

*It Ends With Us* by Colleen Hoover

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The novel *It Ends With Us*, by Colleen Hoover, is a deep, heart-wrenching story that follows the life of a 23-year-old business graduate Lily Bloom. For anyone who enjoys reading meaningful and emotional books which reflect real-life problems, this book will dig its claws into your heart and will not let go.

Lily Bloom hasn't always had an easy life. She had a very difficult childhood and endured many struggles growing up. Not only does she watch the problems between her parents escalate to domestic violence, but she also witnesses her mother hide her father's behaviour to protect their reputation as the mayor's family. It doesn't help matters when Lily falls in love with a homeless boy.

Despite these challenges, Lily never uses her difficult life as an excuse to not work hard. She comes a long way from her small town in Maine to graduating from college, moving to Boston, and finding her passion in the pursuit of business. She meets a neurosurgeon named Ryle Kincaid in the strangest way and begins to feel a spark with him. But his complete rejection of relationships concerns her, even though she slowly starts to become an exception to his no-dating rule. Still, she keeps her guard.

As she starts to explore her new relationship, the sudden reappearance of her first love Atlas Corrigan threatens her connection with Ryle. She can't stop thinking about Atlas, who is her last link to her past, which she keeps hanging onto. She doesn't need Atlas if she has Ryle. But will that remain true?

Lily slowly starts to understand why her mother didn't leave her father and remembers what her mother always told her: sometimes the one who loves you the most hurts you the most.

This book is an emotional roller coaster with plot-twists and cliffhangers which you will not see coming. It is a deeply emotional and intriguing story which will keep you up all night.