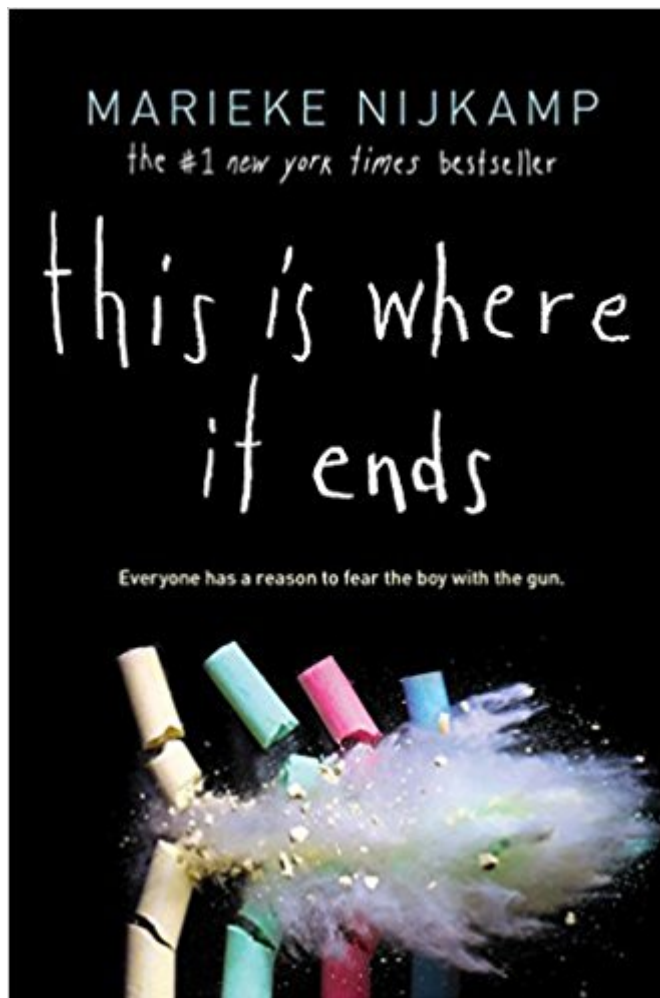


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# This Is Where It Ends



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This #1 New York Times Bestseller chronicles the 54 harrowing minutes of a school shooting and follows four students who must confront their greatest hopes, and darkest fears, as they come face-to-face with the boy with the gun. 10:00 a.m. The principal of Opportunity, Alabama's high school finishes her speech, welcoming the entire student body to a new semester and encouraging them to excel and achieve. 10:02 a.m. The students get up to leave the auditorium for their next class. 10:03 The auditorium doors won't open. 10:05 Someone starts shooting. A Buzzfeed Best YA Book A Bustle.com Most-Anticipated YA Novel A Goodreads YA Best Books Pick A Goodreads Choice Award Finalist for Young Adult Fiction Kids Indie Next List Pick "Marieke Nijkamp's brutal, powerful fictional account of a school shooting is important in its timeliness." —Bustle.com "A gritty, emotional, and suspenseful read and although fictionalized, it reflects on a problematic and harrowing issue across the nation." —Buzzfeed "A compelling, brutal story of an unfortunately all-too familiar situation: a school shooting. Nijkamp portrays the events thoughtfully, recounting fifty-four intense minutes of bravery, love, and loss." —BookRiot

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"This Is Where It Ends is simultaneously heart pounding and heart wrenching. Every word hits frighteningly close to home and is tragically too familiar. This book will leave you asking questions that we as a society should have answered a long time ago." — Julie Murphy, #1 New York Times bestselling author of DUMPLIN "Stunning, diverse, and unforgettable, This Is Where It Ends is a book everyone should read to better understand each other and the world around us." — Robin Talley, author of LIES WE TELL OURSELVES "As long as there are Newtowns and Columbines there will be a desperate need for gripping, well-written, and poignant novels like this one. We are the most gun-violent country in the world, and yet little has been done to stop these rampage killings. Many people have become numb to the news that yet another child, or family, or congregant, has been murdered. Hopefully a book like This Is Where It Ends will make the problem more real to a generation that still has the time, energy, and willpower to do something about it." — Todd Strasser, award-winning author of GIVE A BOY A GUN and FALLOUT "Entirely gripping and fast-paced." — Lucy Christopher, award-winning author of STOLEN "[A] compelling story of terror, betrayal, and heroism... This brutal, emotionally charged novel will grip readers and leave them brokenhearted." — Kirkus "Love, loyalty, bravery, and loss meld into a chaotic, heart-wrenching mélange of issues that unite some and divide others. A highly diverse cast of characters, paired with vivid imagery and close attention to detail, set the stage for an engrossing, unrelenting tale." — Publishers Weekly "With narration firmly rooted in the moment and smooth transitions in and out of flashbacks, each first-person account reveals an intricate web of betrayal and pain that connects the four to Tyler and the horror he has unleashed." — The Horn Book Magazine "A gritty, emotional, and suspenseful read and although fictionalized, it reflects on a problematic and harrowing issue across the nation." — BuzzFeed "Marieke Nijkamp's brutal, powerful fictional account of a school shooting is important in its timeliness." — Bustle.com "A compelling,

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“You can’t keep your loved ones with you. You can’t always settle your life in one place. The world was made to change. But as long as you cherish the memories and make new ones along the way, no matter where you are, you’ll always be home.” What a heartbreaking and unforgettable book. My heart was breaking while I read this book; however, I think this is such an important topic to draw attention to. This is a sensitive topic, however, it is a topic that we need to bring attention to, it’s a reality and unfortunately it is something that does take place. I love how the author gives you four different point of views happening, however, starting the book I was confused with who the characters were and I really did not get too attached to many of them. School shooting, sadly, can happen anywhere and to anyone and I feel like the author did an excellent job at providing diversity throughout the book. This really sheds some light the victims and their family & friends and how it affects them. I believe this is an important book to pick up and read.

This book was bought on a whim, and read in a single sitting. At first, I didn't find myself emotionally involved, but as the story continued, and the multiple narrators continued to talk over the brief time the book takes place, the emotional side of the story came in ways that took me by surprise and had me shedding tears. Nijkamp's inclusion of LGBT and students of diverse ethnic backgrounds made this story all the more readable. 4 Stars.

This has been one emotional roller coaster and this book BLEW ME AWAY (no pun intended). I would definitely recommend this to EVERYONE! But mostly to kids and young adults in high school college, this is a great way to show them how every little thing that may seem like nothing to you could change and damage a person. Even though this kid was off his rocker. This book will haunt me forever and I'm so absolutely glad I read it.

I wanted to like it. I really did like the story but it felt unfinished. Since it is told through many perspectives, I feel like some characters were fully developed while others were used just to advance the story (but then I really cared about them so I wanted more!). Overall though, the book got an excellent message across and it a great read for high school students and anyone working with them

I got to 30% of the book and it was just boring. I stopped reading, then look online for the summary and was very unimpressed. Glad I didnt finish it, regret paying money for it. From the other reviews it seems like a good book, maybe its just not for me.

This book was very intense. I thought the different characters were well thought out and the story was amazing. I highly recommend this book. It was difficult to read at times, but it tells an amazing story.

Literally such a great book. A little bit of a slow start, but once I was in it I read it in one sitting. I like how not all the problems are revealed right away, and how you have to chip away at the characters and they are related and affected the tragedy. Definitely a novel I would recommend and will think about for a long time.

A very compelling book. I could not put it down. I lived in Denver when the massacre occurred at Columbine High School and it brought back the memories in force about that terrible time.

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