Tell Me Three Things
A New York Times Bestseller

What if the person you need the most is someone you’ve never met? Funny and romantic, this tug-at-your-heartstrings contemporary YA debut is perfect for readers of Rainbow Rowell, Jennifer Niven, and E. Lockhart.

Everything about Jessie is wrong. At least, that’s what it feels like during her first week as a junior at her new ultra-intimidating prep school in Los Angeles. It’s been barely two years since her mother’s death, and because her father eloped with a woman he met online, Jessie has been forced to move across the country to live with her stepmonster and her pretentious teenage son. Just when she’s thinking about hightailing it back to Chicago, she gets an email from a person calling themselves Somebody/Nobody (SN for short), offering to help her navigate the wilds of Wood Valley High School. Is it an elaborate hoax? Or can she rely on SN for some much-needed help?

In a leap of faith—or an act of complete desperation—Jessie begins to rely on SN, and SN quickly becomes her lifeline and closest ally. Jessie can’t help wanting to meet SN in person. But are some mysteries better left unsolved? Three Things about this novel: (1) I loved it. (2) No, really, I LOVED it. (3) I wish I could tell every teen to read it. Buxbaum’s book sounds, reads, breathes, worries, and soars like real adolescents do. —Jodi Picoult, New York Times bestselling author of Leaving Time and Off the Page

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It's been a long time since I read a book in two days (really, two or three sittings). This was one of those times. I loved Julie Buxbaum's novel for adults, After You, so when I saw she had a new book for young adults coming out, I definitely wanted to read it. The YA genre is not foreign to me, so it wasn't a tough leap to make.

Jessie moves from Chicago to LA when her dad gets remarried, and she feels totally alone. Her new stepbrother attends the swanky private school her stepmother pays for her to attend, but he doesn't talk to her. The mean girls -- who are also perfectly formed and beautiful -- make her feel insecure with their taunts and looks, and on the first day of school she has to introduce herself in all her classes, revealing just how different she is from these rich kids when she shares about her summer working at Smoothie King. When she gets home, she has an anonymous email from "Somebody Nobody" offering to help her navigate the waters of Wood Valley High School, including telling her whom to befriend (a small select few) and whom to avoid (probably everyone else). These things help, and she likes having a safe place to go to ask questions, but why must he remain anonymous? She and SN begin communicating throughout the day and building a real friendship, but he still refuses to meet her in person. In the meantime, she makes other real friends -- a couple of girlfriends, an English project assignment buddy, and the hot son of the owner of the bookstore where she works. She begins trying to figure out who SN is, and of course, who she really wants him to be. As a reader it was fairly obvious to me from the very beginning, but not 100% confirmed until much later. I loved this book.

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