

How will you - you personally - ever get out of this labyrinth of suffering?

The solution isn't to escape the labyrinth because you have to find your way through it until your day comes. We should try to make the best out of it. We should take time to experience and let people help us to make each suffering easier. We shouldn't be cowards and make it out of the labyrinth because there may be people who need our help too. The labyrinth is full of beautiful things, people and experiences and we should concentrate on it instead of letting us down because of the suffering which is also a part of it. We all have to deal with it and it's our choice how we do it.

Rafael, Nicole

- Was it an accident or suicide?
- Did she had feelings for Miles?

We would recommend the book because there's nothing perfect about the book. Not only the story but also the characters. You can easy identify yourself with some quotations. It's funny as well as serious sometimes. Just like the life itself.

Labyrinth of Suffering

Kevin

Dominique

We don't see life as suffering. It can just be a labyrinth of life in the sense that every choice leads down another path, turns a corner or requires a U-turn because of a dead-end. Life is about making decisions to achieve personal goals. We don't feel like we're "stuck" here, we like being here... so why try to "escape"? When it's time for a person to leave, which is something everyone will have to do one day, they will, but it does not have to be forced by suicide. Life should be enjoyed, time should be spent with loved ones, doing things you like to do. Everyone has the power over their own happiness, and if they feel like they are suffering, they can choose to change their mindset to become happier. Life is about the pursuit of happiness... yet many people seem to forget that it's the small's that count.

- ▷ Did Alaska commit suicide or was it an accident?
 - ▷ If she committed suicide, how spontaneous of a decision was it?
Had she ever thought of committing suicide prior to this moment?
 - ▷ Could Miles/Chip have saved her if they had tried to stop her?
 - ▷ Would she have listened ^{Tatum} to them?
 - ▷ Will Miles fall in love again (like by Alaska)?
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The story accompanies 3 teenagers on their journey in dealing with death, grief and regret. At the same ^{time} the author manages to bring in humor and light into such a sad story: showing that there is something ^{good} positive in everything. He proves that, yes, life does go on.

The labyrinth of suffering

Life doesn't always have to be seen as suffering. We think that happiness is the way out of the labyrinth. Being with friends and family and living your life to the fullest makes life happier.

Of course there are good times and bad times but every bad time is followed by a good one.

It's important to see the good in the bad because it makes suffering bearable.

You should live your life for the moment and be grateful for all that you have.

- Was it suicide or an accident?
- Did Alaska have feelings for Miles?
- What does Chip think about Tatum's letter?

o Looking for Alaska is an emotional and at the same time a funny story. You can identify yourself with the different characters, and that makes you feel more connected to the book. It makes you think about questions of life, death and suffering.

Jana + Valy

"How will you ever get out of this labyrinth of suffering?"

In my opinion you need your friends and family to keep on going if something like ^{Alaska's} ~~the~~ accident happens. To leave ~~this~~ ^{This} labyrinth of suffering you need is a process that needs enough time. At one point you'll realize that life went on and ~~that~~ you can think of your loss without feeling pain.

At the beginning you will think that this pain will never disappear but with the help of your family/friends you'll suffer less. You will always have a shoulder to cry on and somebody to talk with. And after a while you will be happy again.

- ▷ Has it been an accident or a suicide?
- ▷ Did she have feelings for Miles?
- ▷ What were her last words?
- ▷ What was Chip's reaction to Tammie's letter?

Sylvie, Corina

to Looking for Alaska is a funny and catering
level about the live of a boy from Florida
who moves to a boarding school where he
meets lifechanging people. ~~He's happy until~~

The Labyrinth of Suffering

Leonie, Danilo

The most obvious way out of the Labyrinth seems to be death. We have the choice between life and death. If you want to live, you have to accept the suffering of life.

In some way life means suffering. Life can mean more than suffering, you have to concentrate on the positive side of life. It shouldn't be a goal to get out of the labyrinth because one day it happens anyways. Your goal should be to enjoy the way through the labyrinth.

In every life there is some suffering in so many different ways. But you only lose if you let this suffer tear you down.

Happiness, joy and love is appreciated if you met grief, death & pain in your labyrinth before. Your whole life has to be in balance. →

that's the key to a lovely way out of the labyrinth of „life“.

Questions

- Was it suicide or an accident?
- How will end the story of Miles, The Colonel and/or Jake?
- What's the relation of Miles and Larry now and in the future?

book comment

- if you want a book to cry, that's one
- all the dramatical parts are predictable
- the story is like every other girly sad love-story
- the main message of the book isn't as deep as it should be
- only meant for heart-broken teeny girls

We ~~think~~ think that the life isn't a labyrinth of suffering.
People have bad moments but they should forget ^{their} ~~the~~ lives.
them and focus on the good things in ~~the~~.
You have only one life and you should enjoy
every day because every day could be the last
one. When a person is always sad the people
around could become also sad and in the end
~~nobody~~ nobody is satisfied.

