

Wish You Were Here

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Wish You Were Here, written by Catherine Clark, is an adventurous story about a girl named Ariel Flack. Ariel Flack is a typical teenager who only cares about her life and rebels against her parents. Extremely self-conscious, Ariel worries about how she looks and how much she weighs, just like a typical teenager. She has a new boyfriend named Dylan, who is also an old friend of hers. As the book unfolds, Ariel is faced with a divorced, annoying mom, who offers Ariel and her younger sister to all go on a road trip.

Extremely annoyed, Ariel reluctantly accepts her mom's offer. However, Ariel soon learns that instead of traveling by car, they are joining their grandparents and their uncle on one week bus tour. Ariel gets extremely frustrated and even attempts to ditch the tour. As the story progresses, Ariel meets a teenager named Andre. They, both annoyed by their parents, get to know each other very well and become good friends. Unlike what she expected, Ariel learns a lot of lessons during the bus tour journey.

I didn't really enjoy reading *Wish You Were Here*, mainly because the main character prevalingly moans and complains about minor things. However, it also mirrors how teenagers act and shows that they need to change how they act towards their parents and family members. This book would be a great gift for teenagers.