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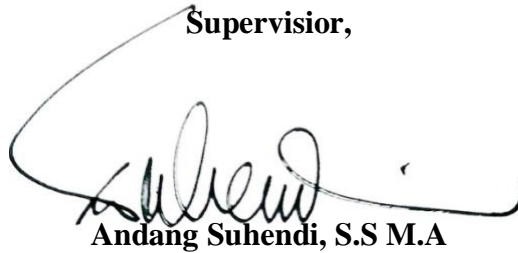
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APPENDIXES

1. Biography of the Author

Colleen Hoover, born December 11, 1979, in Sulphur Springs, Texas, U.S., American author who became a publishing phenomenon in the early 21st century, known for her wildly popular books that typically feature romance and dramatic storylines. Hoover self-published many of her books, which became a social media sensation.

Hoover was raised in a family of domestic violence. Her father physically abused her mother and later divorced when Hoover was a child. Her mother later married, and the family struggled financially while running a small dairy farm. Hoover attended Texas A&M-Commerce, where she graduated in 2004 with a degree in social work.

She worked several jobs before becoming a counselor for the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children, a federal program. During this time, she lived in a trailer home with her husband, a long-haul truck driver, and their three children.

Hoover began writing the romance *Slammed* on a borrowed laptop in 2011. The work was originally written as a Christmas gift for Hoover's mother, and Hoover self-published it in 2012. Though initially rejected by publishers, the book rose to the bestseller list thanks to positive reviews and word-of-mouth on social media platforms.

Romance, drama, and surprising plot twists are Hoover's trademarks, much to the delight of readers. Her other books, *Point of Retreat* (2012) and *This Girl* (2013), have also topped the book sales rankings.

Hoover began writing full-time. However, her works cover a wide range of genres, including thrillers, mysteries, and romance. She is also often credited with helping to establish the new category of adult fiction. Works in this category tend to focus on teenagers in their twenties trying to explore the adult world, with romantic relationships as the main element.

It Ends With Us (2016) is probably Hoover's most famous book. A florist named Lily Bloom lives in an abusive home. She recalls her own childhood, including her first love, a homeless teenager, after finding herself in an uncomfortable relationship.

A sequel, *It Starts with Us*, was published in 2022. Other notable Hoover books include *Ugly Love* (2014), *November 9* (2015), *Verity* (2018), and *Heart Bones* (2020). Hoover is also the author of the television series *Maybe Someday: Maybe Someday* (2014), *Maybe Not* (2014; novel), and *Maybe Not* (2018).

2. Summary of the Novel *It Ends With Us*

Collen Hoover's *It Ends With Us* tells the story of Lily Bloom, a young woman. Her father left her for good at the age of 23. Lily and her father could not be considered a close father-daughter pair. Lily had witnessed how abusive her father was to her own mother since she was a child. As a result, Lily grew up to be a strong and assertive child. She constantly reminded herself to avoid becoming like her mother. During this time, Lily was secretly angry at her mother's willingness to be hurt by her father. Since then, she believed that anyone who dared to abuse her would leave her immediately.

After her father's funeral, Lily retreats to the top floor of a large Boston apartment. There she meets Ryle Kincaid, a remarkable young neurologist. From the

first moment they meet, they are intrigued by each other. They spend their evenings playing honest games, telling each other everything they can, knowing they'll never see each other again, from simple things like their names and jobs to Lily's childhood history with an abusive father. In the end, they had to leave each other and didn't see each other again for several months.

Lily found her childhood diary when she returned to her own home. She remembered her fun childhood watching The Ellen DeGeneres Show. The journal contained letters she wrote to Ellen, but never sent. The letters mostly talk about her childhood, the state of her household, and Atlas Corrigan, her childhood friend and Lily's first love. Atlas is a boy who runs away from home and ends up living in the empty house behind Lily's house.

Beginning with Lily helping Atlas with food and clothing, they become close and affectionate. However, they are eventually separated when Atlas' uncle adopts Atlas and moves from Lily's hometown to Boston. One day, Lily was cleaning the old building she had just bought, planning to open a flower shop there. In the process, she meets Alyssa, a cheerful young girl who helps Lily. Alyssa asked Lily if she could work in the flower shop as she was looking for an extra job to fill her free time. Lily gladly accepted because she liked Alyssa's personality. After meeting Alyssa, Lily runs into Ryle, who turns out to be Alyssa's brother. This is where Lily and Ryle's story continues.