- ▷ If it was a suicide or a accident?
- ▷ Did Alaska love him?
- ▷

Read - recommending

For people who love drama or love story is the book
~~very~~ recommending. The whole book is about sadness
and suffering.

Jasmin & Jannick

How will you personally get out of this labyrinth of suffering?

For us ~~the~~ it's impossible to get out of this labyrinth of suffering. At the beginning of life you have a straight way to go and it seems very easy. But while life is going on you have so many possibilities to choose and it gets harder and harder. No matter what you will always suffer and there will always be best and worse days.

Although this idea seems a bit duster (dusty) there are always joyful things which help you to "survive" in the labyrinth. For instance you're in a really bad situation, so you are in the deepest level in the l. of suffering, ~~now~~ ~~have~~ you can always count on your friends and your family. That's ~~an~~ a reason to stay in the labyrinth because it makes your life livable.

Which questions are not answered?

~~Why did~~

▷ How did the Colonel react to the letter of Takumi?

▷ What happens after the end?

Recommendation

We recommend this book because it shows life very well, characters are very special and interesting and it gives you a lot to think about your own life. It's action is very unpredictable and this makes it amazing.

Flora, David

How will you - personal

When you suffer from one thing you can relieve the pain by forgiving yourself and those who hurt you. Not to forgive is the wrong way if you forgive you can forget and go on in life. Concentrate on the things in your life which are important to you because it will make you happy.

We think that it's not important to look for the way out of the labyrinth but to learn how to live in it and never give up. You can make the way as good as you can that the labyrinth of suffering becomes the labyrinth of living. In this one there isn't only suffering but living through beautiful moments with the people you love.

- > How did Alaska die? (accident or suicide)
- > Did Alaska just play with Miles or did she really love him?
- > Why was she so upset the night of her death?

We would recommend this book because it's written youthful and realy. You can identify yourself well if you are a teenager because it shows the ups and downs of life and ^{also} confronts you with death in a good way.

Gabrielle & Ira

A very important point is that you forgive yourself and others for actions they've done. Because you can't change the past ~~and~~ and live in the moment. Don't waste your thoughts on the past.

Even some things mean the world to you and you think you can ~~lose~~ them, do not overthink. This will only end up in self destruction. But still think about every choice you make. Because this will influence the future. It's like in the labyrinth when you take a left or right turn. The right choices will lead you to the exit.

But sometimes you don't have to get out of the labyrinth so you can still feel what life is really about and appreciate the little things.

Daniela, Fabio

Was it suicide or not?

Did she love him?

What happened to Alaska's dad?

We would recommend reading this book because it's not a typical teenage story. It gives you things you can think about while reading or even ~~in~~ the rest of your ^{free} time.

How will you ever get out of this labyrinth of suffering?

We think the best way to escape the labyrinth is to forget. We have to accept the things that make you suffer and try to live with it. Because when we accept it we will start to forget and the pain will disappear.

Ignoring also is a good way of dealing with the suffering. If you ignore the labyrinth and concentrate on the happy moments your problems will start to fade away. You have to live in the present and not letting the labyrinth take away your life.

Rouven + Nina K.

- If she has committed suicide or not
 - What did Miles mean to her?
 - What were her last words?
 - How does Chip react to Takumi's letter?
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At the beginning the book is funny and interesting. We think it's readable for everyone. In the middle it changes and gets very sad and probably not everyone likes that. But if you like sad books you will definitely like it.

"How will you - you personally - ever get out of this labyrinth of suffering?"

Family, friends and loved ones are the most important thing in your life. They can help you to come out of your hole of sadness and suffering. You can trust them and talk about sad but also funny things. Do not try to help yourself out of your problems and do not hide yourself!

There is no way out of the labyrinth of suffering because there will always come times of suffering and darkness. But it's important to enjoy the little, happy moments. Do not live in the past, you can not change it! Forgive yourself and also other people, it isn't worth to live with these burdens. You have to look forward and concentrate on the positive things in life.

Nina A. und Loren

Did A. commit suicide or was it an accident?
Is her mother's death the only problem in her life and
the only reason why she suffered and freaked out so
many times?

What feeling had A. for Miles?

We recommend this book because it shows how hard it
is, also for teenagers, to live with a death of a loved
person. But there ~~are~~ are also funny parts which show
you that life must go on and there is a life
after suffering.