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Snowflake Obsidian: Memoir Of A Cutter



Synopsis

Willow's your basic potty-mouth Mormon hippie with anger issues. Despite her parents fighting, her life is seemingly perfect. She has lots of friends, little responsibility and a stunning collection of sequined pillows. But everything changes when she and her best friend fall for the same guy. River is sexy, mysterious, and likes to eat peanut butter and jelly sandwiches. But there is something more behind his troubled jade eyes that draws Willow in. Relationships are tested and Willow ends up friendless and alone as she navigates the rough waters of a fiery first love. Soon, the illusions of her perfect world crumble and Willow must reexamine the beliefs that once built her rocky foundation. This quirky coming of age story follows Willow and River's unlikely romance as they battle their own inner demons and struggle to find themselves and their place in the adult world. "[Snowflake Obsidian]' grabs you and refuses to let go until you've turned the last page." Newsy Neighbour "One of the most raw and real books I've read in a long time." -The Book Shipper "Touching and jarring...blunt and humorous...a story of healing and revelation that deserves to be told." -Shameless Magazine "A soul-baring book by a talented writer." - SLUG Magazine "Flippant, witty and profound." -Book Reviews and Other Stuff "[Sage Steadman] writes in a sassy, colloquial voice [about] 'the silent epidemic of the 21st century.'" -ABC News

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Customer Reviews

WillowÃfÂçÃ â ÑÃ â„çs life seems pretty good. She has great friends, sheÃfÂçÃ â ÑÃ â„çs a great painter, she has a wonderful mother who she can just cling to whenever she needs to (even though sheÃfÂçÃ â ÑÃ â„çs a bit flaky in other aspects), a bit of a distant father (who her mom says after the war he was a bit messed up and closed off more), and a ÃfÂçÃ â ÑÃ Â“best friendÃfÂçÃ â ÑÃ Â• Jo who they can share anything with. However, Jo takes it to a more literal stand point and any time Willow even mentions feelings for a guy she may like, Jo seems to always have to go after him first. Willow and her friends are all hanging out one day when a new guy comes around named River. He seems perfect for Willow and seems to understand things in ways that her other friends donÃfÂçÃ â ÑÃ â„çt get. They start dating and for a while everything seems perfect. They have so many things in common and they are both just so happy together. They go on a vacation to Jackson Hole, Wyoming and sleep under the stars, and everything is fine. However when they get back, River starts to get distant and closed off. She finds out that River has started doing drugs and he breaks up with her because drugs are more important in his life then she is. She is completely heartbroken and goes through a huge depression. She gets piercings, she wears mostly black, she stops showering, she stops painting, and she just canÃfÂçÃ â ÑÃ â„çt seem to get any meaning in her life. So many of her friends have met other people, started relationships, and some have even started doing drugs too, so to help cope with everything, Willow starts to cut herself. She tries going to therapy but she doesnÃfÂçÃ â ÑÃ â„çt think she can ever get over her love of River. He was her soul mate and cutting seems to be the only thing that keeps her grounded and stabilized. It was pretty difficult at times to keep reading. Not that the story was bad, but to read about someone whoÃfÂçÃ â ÑÃ â„çs life is so full of happiness, friends that show up at all times of the day and they can just hang out whenever/wherever, and have so many good things going for them to have everything just crash down around them so quickly. At times I was shocked at how Willow was dealing with her issues, and I would think, ÃfÂçÃ â ÑÃ Â“sheÃfÂçÃ â ÑÃ â„çs acting this way over a guy who broke up with her?ÃfÂçÃ â ÑÃ Â• but then I remember back when I was 19 and going through puberty, friendships, love, and family and realize I made a few bad choices too. My heart broke so many times for Willow and I desperately hoped that she would be able to come out of her depression and live a much more stable happy life. I do think this may be a trigger

for some people who are dealing with depression, or cutting, but I do think it's still an important story to read how one person went through it.***Review has been done with conjunction with Nerd Girl Official***

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