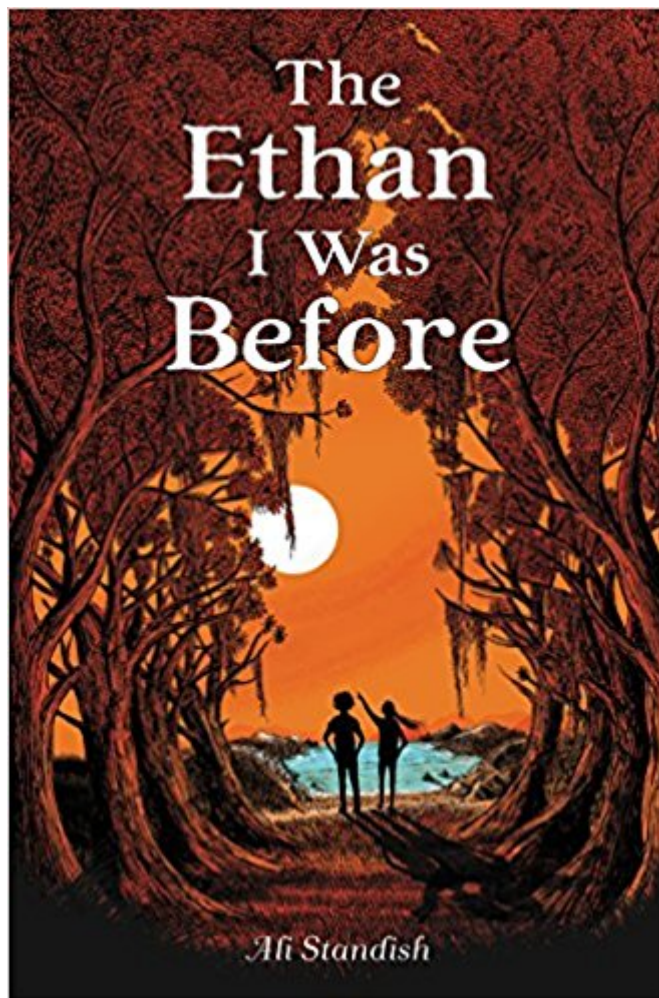


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The Ethan I Was Before



Synopsis

Life can be transformed in one moment, but does that one moment define you for life? Lost in the Sun — meets — The Thing About Jellyfish — in Ali Standish's breathtaking debut. A poignant middle grade novel of friendship and forgiveness, *The Ethan I Was Before* is a classic in the making. Ethan had been many things. He was always ready for adventure and always willing to accept a dare, especially from his best friend, Kacey. But that was before. Before the accident that took Kacey from him. Before his family moved from Boston to the small town of Palm Knot, Georgia. Palm Knot may be tiny, but it's the home of possibility and second chances. It's also home to Coralee, a girl with a big personality and even bigger stories. Coralee may be just the friend Ethan needs, except Ethan isn't the only one with secrets. Coralee's are catching up with her, and what she's hiding might be putting both their lives at risk. *The Ethan I Was Before* is a story of love and loss, wonder and adventure, and ultimately of hope.

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Age Range: 8 - 12 years

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Customer Reviews

"Debut author Standish boldly tackles themes of death, guilt, and forgiveness in this tender coming-of-age story. Readers will be riveted as Ethan, his family, and other well-developed

characters face the somber realities of life head on. (Publishers Weekly (starred review)) "A moving debut. An uplifting book that explores the way grief evolves through the power of remembrance. (ALA Booklist) "A deft balance between storytelling and accessible reflection for the middle-school reader. (Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books)

Ali Standish grew up in North Carolina and spent several years as an educator in the Washington, DC, public school system. She has an MFA in children's writing from Hollins University and an MPhil in children's literature from the University of Cambridge. She lives with her Finnish husband and rescue dog in Cambridge, England. *The Ethan I Was Before* is her debut novel. You can visit her online at www.alistandish.com and @AliStandish on Twitter.

I couldn't put this book down, was hooked from the very first sentence. At times though I wondered whether there was a bit too much going on - the tragedy that struck Ethan's life, the family's move, the strained relationship between the family and the grandfather, a new friend's questionable stories, the mysterious haunted house, and, and, and. But then, that's what kept me turning page after page and I think it will also keep young readers engaged, especially as clues are released regularly, problems resolved gradually.

This is a wonderful realistic fiction story of loss, friendship, mistakes, and forgiveness. It is a multilayered story with several memorable subplots and secondary characters. Fantastic story with hints of mystery, adventure and emotion. Great debut novel!

An amazing read!! Highly recommend for middle grade readers!

Written for 8-12 year olds but engaging for older children and adults! Powerful insights from a first-time writer about love, loss, and recovery! Highly recommended!

Fantastic! Go buy this book today!

Such a wonderful book. I highly recommend it!

It kept my attention from start to finish.

I loved the intensity of the final scenes of Standish's wonderful story. I also loved the character of Ethan, himself: real, honest, utterly believable, he won my compassion from the start. Just a lovely book -- full of warmth and humanity. Recommended!

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