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A gap in his memory the afternoon that his best friend disappears in a redwood forest has a fifteen-year-old photographer wondering about his own role in the mystery, and who he can turn to for help.

Picture Perfect Details

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Mark says

I read the book Picture Perfect. This book was about a boy named Ian and how he dealt with the pain of his best friend going missing. In all honesty I almost fell asleep everytime I started reading it untill about the last fifty pages or so. The only reason I did not fall asleep during these last fifty pages was because you finally start to get some interesting things to happen, but it is short lived and ends abruptly. It has an intesting cover and it makes you want to read it but I strongly suggest against reading this book.

Kimathy says

i didn't read all of it, but i got bored and i realized i wasn't really concerned for his friend because the worry was so big from all of the characters. I didn't really like Ian, and didn't like his dad.

Alexis says

I read the book, Picture Perfect, by Elaine Marie Alphin. Ian Slater is not the most popular kid in school, but he has a best friend, Teddy, who is. After waking up from a bad dream with Teddy in it, Ian soon realizes that Teddy is missing. Little did anyone one know, Teddy had done some research and was searching for his dad. Ian keeps hearing voices and having weird dreams about Teddy. Soon everyone starts noticing that Ian is acting very weird and they start to question whether or not he had to do with Teddy's disappearance. I really liked this book. The story does not turn out the way the author made it seem in the summary. It is an interesting twist that shocked me. And the author tricked me, I thought I knew how it was going to end but I was wrong. I honestly did not think I would like this book.

This book is for people who like thrillers and mysteries. The age group for this book is teenagers and young adults.

Isaac says

I really liked this book. I thought that the ending was going to be different, but I am very glad what happened in the end. If anyone likes a book with emotion and/or mystery then they should read this book. I recommend this book to everybody I thought that this was a really good book. It was one of my favorite reads of the year. I loved the suspense of it and the brutality of the father was pretty good and I could actually see the father strangling Teddy and throwing him off the cliff. I thought that it could have been a little bit quicker as that was what everybody kept complaining about and maybe Elaine Marie Alphin should have made it just a little bit easier to understand. Overall this was a very good book and I think that they should make a movie out of it.

Juana "Darkness" Duran says

Ian has been struggling with his dad ever since he was little. But when Ian's best friend goes missing he is devastated. Ian knows that something happened to Teddy and that he watched it happen. But he doesn't remember. Add to that his father's mood swings and abuse of his son, well that's just going to cause more trouble for Ian. As Ian gets closer to solving the puzzle with the help of some unlikely friends and his camera, he learns how strong he really is. And as Ian grows stronger he gets forgotten memories back, and he gets more personalities known to him to come out and help him understand his past, present, and future.

Alex says

I really enjoyed this book. I thought it was very suspenseful and very well paced. I was always left wondering what would happen next. I was left on the edge of my seat, so to speak. My prediction on the story was correct, and I was very proud that I was able to predict it correctly. I predicted that Ian had some sort of Multiple Personality Disorder. (MPD) Ian turned out to have at least five different personalities. His personalities were Luke, in school Ian, failure Ian, at home Ian, and the one he recently discovered that held the memories from the past that he found painful. I liked this book because in a way, I could kind of relate to Ian. I sort of have a failure and an at home and in school Alex. I really liked this story because it was really enjoyable and suspenseful and it had a great ending.

Andrew says

I really liked the story. I thought that Mr. Slater wouldn't kill Teddy because he never beaten Ian. It would have been more believable if Ian got physically abused by his dad. Ian was a little weird in the story because he had multiple personalities probably because of his dad. I think that there should have been an epilogue so we would have known if Ian had gotten the right help. I think that there should be a sequel to it since there wasn't an epilogue. I like that Ian's dad got caught, but he shouldn't have expected so much of Ian. I really liked the book.