As expected, their love story was not as smooth as expected. While Lily is a person who cannot get involved in a vague relationship, Ryle is a man who does not like committed relationships. In addition, the reunion of Lily and Atlas made him indecisive. However, in the end, Ryle and Lily decided to have a real relationship. Their relationship is filled with laughter and joy.

One day, when Ryle accidentally hurts her, Lily remembers everything her father did to her mother. What if Ryle looked like her father? Fear came over her. Lily finally decided to stay with Ryle and try to forget the incident. Lily truly hoped that Ryle would never hurt her again. Their relationship went smoothly until they were married. But once again, all hope was dashed when Ryle accidentally found Atlas' phone number, which Lily still kept. Lily vowed not to talk to Atlas during that time, which made Ryle angry again. But not everything worked out. In the end, Ryle left Lily. Lily chased after Ryle to give him an explanation, but things did not go as expected. Lily was taken up the stairs of the apartment building by Ryle. The only word Lily could use at that moment was chaotic. She remembered her childhood and the first time Ryle had hurt her.

Lily decided to leave Ryle for now. They didn't see each other for a few days until Ryle finally gave a full explanation of how his parents had killed his brother with a gun they had planted somewhere. He had a mental breakdown until he was finally unable to control his anger into adulthood. As a result, Lily again forgives Ryle and then tries to repair their relationship. As her anger increased, Lily learned to avoid Ryle, and Ryle tried to keep his distance from Lily until the birth of their younger sister, Allysa.

They gathered that night to celebrate the birth of their niece. The desire to have children like Allysa and her partner encouraged Ryle and Lily, who had initially decided not to have children. That night, Ryle went home to his apartment first, and Lily continued to banter with Allysa. When Lily returned to her apartment, she found Ryle slumped over on the couch, sighing heavily.

Ryle found Lily's childhood journal, which was full of her childhood memories and contained the name Atlas Corrigan. Ryle was angry again. This was

worse than before. Lily was in pain again. Lily decided to leave the house in the middle of the night after the incident. She finally contacted Atlas, not knowing who else to talk to. She asked Atlas to take her to the hospital and get as far away from Ryle as possible.

Ryle decides to go out of town to finish his work and make time for Lily. While he was gone, Lily had to return to her apartment and break up with Atlas. For several months, they never spoke to each other, or even talked at all. After Lily found out she was pregnant, Ryle and Lily decided to stay away from each other during her pregnancy and only talk when necessary. Lily asked Ryle to leave after she gave birth. She could not understand why what had happened to her and her mother should happen to her daughter.

3. Characters in the Novel

3.1 Lily Bloom

Lily is the protagonist of the book because of her violent past that her father committed against her, her mother, and herself. Lily hates and resents her mother for always defending her father. She has a principle that she will set boundaries for herself so that she does not become like her mother in the future, but her encounter with Ryle makes her lose that principle.

3.2 Ryle Kincaid

Ryle, a surgeon and Lily's husband, unknowingly abuses his wife because of his excessive love, mistrust, and unstable temperament.

3.3 Atlas Corrigan

Atlas is a famous restaurant owner in Boston. Atlas was very instrumental in Lily's life as he helped her deal with her bad childhood and was always by her side until Atlas moved to Boston with his.

3.4 Allysa Kincaid

Allysa is Ryle Kincaid's younger sister. she is also Lily's workmate, and close friend. Allysa always helps Ryle and Lily with their domestic problems.

3.5 Marshall

Marshall, Allysa's husband and also Ryle's best friend, helps to resolve the conflict between Lily and Ryle.

3.6 Jenny Bloom

Jenny, Lily's mom, is a victim of violence from her husband. With her experience, gives Lily many lessons about domestic violence so that she is able to handle it.

3.7 Lucy

Lucy, Lily's best friend and roommate in Boston, before Lucy decided to move in with her boyfriend Alex.