

CHAPTER 1  
**MADISON**



Hi! I'm Zach Cooper. I'm sixteen and I'm not happy.

My mum and I are going to a new house. We're from New York City, but our new house is in the country. It's in Madison. Madison is very small.

So why are we going? Good question. It's Mum's idea. 'Let's have a new start,' she says one day. And she finds a job in Madison.

You see, my dad is dead. My mum's sad. I'm sad. And I want to be nice to my mum. I'm going with her because I love her. And because I'm only sixteen!



We're at the new house now. I take our things out of the car. I meet Hannah. She lives in the house next to us. She's friendly and beautiful. Maybe Madison is OK!



Then her dad comes to the window. He's not friendly or beautiful. He's angry.



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Today is my first day at Madison High School. It's also my mum's first day. She's a teacher at the same school. That is not cool.

I wait for my first lesson. A boy talks to me. His name is Champ.



'I want to go,' Champ says. 'But I haven't got a girlfriend.'

Champ's not cool, but I like him. He's my first friend in Madison.

## CHAPTER 2

# HANNAH

That night I'm in our garden. It's dark and quiet. Eyes are watching me. I can feel them.

'Hey!'

I jump. It's Hannah.

'Do you go to Madison High?' I ask.

'No, I have lessons with my dad at home,' she says.



We walk through the town. Then there are no more houses and it's dark. I'm scared.