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Editorial Review

Amazon.com Review
Honor receives her brother’s last letter from Iraq three days after learning that he died, and opens it the day his fellow Marines lay the flag over his casket. Its contents are a complete shock: concert tickets to see Kyra Kelly, her favorite pop star and Finn's celebrity crush. In his letter, he jokingly charged Honor with the task of telling Kyra Kelly that he was in love with her.

Grief-stricken and determined to grant Finn's last request, she rushes to leave immediately. But she only gets as far as the driveway before running into Rusty, Finn's best friend since third grade and his polar opposite. She hasn't seen him in ages, thanks to a falling out between the two guys, but Rusty is much the same as Honor remembers him: arrogant, stubborn. . . and ruggedly good looking. Neither one is what the other would ever look for in a road trip partner, but the two of them set off together, on a voyage that makes sense only because it doesn’t. Along the way, they find small and sometimes surprising ways to ease their shared loss and honor Finn--but when shocking truths are revealed at the end of the road, will either of them be able to cope with the consequences?

Review
“An amazing novel about first kisses, last goodbyes, and what it means to finally let go. I absolutely loved it.” (Lauren Barnholdt, author of Two-Way Street)

“A beautiful, engaging journey with heart, humor, and just a pinch of Texas sass. Hands down my favorite contemporary of the year.”
--Sarah Ockler, bestselling author of *Twenty Boy Summer*, *Fixing Delilah*, and *Bittersweet*

"The story of Honor and Rusty’s road trip offers moments of hilarity, potential romance, and spiritual awareness as the two travel across the desert to commemorate Finn’s life...Readers will find themselves rooting for the two to see past their differences and get together. "
--*VOYA*

“[Honor and Rusty’s] enviable roadtrip portrays the universe as resonant with beauty and responsive to personal grief, which is just what many teen readers need as they cope with the losses in their lives.“--*BCCB*

“A sweet and soulful summer romance that is worth the trip.”
--*Publishers Weekly*

“Fans of road-trip novels with plenty of heart . . . will love this journey, from unpredictable start to finish.”
--*Booklist*

About the Author
Jessi Kirby is the author of *Moonglass*, which was an ABA New Voices selection in 2011; *In Honor*; and *Golden*. When she’s not writing, she works as a middle school librarian. She lives with her husband and two children in Crystal Cove, California. Visit her at JessiKirby.com.

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