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### Editorial Review

From School Library Journal

Gr 8 Up—For Lex, since her brother committed suicide, questions about their last goodbye have haunted her. Filled with regret, she ponders their last words and not being able to show him how much she loved him while he was still alive. The narrative unravels in perfect pacing, drawing readers into this emotional story. With a rocky home life in a small town in Nebraska, Lex begins pulling away from her friends, breaks up with her boyfriend, and struggles with life in general. When her therapist, Dave, assigns her the task of writing down her thoughts in a journal, flashbacks of the siblings' relationship and the protagonist's interactions with their parents fill in the gaps. Readers will be drawn in by the even pacing, the heavy moments never overwhelming the teen's story. Raw, emotional, and gripping, this book is Hand's first realistic fiction title, and fans of her popular "Unearthly" series (HarperCollins) will follow her genre change willingly. Libraries should jump at having this book, not only because of the author's previous work, but because it is an excellent and thoughtful exploration of grief.—Stephanie Charlefour, Wixom Public Library, MI

### Review

“A quietly powerful, emotionally complex novel that will echo with readers long after it is finished. Both shatteringly painful and bright with life and hope.” (Booklist (**starred review**))

“Reading *The Last Time We Say Goodbye* feels like exploring a forest after it's been decimated by wildfire. You will see new shoots sprouting where you least expect them.” (New York Times Book Review)

“Evocative and insightful.” (Kirkus Reviews)

“Raw, emotional, and gripping. An excellent and thoughtful exploration of grief.” (School Library Journal)

“Dealing with teen suicide is tough, and this novel tackles it well, with dignity, sensitivity, and poignant regard. Irresistibly engaging.” (Voice of Youth Advocates (VOYA))

### From the Back Cover

There's death all around us.  
We just don't pay attention.  
Until we do.

The last time Lex was happy, it was before. When she had a family that was whole. A boyfriend she loved. Friends who didn't look at her like she might break down at any moment.

Now she's just the girl whose brother killed himself. And it feels like that's all she'll ever be.

As Lex starts to put her life back together, she tries to block out what happened the night Tyler died. But there's a secret she hasn't told anyone—a text Tyler sent that could have changed everything.

Lex's brother is gone. But Lex is about to discover that a ghost doesn't have to be real to keep you from moving on.

From *New York Times* bestselling author Cynthia Hand, *The Last Time We Say Goodbye* is a gorgeous and

heart-wrenching story of love, loss, and letting go.

## **Users Review**

### **From reader reviews:**

#### **Cornelius Callaghan:**

Typically the book *The Last Time We Say Goodbye* has a lot of information on it. So when you read this book you can get a lot of advantage. The book was written by the very famous author. Tom makes some research previous to write this book. This kind of book very easy to read you may get the point easily after perusing this book.

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