A. BIOGRAPHY OF GAYLE FORMAN

Gayle Forman (born June 5, 1970) is an American writer who writes for young adults. Forman began her career writing for Seventeen Magazine in which most of her articles focused on young people and social concerns. Later she became a freelance journalist for publications like Details Magazine, Jane Magazine, Glamour Magazine, The Nation, Elle Magazine, and Cosmopolitan Magazine. In 2002, she and her husband Nick took a trip around the world. From her journeys, she garnered a wealth of experiences and information which later served as a basis for her first book a travelogue You Can’t Get There From Here: A Year On The Fringes Of A Shrinking World.

In 2007 she published her first young adult novel Sisters in Sanity which she based on an article she had written for Seventeen. Her most recent novel If I Stay is about a 17 year old girl who has been involved in a tragic car accident. The novel follows Mia's experience as she lies in a coma fully aware of what is going on around her and everything her visitors say and do. Feeling the agony of loss of those closest to her yet aware of the abounding love of those that remain, she must make the choice to hang on or let go. Forman won the 2009 NAIBA Book of the Year Awards and is a 2010 Indie Choice Honor Award winner for If I Stay. She
also wrote a sequel to *If I Stay* called *Where She Went*. It is about Adam and Mia's relationship after the accident. It is written in Adam's point of view.

Other notable literary awards—British Fantasy Award (2010), An ALA/YALSA Quick Pick for Reluctant Young Adult Readers (2010), South Carolina Book Award Nominee for Young Adult Book Award (2011), TAYSHAS High School Reading List (2010), Goodreads Choice Award Nominee for Young Adult Fiction (2009), Milwaukee County Teen Book Award Nominee (2010).

Gayle resides in Brooklyn, New York with her husband and daughter. At the annual Los Angeles Times Festival of Books, Forman has participated in panel discussions. She was on the panel "Young Adult Fiction: Teens and Turmoil” with Jandy Nelson, Cynthia Kadohata and moderator Sonya Sones during the 2010 event.
B. Summary of If I Stay

If I Stay tells about how Mia Hall, a teenager girl who had everything such as a loving family, a gorgeous and adoring boyfriend named Adam Wilde, and a bright future full of music and a fulll of choices. One day, in an instant, almost all of that is taken from her. Mia and her family got a car accident. Her father, Denny Hall; her mother, Kat Hall; and her brother, Teddy Hall were dead in that accident. But different thing happened with Mia. In a coma, Mia has an out of body-experience. She could see how her father was dead with the pieces of her father’s brain are on the asphalt. And, she could see how herself was tragically bleeding with one of her legs was askew, the skin and muscle peeled away so that she could see white streaks of bone.

The adventure was began, Mia actually should to ask herself, “am I dead?” At first it seemed obvious that she is. Again and again she should to wonder if she’s dead but then she tells herself no. The doctors and nurses would not rescued and save her if she was dead.

Mia watches as friends and family gather at the hospital where she is being trated. She realized, there are a lot of things wrong with her. Collapsed lung, a ruptured spleen, internal bleeding of unknown originand most serious, the contusions on her brain, and also broken ribs. Her best friend, Kim Schein is always pray for Mia and calling for Mia’s boyfriend, Adam Wilde who are playing a show in Portland. While Adam and his band are on their way to see Mia on the hospital, Gran and Gramps are always accompany Mia and try to cheer her up.
And fortunately, Adam is on the hospital to see how his girlfriend’s condition right now. But, it’s not so easy for Adam to see Mia. Only the family gather can see her, not for a stranger. This is the coolest part of this story, we can see how romantic Adam who is trying to see Mia, his girlfriend, no matter what happened. Until one time, Willow helps Adam and Kim to see how bad Mia right now. Absolutely, Adam cries when he looks Mia.

Adam and Kim try to cheer her up with their own way. We can see how Adam and Kim trying to make her sure that she still has a family and a lots of loving people if Mia chooses to stay alive. In the ending part of this story, for one time how hard Adam’s wishes to wake his girlfriend up. Suddenly, Mia seems got the magical power to hold Adam’s hand. And it’s the first time she could truly hear Adam’s voice. And Adam realized that Mia has chose to stay alive with her loving people.