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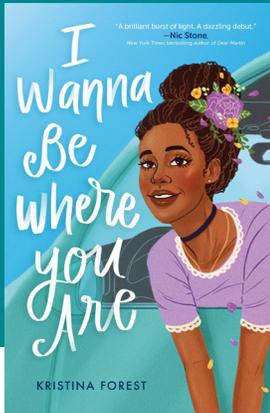
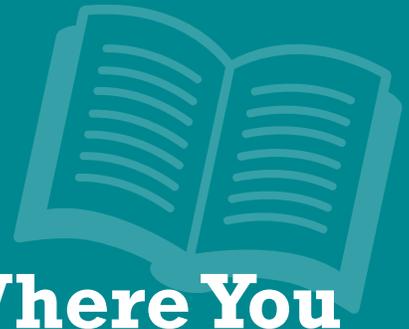
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Book Review

I Wanna Be Where You Are

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Rating

Dependable

Level

Young Adult

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272

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Chloe Pierce, a young black girl, dreams of becoming a famous ballerina. Her protective mother isn't sure about her only child moving to New York, so while her mother is on a cruise, Chloe decides to drive to Washington D.C. and try out for a conservatory run by her favorite dancer. Her ex-friend and neighbor Eli blackmails her into letting him come along so he can visit colleges. Together they venture on a road trip that leads them to unexpected places, physically as well as emotionally, as they discover is the power of forgiveness, never giving up on your dreams, and the meaning of friendship.

This is a touching, fast-paced, fun-filled adventure road trip story with some romance thrown in. There is a lot that happens in the short span of this book and readers will love the journey through the tensions of young love. The story is mostly focused on the two main characters and the much-needed forgiveness that must be realized before they can address their feelings for one another. Overall the story would have benefited from more time developing the other characters, even though their stories were not within the scope of this book. However, this book will attract many readers who are looking for a quick, breezy weekend read.