



*It Ends With Us* by Colleen Hoover

Reviewed by Alheli



This is part of a two book series, the first is this book and the second is called "It Starts With Us". The first book definitely leaves you wanting for more and its follow up is honestly really satisfactory.

### **Give a summary without spoilers!**

This book is about Lily Bloom, a hard working woman, recently graduated from college, and is now living in Boston. Even with the nagging from her mother to go back home and be with her, Lily chooses to follow her dream to quit her office job and open her own flower shop. However, after she comes across a very handsome neurosurgeon on the rooftop of an apartment building, her life slowly begins to change. Before you know it, sometimes what you think is right for you hurts you the most.

### **What drew you to this book?**

I was first drawn to this book because this is a super famous "booktok" book. It is also a romance novel and those are some of my favorites to read. I saw so many people talking about this book and how good it was so I decided to look into it. However what I totally didn't know going into reading this book is that it's so much more than a simple love story. The topics the author writes about and the way she demonstrates the impact on the characters is what fascinated me the most, and is one of the things that kept me interested to keep reading. The story is also located in Boston and follows the life of your typical girl that grew up in the suburbs then moves to the city to find something better. In a sense the book felt close to home.

### **Did it remind you of something that you've previously read?**

I have to say this book is something I find super unique. Sure it has the typical "meet cute", finding love in the city, and starting your own path. However, even though it starts that way, I think it expands into a story I had never read or would have imagined.

### **To whom would you recommend this book?**

I recommend this to anyone that's interested in romance! Specially someone who likes to see the different values of a relationship. The book is definitely centered on Lily's romantic relationships, but also on how she views love and handles her relationships. So I think the book really dives deeper than just the usual relationship struggles. Something I somehow completely missed is the topics this book touches on. This is definitely a high school read and I wouldn't recommend it to anyone younger, because this book does talk about domestic abuse and manipulation.

**Overall, did you like it and would you recommend it to others?**

Overall I loved this book! The author is truly an incredible writer, she is not only able to make it enjoyable and addicting, but she also explains and creates a deeper understanding of abuse and the darker side of what can happen to couples. The way she introduces the characters and personalizes them truly feels like you know them. It also makes the reader feel just like the protagonist, in love, but torn. The story is also incredibly well thought out, everything seems to have another meaning behind it and often there's a bunch of hints and details I didn't even catch in my first read.

**Anything else that you would like to add to this review? What made you choose it? Did you like the cover? Was it recommended to you? Did you find it at the library?**

I definitely went out and bought this book! Normally I don't like to buy books, but this one I definitely have gone back to read again because I loved it so much. I do want to give the fair warning that there is a movie for the book and I strongly recommend anyone who is considering reading the book to not watch the movie! While the movie does a solid job with the story and plot, it does no justice to the details, inside thoughts, and characterization the book has.