Chelsea Radojcic says

Picture Perfect is a wonderful Young Adult Suspense/Mystery Novel. I remember reading this book when I was 12 or 13 and just being engulfed in its pages. This story is about 15 year old Ian and the disappearance of his best and only friend, Teddy. They are photography buddies and are looking to find the perfect shot of a redwood tree. On the day of Teddy's disappearance, Ian can't seem to remember what exactly happened. Sometimes, he blacks out and loses his memory, which is explained later on in the story. As I read this story, I felt my heart racing as it became stranger and stranger. This story had many layers dealing with multiple characters and different story-line's.

I will admit, the main character, Ian, was not my favorite. I did feel empathy toward Ian for his home-life situation, but mainly I felt pity for his best friend, Teddy. However, in the end of the story, the main character redeemed himself, so I was forgiving of his previous character.

Despite some heavy emotional content, such as troubles at home and mental terrorism/abuse, this story stays away from vulgar language and intimate graphic scenes of sexuality, which I see becoming more and more evident in Young Adult reading material.

I loved the telling of this story by Elaine Marie Alphin and would highly recommend it for ages 12-15.

Peggy says

When Ian Slater's best friend Teddy disappears, Ian starts acting strangely. He hears strange voices, he cannot remember things, and he keeps seeing Teddy in his dreams. Then the sheriff suspects that Ian has done something to Teddy. This book shows how many people's lives are cloaked in secrets--Ian's father is not whom he seems to be, Teddy's father is unknown, and Mr. Mitchell and Cal are misjudged--these secrets can hide a murderer and almost destroy a young man. The book is a great whodunnit mystery and also an amazing development of personality disorders, abuse, and triumph over terrible trauma.

Grace Iverson says

I thought Picture Perfect was a really interesting book. I still don't completely comprehend how Ian didn't know that Luke was part of him, only a different personality. The beginning was a little dull however, towards the end I got curious. I really enjoy books that keep you wondering until the last few pages. The author of this book is a known author of ghost books, so I was hoping it wouldn't end with Luke being a ghost, which I am glad that it didn't. The author made me feel real emotions with the characters, such as being angry, upset yet understanding at Mr. Slater and not fully trusting Cal. Overall this was a real good book.

Sam Cristol says

I usually try not to judge books by their cover. I had to though, as the libraries copy did not have a summary. Instead I just said "looks interesting." and I checked it out. That decision was one of the best I've made in a while.

This book is about Ian, a 9th grade boy who lives in a small town. His father is the principal of his school, yet he abuses his son at home. Everyone starts to worry when Teddy, Ian's friend, goes missing. The last time he was seen was at school, and all that Ian can remember after that is a fog.

This book was intense. It really made you think. Even though some scenes could be slightly confusing, it was still very well written with deeply developed characters. Even though it was written in first person, the author did a great job at deciphering the outside world as well as his own problems.

Brysen T.K says

This was about a boy named

Diane says

Ian's best friend has vanished; he has blocked out a whole hour; did he kill Teddy?

Chika Mika says

It was a really good book, it definitely got kind of confusing at time and seemed to get random plot twists but overall the book was really well written and fun to read.

Ryan says

I was intrigued by the ending, with Like taking over Ian and Mr. Slater NOT being Teddy's father. I overall liked the book and am currently enjoying The Perfect Shot. I found it odd how she went about things, although showing Ian's undereaction to the attempted murder due to trauma and brain-washing at an early age. the twist with Luke making the Macros to send the pictures to the sheriff and the paper really got me. i find it interesting that through it all Ian has a detatched point of view, always agreeing with his father until Luke changes that.

Q's to Elaine Marie Alphin

1. What inspired this story?
2. Why did Ian have split personalities?
3. How do you know what kind of methods that someone like Mr. Slater would use?
4. Why do you think you decided for Ian's point of view to be so constricted?
5. When do you think that Ian will get over his disorder?
6. Where is Sara? Is she torn between Teddy and Ian, or does she have a preference for one or the other?
