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APPENDIX

A. Biography of the Author

Jeff Zentner is the author of the New York Times Notable Books *The Serpent King* and *In the Wild Light*, as well as *Rayne & Delilah's Goodbye Days* and *Midnite Matinee*. Among several awards he has successfully received, he has won the William C Award. Morris of ALA, Amelia Elizabeth Walden Award twice, Muriel Becker Award, International Literacy Association Award, and twice longlisted for the Carnegie Medal.

Jeff Zentner was selected to be a finalist for the Southern Book Prize twice, and was a finalist for the Indies ' Choice Award. He was also selected as Publishers Weekly Flying Start and apick Indies Introduce. His books have been translated into fifteen languages. Before becoming a writer, Jeff Zentner was a musician who recorded with Iggy Pop, Nick Cave, and Debbie Harry.

Jeff became interested in writing to write a Young Adult genre book after volunteering at a Tennessee teen Rock Camp and a Southern Girls Rock Camp. As a child, his parents would take him to the library and drop him off, where he would read until closing time. He has also worked in various bookstores through high school and college. Jeff Zentner lives in Nashville. He has the ability to speak Portuguese, having settled in the Brazilian Amazon region for two years.

B. Summary of the Novel

Goodbye Days is a novel by Jeff Zentner. This novel was first published in 2012, but for the translated version in Indonesian, it was only published in January 2019 by Spring Publishers. The novel is 435 pages long. Jeff Zentner is the author of

the New York Times Notable Books *The Serpent King* and *In the Wild Light*, as Rayne & Delilah's *Goodbye Days* and *Midnite Matinee*. Among several awards he has successfully received, he has won the William C. Award. Morris of ALA, Amelia Elizabeth Walden Award twice, Muriel Becker Award, International Literacy Association Award, and twice longlisted for the Carnegie Medal.

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Goodbye Days tells the story of Carver Briggs, who has to lose all three of his best friends at once—Blake Lloyd, Eli Bauer, and Thurgood Mars Edward, in an accident. Unfortunately, the accident happened to coincide with the time when Carver sent a message to one of his best friends, Mars, who was driving the car. The message is quite short. Namely: "Where are you? Reply to my message". Upon investigation, the accident was caused by Mars sitting behind the wheel and replying to Carver's message. Since then, Carver has always thought that he was the cause of three of his best friends' deaths. Losing three friends at once was the biggest blow to Carver, especially after he found out that the cause was because of the message he sent. Not only that, Carver had to face various other problems. People consider him a murderer, the twin sister of one of his best friends also hates him, and the father of

one of his best friends, who is a judge, sues him. Not quite tormenting Carver point, Carver also has to face his last year in high school without the three friends he has known since 8th grade. The only person who supports her at school is the girlfriend of her late best friend Eli, Jesmyn Holder. Her day was pretty good after Jesmyn took her side and didn't blame her. but one day it all turns even more difficult for him when he has feelings for Jesmyn. This stacking problem is also what causes Carver to have panic attacks. because the panic attacks she experienced in several places and at different times made her family and sister very worried. Therefore, his brother suggested that he see a therapist with Doctor Mendez, which he also did with that doctor. Carver's problems were too much for him to go through, and he was only 17 years old. Not only was there mental pressure, but the problem also attacked him physically.

C. Character in the Novel

1. Carver Briggs

Carver is the main character in the novel *Goodbye Days*. He has the role of protagonist. Carver has a gang called Sauce Crew which consists of Thorgood Mars Edwards, Eli Bauer and Black Liyod.

2. Thorgood Mars Edwards

Thorgood Mars Edwards or so-called mars is one of carver's friends son of a judge named edwards. he is one of the victims of the accident as well as the driver of the car. he plays the protagonist.

3. Eli Bauer

Eli Bauer is a member of the sauce crew gang, Eli has a twin brother named Adair and his girlfriend named Jasmyn. He is also a victim of an accident in that car. He plays the protagonist in the novel.

4. Black Liyod

Black Liyod has a role as the protagonist in the novel. He is the grandson of Betsy and son of Mitsy. Black is a person who likes to make jokes in various places with other members of the sauce crew gang. he is a very laughable and cheerful person. he was also one of the victims who died in an accident that befell Carver's three friends.

5. Jesmyn Holder

Jesmyn Holder is Mars Edward's girlfriend. She has a character who likes art. After her boyfriend Eli died, she only had one friend, namely Carver. Eli's brother was hostile to them because he didn't like seeing Carver close to Jesmyn. Adair blames Carver for his brother's death.

6. Adair

Adair is the twin brother of Eli Bauer. He has a not so good character and hates Carver after his brother's death.

7. Edwards

Edwards is a judge and father of Thurgood Mars Edwards. He has a very strict and disciplined character. He also blames Carver for Mars' death.

8. Doctor Mendez

Doctor Mendez is a therapist who plays a supporting role in the story. His character is authoritative, polite and kind. He is also a therapist who usually treats Carver.

9. Krantz

Krantz is an attorney paid by Carver's family to handle lawsuits regarding an accident allegedly caused by messages Carver sent. he has good character.