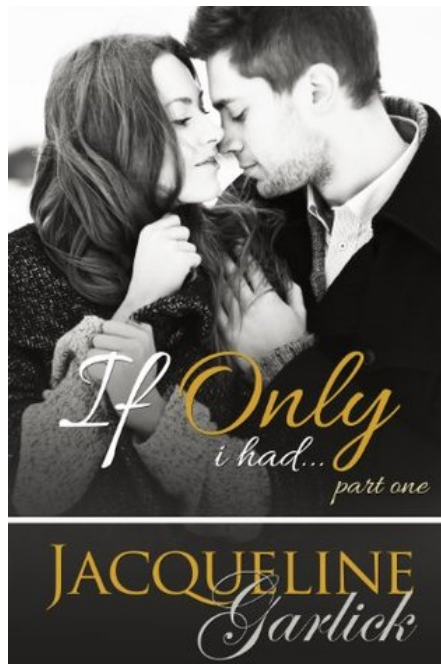




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Dianne says

Welcome to some dark moments in the lives of teens, moments that should have been fun, carefree, and light-hearted. Instead, these moments are filled with bad decisions, hormones running amok and an unsupervised teen bash to end all bashes. Find proof positive that alcohol and teens do not mix and some teens need to learn the value of themselves as humans, not playthings and not manipulating those around them. **If Only I Had...** by Jacqueline Garlick is filled with all that can go wrong when teens are not mentally or emotionally mature enough to act like what they consider to be adult actions.

Kyla loves Denver, Denver loves Kyla, but Kyla has pictured the school tramp offering herself up to Denver in her mind and she thinks there is only one way to prevent that, give him what he wants, her body. Can she do it, even under the influence of too much alcohol or will she back down, sure that she will lose him to another? Can Denver resist the blatant offering up of young large breasts and body of a master manipulator, out to add another notch to her belt? Although fiction, some major real life drama and traumas are going on here and surely it can only end badly.

Jacqueline Garlick has done a marvelous job of ramping up the angst, the actions and reactions of teen out of control. Her characters' mental dialogue shows all of the insecurity of a teen in love, the mental battles with self-control, weak justifications and the torment of bad decisions, no different than those presented on an "adult" soap opera. She writes well, telling a tale that feels real and puts her readers in the moment, the wet grass, the mass of cars, the bullying that becomes alcohol enhanced, and don't forget the vomiting, always a sure sign of a great party. For those of us that "may" have attended something like this in our youth and survived, unscathed, it's a flashback to another time. For teens, it could read as a warning, as well as a young love story gone wrong, thanks to the peer pressure. Definitely recommended reading for older teens on up, younger teens at parental discretion.

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Becca McCulloch says

Hm. Interesting and quick read but not really for me.

Nothing wrong with this modern tragedy. It's well thought out and the writing is clean. Not a book for me, though. Steeped in drugs and sex (consensual and coerced), I was bothered by more than bonded to the characters. I felt 40 and ever so grateful not to be a teenager and sad about the world society has handed to its teens. But that's all subjective. Objectively, it's an enjoyable read. Warning: this isn't a full story. It's part 1.

Definitely ends on a cliffhanger.

Tayanna Daliese says

Teenagers are weird creatures, and none of these ones were very likable and I wasn't interested enough for this to take multiple books, so... Thank goodness this was short.

EmilyPleece says

This book If Only I Had is an amazing book, it has a lot of suspense, romantic and emotional parts which made this book perfect. If Only I Had is more to the teen love type of book, and i love those books. Its about a girl named Kayla and a boy named Denver, they go to this party in the woods with their friends, its this really big party everyone is going to, when they get there Kayla finds Denver but she is drunk. Some stuff happens and they get in a fight. The fights leads to them braking up because Kayla thinks Denver likes Aubrey, Aubrey is a snotty little brat who is one of the popular girls that everybody likes, but what Kayla doesn't know is that Denver loves Kayla and would never like Aubrey. the fight ends with Kayla running off and there last words to Denver was "go get what you want, Aubrey is right over there!" and he was heart broken. anyways Denver gets really upset and gets high and drunk with his friends to get Kayla off his mind, but id didn't work he was still thinking about what he said and what he had done, constantly reaping in his head "why did i do that, i am such a jerk!", then Aubrey shows up and tries to seduce him to get weird with her, he follows a bit and they drive to somewhere private. He keeps thinking about Kayla when Aubrey is seducing him and he eventually yells he cant do it and he stops, she gets upset because she has never been denied so she got mad, and she ripped her shirt to try to frame Denver for rapping her when he didnt do anything he stopped because he couldn't stop thinking about Kayla. Denver gets mad and leaves her their and he speeds off leaving her all alone. While he speeds to back the dance trying to find kayla he keeps replaying what she said to him in her head, he keeps saying to himself "why would i ever do that i love her, i am such a jerk" then he sees a bright light and he crashes. Kayla wakes up to a phone call from her friend Jazzy who drive her to the party, she tells her about what happened to Denver, her dad found him in a ditch by the party all cut up and not even moving, Kayla screams and is in total shock, she drops the phone and runs to the hospital with no shoes on, when she gets the hospital she goes to see Denver and he is swollen from head to toe his head is bashed open, and cuts all over him a tube in his head draining out all the fluids in his head. The doctor was saying he could not make it, they didn't find any brain activity, so they were gonna pull the plugs that are making him breath. Kayla was crying so much with Denvers father and mother, she kept yelling at the doctor to not pull the plug because she knows he is still alive, she knows that because whenever she touches him his heart rate rises, then when she lets go it goes back down. She is struggling with trying to convince them he is still alive but they wont believe her, the next book If Only He Hadn't tells the rest. I really like this book and how the book is so easily told, i love all the drama and intense parts. For your information i cried, i suggest this book to anyone who loves romantic, drama and suspenseful books also their is a bit of emotional parts. i give this book a rate from 1-10 a 10 i really enjoyed this book and i am already reading the second one.

Abbie says

Actual rating - 2.5

The characters in this weren't awful, but I didn't really like any of them.

This one just couldn't keep my interest unfortunately. I was bored for the majority of it, and I'm glad it was only short.

Elizabeth says

3.5
