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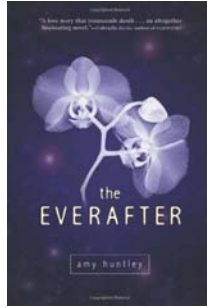
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Huntley, Amy. *The Everafter*. HarperCollins, 2009. ISBN 9780061776809. \$16.99. 244 pp.

Reviewer: Anna Swenson

Reading Level: Young Adult

Rating: Outstanding

Genre: Contemporary Realistic Fiction;

Subject: Death--Juvenile fiction; Interpersonal relations--Juvenile fiction; Books-Reviews;

Madison Stanton is dead. Trapped in a vast expanse of nothingness, she has no memory of anything from her past life. However, in this world, "Is," there are objects once lost in her past life. When Madison touches a sweater, she is sent back to the moment in her life when she lost it. By reliving these moments of her past, Madison discovers much about life, death, and what comes after.

The Everafter is an imaginative, passionate, and mysterious novel. The writing is captivating, and the plot never gets stale. The characters are unique and interesting. The story has romance, mystery, horror, and drama. Huntley is able to bring great depth to the book, as she explores life and death. The connections Madison makes to Emily Dickinson are fantastic and add so much more to the story. This book is suitable for mature adolescents.