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### Me Before You

This book is written by JoJo Moyles. "*Me Before You*" will teach you the importance and valuation of life. A 26 year old girl named Louisia Clark who worked at a cafe was fired and was forced to find a new job. She got a job as a caregiver. She had to look over a man named Will Traynor. Will Traynor was losing his desire to live. He wasn't the same person he used to be until he met his caregiver, Lou. He wanted to commit assisted suicide. Will's parents got Lou to take care of Will because they did not want him to do the suicide. Lou was there to take care of him but also there to try and teach him the importance of life again. In the story "Me Before You" Will Traynor who was involved in a life changing accident was left depressed, lonesome, and stubborn but was a different man after meeting Lou

Before the Crash Will Traynor was a very happy, outgoing, and enthusiastic person. Will was a very intelligent and wealthy banker who loved to adventure. The accident was a turning point in Will Traynors life. It limited him from doing anything. He couldn't go on anymore adventures and was left feeling depressed. It says in the book that Will felt like he was just existing and that he can't do anything anymore. He felt meaningless and useless. Even though Will was a very wealthy man he still didn't want to live anymore. Before the crash he valued his life. In the book Will says " I love my life, even if I wish I was different". Will loved his life and

enjoyed every moment of it and never wanted to commit suicide. He had his mind set about the suicide. Will became a very stubborn person. He accepted that he would never have that life he used to have back.

Ever since the accident Will has been set on assisted suicide. It was a rainy day and Will wanted to take his motorcycle but since it was raining he decided to take a taxi. He was distracted talking on the phone and while distracted a motorcycle hit him. He was paralyzed from the neck down. Ever since the motorcycle accident he has been set on wanting to commit suicide. In the book Will says to his mother “I don't want to live like this, mother. This is not the life I chose. There is no prospect in my recovery, hence it is perfectly reasonable to ask to end it”. Will sees it as if there's no point in living since there's no chance he's going to be healed and healthy again. Will said that he just wanted his “old life” back. He was motivated to do the suicide. Before the accident he was a very powerful happy man. He felt isolated from his family friends. Will knows that his decision will upset his family. Will says that nothing will change his mind, not even Lou or her love. Will's mother is horrified with his decision to do the suicide. At first she refused his request to do the suicide, but later on she eventually agrees to it as long as he lives for 6 more months. They hire Lou to watch over him for the next 6 months to try and bring him back to life. Will's mother just wants him to enjoy life again and Lou tries her best to make him happy again by doing things in his wheelchair but he mainly did it for her rather than himself. Will has a sister, Georgina, who figured out about his plan and comes to visit. Instead of trying to change his mind she supports his decision and goes back to Australia.

After a little while of Lou taking care of Will he starts to feel a little bit of joy. The joy he felt wasn't a fraction of what he used to feel. Him and Lou got close and bonded. Lou had a boyfriend whose name was Patrick. Lou and Patrick had been together for 6 years. Patrick was a

personal trainer who loved fitness. They ended up drifting apart. Patrick became controlling over Lou and jealous of all the time she spent with Will. Patrick ends up giving up on them and they break up. He was so obsessed with his fitness and jealousy got the best of him and he gave up. Lou and Patrick breaking up only made Will and Lou get closer and bond more. Will and Lou end up going on a trip together. Lou put this trip together to show Will the meaningness and importance of life and to try and change his mind about the suicide. She wanted to show him that life is worth living even if he's in a wheelchair. Lou sets up activities that Will can still participate in even in the wheelchair. For the first time since they met Will felt a little bit of peace and joy. On the trip Lou expressed her love towards Will and he felt the same way but said that not even her love will change his mind. He committed the assisted suicide in Switzerland and left everyone heartbroken. After a few weeks of his death, Lou went to his favorite cafe. Will had left a letter for Lou and it was enough money to help Lou and to help her follow her passion and dreams and make something of her life.

Before the accident Will was a very happy man. He didn't take life for granted and understood the importance of it. He went to sleep every night waiting for the next day to come and to see what the day would have in store for him. He was a very joyful and happy person. All because of one little accident he felt as if his life was ruined and that he had no use in living anymore. Will still had many things ahead of him even though he wasn't the man he used to be, he still had a future ahead of him. It took a joyful person like Lou to try and help him realize that and it still didn't work. He still felt depressed and unhappy. If you take life for granted and don't value it, you're going to be miserable. After the accident he was stubborn, depressed, and lonesome and Lou did everything she could to try and make him happy again and it still didn't

work. You have to value your life and wake up everyday with a smile on your face because you get to see another day.

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