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The movie *Arrival* meets *A Wrinkle in Time* in this action-packed YA novel where a young woman has to find her little brother after her town disappears into thin air.

Rose Montgomery parks her family's trailer in Fort Glory, Oregon with one goal: to carve out a new life for herself and her little brother, Charlie. They need a fresh start for their family, and she thinks she's finally found it in a town where nobody knows them.

But Rose's plans come crashing down when, in an instant, Fort Glory disappears and every person in town vanishes into thin air—including Charlie.

Rose and four other teens become trapped in the Fold, a patch of woods caught halfway between the real world and the lost town. In the Fold, a mysterious force suspends the laws of physics, and everyone's inner darkness has the power to kill.

To survive the Fold, Rose must unravel the clues Charlie sends her from the missing town. And Rose has to find Charlie soon—or he'll be gone forever.

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rachel says

I need this book in my possession. A Wrinkle in Time meets Arrival? I'm here for that.

Ashlee Cowles says

Every now and then you come across a story you know you'll never forget. A timeless story that's categorized as "Young Adult," but is worth reading at any age or stage of life. For me, BEFORE I DISAPPEAR is one of those stories. This novel is a fast-paced, entertaining read that's hard to put down, but it's also so much more than that. I loved the eerie atmosphere that transported me to the lush forests of the Pacific Northwest. I loved the intrigue surrounding an entire town disappearing without a trace. I loved the way the author used Physics to deepen the plot and make you think. I loved the gorgeous, poetic writing. I loved the twists and turns that kept me up reading way too late into the night.

But most of all, I loved the characters.

Rose Montgomery is an uncommon YA heroine. She's brave, independent, resourceful, and smart, but I liked how she wasn't "in your face" in a stereotypical way. Rose has had a tough life that has caused her to grow up way too fast, but her strength and maturity are genuine and shown more through her actions than her words. And while there is a subtle but swoon-worthy romance woven into all the action, the real love story is between Rose and her little brother, Charlie. I can't think of many other novels that portray a sibling relationship in such a compelling way--you truly feel how much Rose loves her brother and have no doubt that Charlie is a special soul worth risking everything for...which Rose does.

The secondary characters are also fantastic (Rowena is my favorite!). Stinson has a talent for throwing a group of unlikely people into a challenging situation and allowing the natural conflict that comes from such a ragtag bunch to create tension that drives the story. The ending of this book will have you in tears AND on the edge of your seat (a difficult combination to pull off!), but it's the characters, the beautiful prose, and the promise of hope that will remain with you long after you finish reading.

London Shah says

LOVE the premise of this book, can't wait to read!

Loretta Cremin says

One of the best books I've read. A story about love, hope and redemption. It will leave you breathless.

Sabrina Kaye Fox says

Before I Disappear is marketed as Arrival meets A Wrinkle in Time. I've never Arrival nor have I ever read A Wrinkle in Time, so I went into this novel pretty blind.

Rose Montgomery has had a hard life. After their latest setback, her, her brother Charlie, and her mother find themselves in Fort Glory, Oregon.

Rose's goal is to make a better life for her younger brother and her mother. Before she knows it, everything is flip-turned upside down and Fort Glory seems to be gone. Poof, into thin air. Taking Charlie and her mother along with it.

Rose finds herself trapped in The Fold with four others who have to rely on each other to figure out how to survive. The Fold is a 30 mild wooded area hell-bent on killing them if they're not careful.

The whole time they're separated Charlie is sending Rose signals that help pave the way to save the group and their whole town.

I love the characters. Rose is amazingly grown up for her age due to the circumstance that led Rose and her family to Fort Glory. She's strong and resilient and hard-working. There's no one she cares about more than Charlie. Charlie is a wonder and he's selfless and it's not hard to see why Rose goes through everything she does to get him back.

There's a small relationship that blossoms between Rose and another character and I like the way Stinson wrote it in. It isn't the main plot of the story but it helps the story along. It's subtle and I'm all about subtle. Romance that's too in your face isn't for me so I really appreciated this aspect of the novel!

If sci-fi isn't your thing, take a leap of faith because it's not mine either and I still enjoyed this one quite a bit. Stinson focuses more on the driving forces of life like love and longing instead of making it all about sci-fi.

ANNE says

From the very first page, Before I Disappear draws the reader into a world of mystery and darkness. Rose Montgomery carries the weight of the world on her young shoulders as she tries to make a better life for her family and leave their troubled past behind. They barely settle in to Fort Glory, Oregon, when Rose finds herself alone, separated from her family by a terrible dark force that has evaporated the town and everyone in it. While there is peril at every turn, Rose and her companions manage to survive by learning to forgive, accept, trust and finally love one another. Rose's loyalty to her brother Charlie and her growing love for Ian feels natural and makes the ending more intense. Incredible imagery, wonderfully developed characters and an unpredictable ending makes this novel a must read. Loved it!

David Cremin says

Phenomenal read, I couldn't turn the pages fast enough! Stinson will have you on the edge of your emotional seat with this one!!

Danielle Stinson says

I'm probably pretty biased, so I'm just going to go ahead and say that I loved writing this book. I've carried Rosie and Charlie in my heart for so long, and I'm excited and awed that they are almost out there in the world.

To anyone who is reading this, thank you so much!

Mariama Lockington says

"Mom told me once that every person was a strange land with their own strange weather." BEFORE I DISAPPEAR is an epic SciFi adventure full of strange weather and land. It follows Rose, a teen girl who is more of a caretaker than a child, and who fights daily to mobilize her mother and brother out of poverty and violent circumstances. When the town Rose and her family live in mysteriously disappears into thin air with all of the residents (including her brother Charlie), everything changes for Rose. She, alongside a misfit crew of teens, trapped in an in-between place called The Fold, must fight to bring back the town, and Charlie, before darkness takes them all to another dimension. This book is part Madeleine L'Engle's "A Wrinkle In Time", part Gary Paulsen's "Hatchet", as Rose must survive in a strange wood, where time, space, emotions, and weather are constantly changing. Rose is a serious, driven, strong female character, who chooses to see the good in the people around her, while at the same time coming to terms with deep trauma of her own. BEFORE I DISAPPEAR is a disorientating, dark, but hopeful journey. It's the kind of book that will keep you guessing and turning pages till the end.
