girl (nothing against fantasy books, but it's nice when we can read about a cool heroine who actually lives in our world) who doesn't spend all her time shopping and partying (*cough [Gossip Girl](#) cough*) or pining after various boys (*cough [Twilight](#) cough*).

If nothing else, read this book for the descriptions of the food they serve in the diner, which are nothing short of mouth-watering.

Also by Joan Bauer, and also very good, is [Rules of the Road](#)

Maddy Amy: First off, I just want to point out that reading this book made me really hungry. So to those of you that plan to tackle Hope Was Here, make sure you have food handy. That is all.

Anyways, onto the important stuff.

Prior to reading *Hope Was Here*, I read and loved all of Joan Bauer's previous books (*Rules of the Road*, *Peeled*, *Thwonk*, and *Close to Famous*). Each one of these story lines was not repetitive, had a great heroine to read about, a setting to match, and a great plot line. *Hope Was Here* is no exception.

The story starts out with Hope leaving Brooklyn, NY, after her diner there closed down due to an employee robbing the place and running out with the night waitress. Hope and her aunt, Addie, begin the drive to Mulhoney, Wisconsin, where they have found jobs at GT Stoop's diner, *Welcome Stairways*. We learn that Hope has moved around her entire life, from restaurant to restaurant, and that her mother gave her to Addie when she was born. When they arrive at *Welcome Stairways*, it's discovered that GT Stoop, the owner, has cancer, and he surprises the whole town by deciding to run for mayor. What follows is a funny, easy to read plot that will have you smiling, frowning, and being hungry the whole way through that includes a relationship with the short-order cook, a scrapbook of dads, a corrupt mayor, a dead mouse in a salad, and a great plate of apple pie.

I love Joan Bauer's type of writing, simply because none of her characters, in any of her books, are flat or one dimensional. They're all fun to read about and easy to relate to, because each one of them has their own stories. Props to you there, Miss Bauer.

The setting is one of those things where you wish you were there at *Welcome Stairways* during the lunchtime rush, eating the food and watching the story fly by. I sure do.

My only complaint about this book is as I mentioned at the beginning: make sure you have a plate of food near you, or your stomach will be growling in every chapter.

Destiny Campbell: future Campbell English eight autonomous interpreting booklet overview
September novel: wish was once here "Hope used to be here" by means of Joan Bauer was once and very attention-grabbing, humorous and self-reliant book. I loved studying this ebook even if first and foremost I did not imagine I wanted it. The cause I admire this e-book used to be since it used to be realization looking and humorous from time to time, in my opinion it used to be just like a John eco-friendly booklet and that I love John eco-friendly books. The tale was once a few lady named Wish, and whilst she used to be more youthful her mother gave her to her sister. She has been becoming up together with her aunt ever given that and now and then she talks to her mother by means of sending letters. While she will get older she turns into a waitress for her aunts eating place yet then anything occurs cash-clever and so they get close down. This factors them to need to flow to another urban this has occurred to her four or five occasions so it's not anything new. They flow to Wisconsin the place they meet a number of the major characters G.T., Braver-man, Jillian, and Lou Ellen. The major clash during this booklet was once the landlord of the eating place they went to ended up operating for mayor he has leukemia and he's no longer the sturdiest individual for the activity yet he desires to do it and make the town higher so desire and her aunt need to support him win the election to turn into mayor. I might suggest this ebook to lots of individuals it's an outstanding publication a few humans I'd suggest this to will be Marra, Reilly and Jalynn. Identification suggest this e-book

to these humans since it type of matches the books they'd have an interest in .

Meghan: wish used to be here's a few teenage lady named desire who strikes to Mulhoney, Wisconsin together with her aunt. desire has lived in lots of locations over her years together with her aunt who's a chef comparable to big apple and Atlanta. Her aunt Addie will get a task at a diner in Wisconsin referred to as "Welcome Stairways". the landlord has melanoma till approximately bankruptcy 17. desire works as a waitress within the diner with tree different women. the landlord of the eating place G.T. makes a decision to run for mayor opposed to the town's endlessly mayor Eli Millstone. Eli and G.T. have a contention going calling one another calling the opposite candidate a liar or cheater yet in a extra serious way. G.t. does win the election and marries Addie. But, he dies 1 half years later. desire learns to deal with his dying in the course of her first 12 months of faculty at Michigan State. i feel wish used to be the following was once an awesome e-book and may strongly suggested for a while 11-14.

Avery: wish used to be here's a extra special booklet for teenager girls, yet i feel so much every body may take pleasure in this book. during this publication a tender lady named desire lives along with her aunt Addie, due to the fact that her mother gave her to her aunt. facing no father, and a no longer so nice mother, wish has discovered to be... Well, hopeful. although her aunt is a surprising cook, a lot of her eating places move belly-up for purposes out of her control. So hope, a very good waitress is used to relocating rather a lot. However, once they movement to a small Wisconsin city wish is not yes even she will be able to adapt. the entire whereas staying hopeful her dad is looking for her and may locate her soon. As wish learns the that means of existence from a guy with leukemia, she additionally learns approximately politics as he runs for mayor and the significance of being a great person. After numerous fantastic events, she learns perhaps a true dad isn't really fairly who she expected. once more this publication is fantastic you might want to completely learn it.

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