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Life in the Passenger Seat by Amanda Zieba



Read Aloud Video and
Author Interview

Here is a little background information about our First Chapter Friday title and its creator. Feel free to add your own notes and thoughts in the bottom box.

What's It About?

For readers who love emotional coming-of-age stories, underdog sports drama, and fierce teen girls fighting for their future.

Shelby has spent her life moving from place to place in her mom's classic Mustang, always one eviction away from starting over. But when they run out of gas in Michigan, Shelby finally gets a taste of something she's never had: stability. She joins a gymnastics team, starts making friends, and falls in love with a routine of regularity. Then her mom disappears—again—and Shelby is placed in foster care with her coach and his wife. These days, her biggest trouble is fighting for her spot in the line-up. But when her mom suddenly reappears, Shelby must confront the fact that she's just a passenger in her own life, and that perhaps it's time to take the wheel.

Perfect for fans of realistic YA fiction, foster care stories, sports novels for teens, and books for teen girls 14-18. Includes expert back matter from NFL player Alec Ingold and a collegiate sports psychologist.

Who Wrote It?

Amanda has likely always been a word nerd. Ever since she was born in Wisconsin, she's loved reading and writing. But just like anyone else, there's more than one side of her. Amanda was also a gymnast, a camp counselor, coach, teacher, and will forever be a sweet tooth. Amanda is also a mom, wife, daughter, sister, YouTuber, caffeine lover, and avid sports spectator. She loves her laptop, but prefers to brainstorm and draft with paper and pen. Amanda does not love bacon, nor animals (but hopes you will still like her anyway.) When she isn't creating content or writing, she might be getting a gel manicure,



watching HGTV or hanging out with her awesome family. To learn more, check out Amanda's other books, or just say hi, visit her word-nerdy website: www.amandazieba.com. She is so happy you have found her First Chapter Fridays!

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