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*Don't try to find me.* Though the message on the kitchen white board is written in Marley's hand, her mother Rachel knows there has to be some other explanation. Marley would never run away.

As the days pass and it sinks in that the impossible has occurred, Rachel and her husband Paul are informed that the police have “limited resources.” If they want their fourteen-year-old daughter back, they will have to find her themselves. Desperation becomes determination when Paul turns to Facebook and Twitter, and launches FindMarley.com.

But Marley isn't the only one with secrets.

With public exposure comes scrutiny, and when Rachel blows a television interview, the dirty speculation begins. Now, the blogosphere is convinced Rachel is hiding something. It's not what they think; Rachel would never hurt Marley. Not intentionally, anyway. But when it's discovered that she's lied, even to the police, the devoted mother becomes a suspect in Marley's disappearance.

Is Marley out there somewhere, watching it all happen, or is the truth something far worse?



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## Editorial Review

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It's every parent's nightmare: to have a child go missing. Fourteen-year-old Marley, only child of Rachel and Paul Willits, leaves a brief message that starts, "Don't try to find me," when she heads across country to be with Brandon, the boy she fell in love with online. Increasingly distraught as the days pass, Paul mobilizes a nationwide effort to find his daughter, while Rachel—her secrets made public—becomes more and more suspect. Alternate narratives by mother and daughter gradually reveal the causes of Marley's discontent and the role played by her former therapist. Since it's apparent early on that Marley is a runaway who hasn't met with foul play, despite police suspicions and rumor to the contrary, tension is built largely in personal relationships. As the Willits' marriage teeters, suffering body blows, the blooming love between Marley and Brandon is held up to the light of day. This is an insightful novel from therapist Brown that ultimately seems to be less a thriller than a cautionary tale for parents and teens. --Michele Leber

## Review

"Don't Try to Find Me will have you turning pages into the night, desperate to learn the terrible secrets mother and daughter are hiding! This gripping debut novel is a mother's worst nightmare." (Dorothea Benton Frank, New York Times bestselling author)

"Gripping, emotionally compelling and chillingly plausible. I loved it." (Sophie Hannah, internationally bestselling author of *Kind of Cruel*)

"Impossible to put down. You'll be begging friends, family, your book club, and maybe even your therapist (if you have one) to read DON'T TRY TO FIND ME. It's the real thing." (Meg Cabot, New York Times bestselling author)

From the Back Cover

*Don't try to find me.*

Though the message on the kitchen whiteboard is in fourteen-year-old Marley's handwriting, her mother, Rachel, knows there has to be some other explanation. Marley would never run away.

*I'll be okay.*

Marley's quiet. Innocent. Sheltered. Growing up in Northern California with all the privilege Rachel never had, what does Marley know about taking care of herself? About being okay? Rachel might not know her daughter at all. But she does know that she needs to find Marley before someone else does. Someone dangerous.

*I'll be better.*

The police have limited resources devoted to runaways. Paul turns to Facebook and Twitter and launches FindMarley.com. But Marley isn't the only one with something to hide. Paul's social media campaign generates national attention, and the public scrutiny could expose Rachel's darkest secrets.

*I love you.*

The blogosphere is convinced Rachel is hiding something. But Rachel would never hurt Marley. Not intentionally, anyway. When it's discovered that Rachel lied to the police, the devoted mother becomes the prime suspect in Marley's disappearance. Is Marley out there, somewhere, watching it all happen . . . or is the truth something far worse?

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