



Leave Me

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Somewhere between feelings of latent crisis and ennui, Maribeth Klein has a heart attack. Only she doesn't realize that it is a heart attack—not until the emergency room attendants roll her into surgery and away from any sense that she is in control of her own destiny. With no one around her seeming to understand how lost she feels, Maribeth reacts on impulse and escapes, leaving the state in search of her birth mother, and of answers: *why did you leave me?*

Gayle Forman's first novel specifically for adult readerships takes on modern feelings of disconnection, even in the face of great outward success. Maribeth, untethered, is able to work through all of the looming questions that many adults don't feel free to examine, particularly questions around the strength, and purpose, of the relationships we choose. At times funny, at times heartbreaking, *Leave Me* is a promising entrance into adult genres for the already-bestselling author.

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