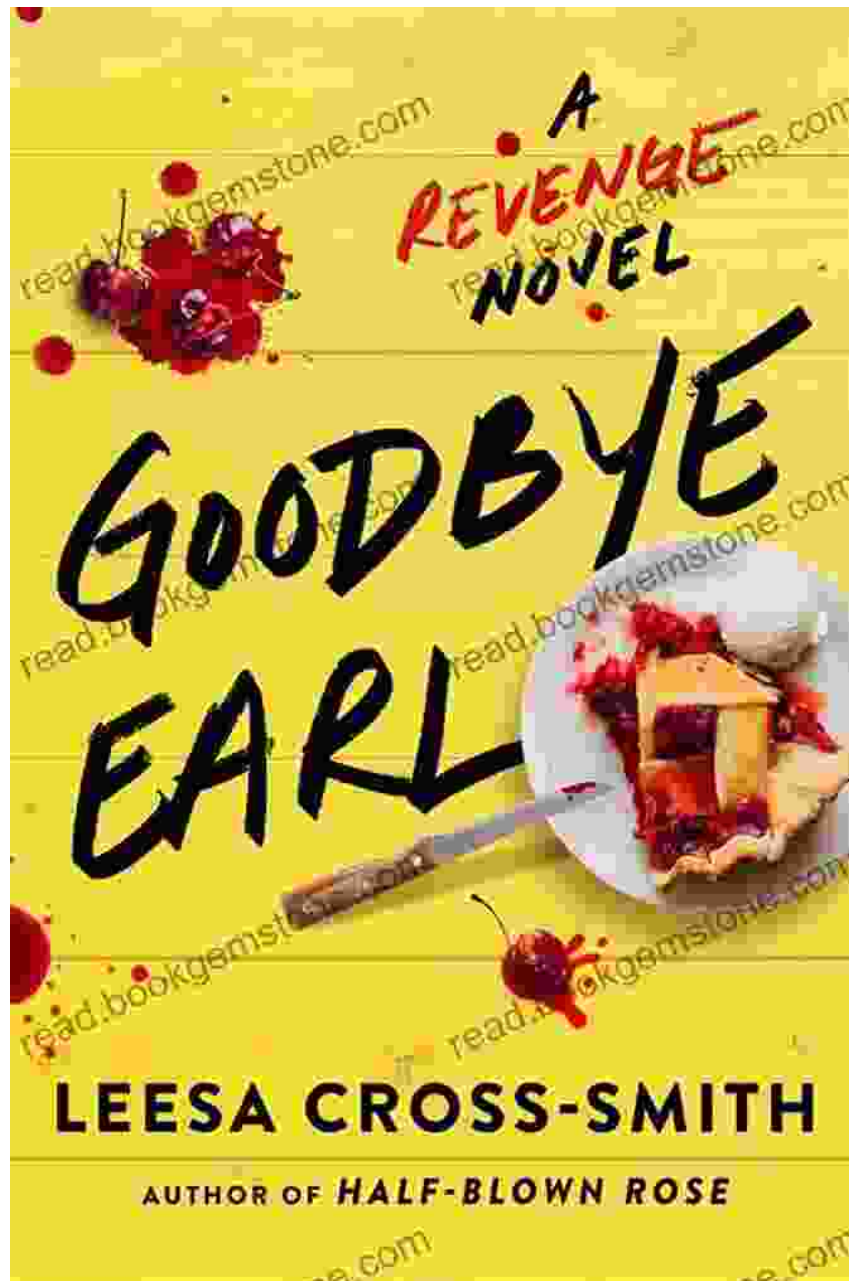
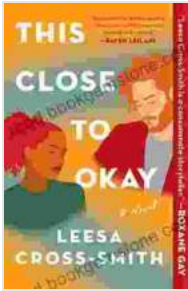


This Close To Okay: Embracing the Messiness of Life and Finding Hope in the Darkness

"This Close To Okay": A Heartfelt Journey of Self-Discovery, Resilience, and the Power of Connection



This Close to Okay: A Novel by Leesa Cross-Smith



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In the tapestry of life, we encounter countless moments that shape our experiences and mold our perspectives. Some moments bring joy and fulfillment, while others leave us with scars and uncertainties. In her debut novel, "This Close To Okay," Leesa Cross-Smith weaves a poignant and relatable tale that explores the complexities of life, the importance of human connection, and the transformative power of hope.

Delving into the Novel

"This Close To Okay" introduces us to Mary, a young woman navigating the tumultuous waters of life after a traumatic event. In the aftermath of a car accident that claimed the life of her sister, Mary struggles to cope with the overwhelming grief and sense of emptiness that consumes her.

As Mary grapples with her loss, she finds solace in her unlikely friendship with Sam, an aspiring artist who has his own share of scars and vulnerabilities. Together, they embark on a journey of self-discovery and resilience, navigating the intricate maze of emotions and relationships that shape their lives.

Exploring the Themes of "This Close To Okay"

Throughout the novel, Leesa Cross-Smith delves into profound themes that resonate with readers of all ages and backgrounds.

1. The Profound Impact of Loss and Trauma

"This Close To Okay" portrays the raw and often debilitating effects of loss and trauma. Through Mary's journey, we witness the lingering wounds that grief inflicts, the shattered dreams, and the profound sense of isolation that accompanies such experiences.

2. The Power of Human Connection

In the face of adversity, human connection emerges as a lifeline of hope and healing. Through her friendship with Sam, Mary discovers the transformative power of being truly seen and understood. Their shared experiences and unwavering support provide a beacon of light in her darkest hours.

3. The Courage to Face the Darkness

"This Close To Okay" emphasizes the importance of confronting the darkness within and embracing the complexities of life. Mary's journey is marked by moments of vulnerability, self-doubt, and despair. However, through the resilience she discovers within herself and the support of those around her, she learns to navigate the shadows and find hope in the most unexpected places.

Literary Devices and Narrative Style

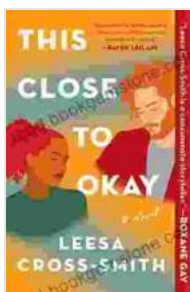
Leesa Cross-Smith masterfully employs literary devices to enhance the emotional impact of "This Close To Okay." The novel's fragmented structure

reflects the fractured nature of Mary's emotional state, while the lyrical prose captures the raw and visceral nature of her experiences.

Through the use of flashbacks and introspective passages, Cross-Smith delves deep into Mary's psyche, allowing readers to witness her inner struggles and triumphs with intimate detail. The novel's honest and unflinching portrayal of mental health issues further adds to its authenticity and relatability.

"This Close To Okay" is a captivating and emotionally resonant novel that will linger in readers' hearts long after they finish the last page. Leesa Cross-Smith's poignant storytelling and profound exploration of human experience create a tapestry that is both heartbreaking and hopeful.

Through the journey of Mary and Sam, we are reminded of the resilience of the human spirit, the importance of human connection, and the transformative power of hope. "This Close To Okay" is a testament to the fact that even in the darkest of times, there is always a glimmer of light guiding us towards a place of healing and acceptance.



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