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In this novel, Miles “Pudge” is a teenager who decides to go to Culver Creek to try and find meaning in his life. He makes a few new friends including Takumi, Chip, Lara, and Alaska. He soon becomes enamored by Alaska and her unique personality. Together, he and his friends have go through ups and downs of adolescence in a new school. Then they ultimately face a tragic loss that causes them to question the meaning of life and their own identities.

If I am completely honest, this book was just okay, nothing too special. It was fun to read it and a unique story about adolescence and how to accept the loss of a loved one. However I didn't really like any of the characters or how it ended. I think for the most part the book was a great work of literature and it's just that me specifically did not enjoy reading it. The ending was surprising and there were some surprising events in the book but I think the end could have been better.

I would recommend this book to older teens or who are older adults because understanding this book's main ideas will be sort of difficult. I don't think younger people will even enjoy reading this since it does highlight some aspects that are more complex to read. For example it explains some things that really make you think about life and main ideas about grief or even suicide. So if you don't like these types of books that do this then don't read this one. But if you do and like stories that center around teenagers and them going through life changing events then definitely read this one.