

Me Before You by Jojo Moyes

Wow, just thinking about this story again makes me teary eyed. In one word, it is sad. But, I just couldn't put it down and finished it quickly. I had to see how it ended. It is a depressing story but in a very cathartic way that will have you thinking about how we live and how we die. It had me thinking that if I died today, would I regret not living my life to its fullest? Would I know that I had lived everyday doing what I love? Did I say the things I needed to say to those I love? I loved that it pairs two unlikely people and because of their circumstances in life, they are forced together at a point in time that will change them forever. This book brings up the topic of death and how we deal with it as humans. Mostly, we don't talk about it. It addresses assisted death and its necessity to those that suffer. I have always felt that if this is someone's choice and they are suffering, why not let them choose their ending? This book deals with not just the patient's choice but how it affects their family and friends. I think that it also provides a very good rationalization for this character wanting this type of death. I think that whether or not you believe in assisted death, you need to read this beautiful book. It is empathetic to both sides and even though I am a proponent of it, I still didn't want it to end the way it did. There was still hope I felt but I also understood that it was time. It is a beautifully written story about a subject that is extremely sensitive.

What was your first impression of Will? Of Louisa?

What did you think of Lou and being forced into working for Will? What would you have done in the same situation?

At what point do you feel that the Will/Lou relationship changes?

What was your reaction to the way Lou responds at the end to Will's final decision?

How did you think it would end? What would you have changed?

How did your impression of Will and Lou change from the beginning of the story?