Tell Me Three Things by Julie Buxbaum

Tell Me Three Things by Julie Buxbaum is a young adult novel with a bit of mystery and romance. It is not part of a series. I originally read this book because my friend recommended it to me—and I am so glad she did! This story follows the protagonist, Jessie, through her experience of starting a new school in Los Angeles after moving from Chicago. Jessie has endured a lot of pain in the past, and at this new school, it feels like nothing is getting any better (in fact, quite the opposite) ... that is, until she receives an email from a person calling themselves Somebody/Nobody. This book drew me in right away and was so much fun to read because things were constantly happening; there was never a boring section. I love the main character because I relate to some of her struggles, and I am sure many others do as well. I was rooting for her as a protagonist for the whole story because I felt like I got to know her. Even though the protagonists of these two stories are very different, this book reminded me slightly of Stargirl by Jerry Spinelli because it focuses on two characters who are new at school and different from the rest, and the plots also focus on their relationships with those around them. I think those who would enjoy this book are those who like coming-of-age stories about a character in a new place because it is exciting to see how it turns out, and those who like to discover secrets about different characters. I like this book a lot, and I would recommend it because I felt like I experienced this new environment with Jessie and that Buxbaum did a wonderful job conveying both characters and setting. The cover is also something I love about this book because the main features are heart-shaped waffles, which leads the reader to wonder how they hold significance in the novel.

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