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Me Before You

In the book *Me Before You*, the two main characters in this novel are Will and Louisa. Louisa the first main character. Louisa is very cheerful and bright. She lives in an English town with her parents and sister. She has had a somewhat confusing past in certain ways. She is a girl who has been wasting her potential in her hometown because she feels responsible for taking care of her family. She is also stuck in a long-term relationship with her boyfriend Patrick. Will is the second main character in the story, He had an accident that left him paralyzed in a wheelchair, Will has given up on ever living an adventurous life again and wants his parents, Camilia and Steven Traynor to let him die from medically induced suicide. Camilia hires Louisa to try to convince Will that there are still good life experiences in front of him. At the beginning of the story, Louisa has low self esteem, and no direction in life, while still maintaining her colorful and joyful attitude: however, through meeting Will, she has changed as she starts to view life differently.

Louisa is a twenty-six-year- old girl who is creative, talented, quirky, and also has a very positive outlook on life. Louisa was sexually assaulted when she was sixteen and in the maze,

this took place while she was intoxicated. She tries her best to forget it like it never happened, although she does struggle with trying to do that. This forever changed her aspect of life since this has taken place. The maze at the castle made her feel as if some paths were unsafe for her.

Louisa tries to hide her sorrow and misery, day by day she tries not to show how the horrible event forever changed her life. Louisa fakes her emotions around people just to make other people smile and helps people hate life a little less. Even after the unfortunate tragedy that occurred in Louisa's life, she still likes to dress in clothes with vibrant colors and interesting designs. Louisa tends to be a very generous, respectful, and polite young woman and is always using her manners when talking to people of higher age. She has a wonderful sense of humor that tends to be taken advantage of in her life. She consents with her mundane life, lacking direction or purpose.

Louisa and Will's relationship started off as hate that gradually turned into something and became love. She fell in love with Will, and together they planned a holiday getaway to Mauritius. Louisa confesses her love for him on the night of returning home. She believes that if Will gave their love a chance, then they might be able to live happily and have a healthy relationship. Will also makes a confession that the entire time he had plans to end his life. He points out that he will just be a burden to those who love him, although he accepts the truth that there is still something special between them.

Will's mother is in distress and supports Louisa's attempts to try and change his mind on the death wish. She slowly starts to get attached to Will's heart and encourages him to attend social gatherings. They go to horse races, music concerts and picnics. As time passes, Will's

confidence level starts to rise to the point where he asks Louisa to be his company at Alicia's wedding, his ex-girlfriend. They both agree that their time together has been the best it could ever have been, however his sacrifice is necessary.

Louisa finally finds her relationship and confronts her own mortality, she begins to assert her independence, exploring her passions and values. Her journey is marked by a shift from complacency to a desire for personal growth, trying to reach a new sense of purpose. As this happens she transforms into a more confident, selfless, and determined human being. She starts to pursue her own future, develops a stronger sense of self, and learns to make difficult choices and try to navigate her journey on her own. Louisa finally figured out that all the difficult times she faced in life helped her grow, mature, and be self-confident.

Louisa's thoughts on Will's desire to die are deeply personal and emotional, reflecting off of her own experiences and growth. After the fact of Will's passing, Louisa's life undergoes significant changes. She gains more confidence and independence, reflecting Will's encouragement to get out of her comfort zone. Of course she is affected by his death, but also changed from the experiences they shared. She also loves to visit places that Will has always wanted to visit, and discovers new cultures and interests. Louisa cherishes so many memories of Will. She always told Will to live his life to fullest and never give up and she still keeps that in mind when honoring him.

In conclusion, Will's memory continues to hold a special place in her heart. Going through the hardships that she went through and being Will's caregiver played a major role in her changing

she started seeing life from a different perspective. Although this time is rough for her she still has always tried her best to heal with the hardships. Losing someone you love is one of the hardest things to go through. Louisa never seemed to give up and kept going for Will and did everything she could to make him proud.

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