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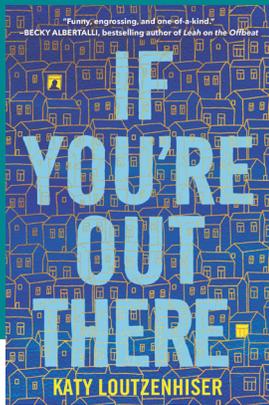
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Book Review

If You're Out There

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Rating

Excellent

Level

Young Adult

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320

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Balzer + Bray

If You're Out There tells the story of one girl's search to find out what has happened to her best friend. Zan is heartbroken when her best friend Priya moves to California and suddenly becomes unreachable. She isn't responding to any of her texts or calls, and something is definitely odd about her posts on social media, which are riddled with grammatical errors and totally uncharacteristic of Priya. But nobody believes Zan when she suggests that something is definitely weird about Priya's new life. With the help of her new friend Logan, Zan begins an investigation to find out what really happened to Priya. Despite everyone thinking she needs to move on, Zan knows that there is something odd about her best friend's move. The more she begins to look into the details, the more clues she begins to uncover. Together with Logan, Zan unravels the mystery to what has happened to her best friend.

If You're Out There is a captivating mystery from the beginning and will leave you questioning until the end. This book will be hard to put down as you begin to search for answers to the clues spread throughout the text. Katy Loutzenhiser's writing is captivating and witty, and the characters she has created are complex, realistic, and evolve throughout the story. This is a wonderful story that embraces the meaning of friendship, grief, and trusting yourself when you know something isn't right. Zan never gives up on her friend, and because of this bond she is able to uncover the truth. There are many tense moments and mysterious characters that help keep the plot entertaining and engaging. This book mixes many elements to create a story that is not only a mystery, but a comedy and romance as well. This book will appeal to many types of readers.