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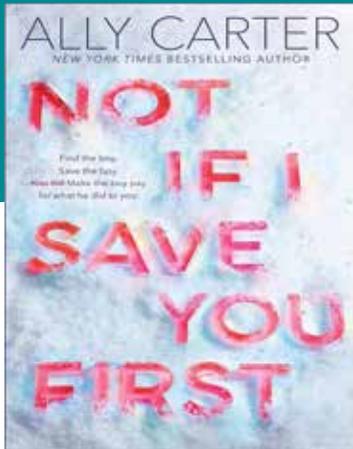
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Book Review

Not If I Save You First

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Dependable

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Young Adult

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Maddie, the daughter of the ex-Head of the Secret Service, grew up in the White House roaming the secret passages with Logan, the president's son. But when the Russians attack Logan's family and her dad is injured, Maddie and her dad are forced to flee to Alaska and live a life of solitude in a little cabin. After six years of letters with no response from Logan, Maddie has accepted her lonely Alaskan life—until Logan shows up at their doorstep, only to be kidnapped and dragged through the Alaskan wilderness hours after he arrives. Maddie knows that it's up to her to track him down and save his life—even if she can't stand him anymore.

Not if I Save You First is a fluffy, entertaining novel with little substance. The story isn't really explained until the last fourth of the book where we discover the political reasons to the kidnapping, and the first three fourths are just spent wandering around in the wilderness, which is interesting only because they are in Alaska. The book also lacks in the believability of the romantic relationship between Logan and Maddie. Maddie flips between hating and adoring Logan the whole novel, and Logan can't see why his actions hurt her. All in all the book is entertaining, but not anything fabulous.

*Contains mild language and moderate violence.