

APPENDIX I

SUMMARY OF THE NOVEL

"Girl in Pieces" by Kathleen Glasgow tells the harrowing yet hopeful story of Charlotte "Charlie" Davis, a seventeen-year-old girl grappling with immense emotional and physical scars. Charlie's journey begins with significant trauma: she loses her father and is subsequently abandoned by her mother. Struggling to cope, Charlie turns to self-harm as a way to deal with her pain, which ultimately leads to her stay at the Creeley Center, a treatment facility for girls with similar struggles.

At the Creeley Center, Charlie meets other girls who share her pain and challenges, including Louisa and Blue. These friendships become pivotal in her journey, as Louisa and Blue help Charlie recognize her self-worth and potential beyond her scars. The center provides a temporary sanctuary where Charlie can begin to confront her trauma and start the difficult process of healing.

After leaving the Creeley Center, Charlie moves to Tucson, Arizona, in search of a fresh start. She finds a job at a coffee shop and begins to establish a semblance of normalcy. However, her path is far from smooth. In Tucson, Charlie meets Riley West, a troubled musician who becomes her love interest. Riley's own struggles with addiction and his complex relationship with Charlie introduce new challenges and setbacks. Their relationship is fraught with difficulty, reflecting the turbulence of their individual battles with inner demons.

Despite numerous setbacks and relapses, Charlie's resilience shines through. She faces each challenge with a determination to reclaim her life and identity. The support from her friends, both old and new, plays a crucial role in her ongoing recovery. Her journey is marked by moments of despair and hope, illustrating the nonlinear nature of healing.

"Girl in Pieces" offers a raw and honest depiction of trauma, mental health struggles, and the painstaking process of healing. Through Charlie's eyes, readers

experience the depths of pain and the slow, arduous climb toward recovery. The novel underscores the importance of friendship, self-discovery, and the relentless pursuit of hope amidst darkness. Charlie's story is a testament to the human spirit's capacity for resilience and the possibility of finding light, even in the most challenging circumstances.

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BIOGRAPHY OF THE AUTOR

Kathleen Glasgow was born and raised in the Midwest region of the United States, where she developed a deep appreciation for storytelling from a young age. Before becoming a full-time writer, Glasgow pursued various career paths, including working as a house cleaner and teaching English in Japan. These diverse experiences not only provided her with valuable insights into different cultures and lifestyles but also influenced the themes and characters in her novels.

"Girl in Pieces," Glasgow's debut novel, immediately established her as a powerful voice in contemporary literature. The book follows the journey of Charlie Davis, a young woman struggling with self-harm and trauma, as she navigates through a tumultuous life. Glasgow's portrayal of Charlie's emotional turmoil and her quest for self-discovery struck a chord with readers, earning widespread praise for its authenticity and emotional depth.

In addition to "Girl in Pieces," Kathleen Glasgow has continued to write thought-provoking and impactful stories that delve into themes such as mental health, resilience, and the complexities of human relationships. Her writing style is characterized by its lyrical prose and its ability to explore dark and difficult subjects with compassion and insight.

Glasgow's contributions to young adult literature have been recognized for their honesty and relevance, earning her a dedicated readership and numerous accolades within the literary community. She remains committed to creating stories

that resonate with readers on a deeply personal level, aiming to inspire empathy and understanding through the power of storytelling.