

Chapter 1 : Point of Retreat : Colleen Hoover :

Point of Retreat, aptly named such for various reasons, is a good follow-up to Slammed. Where the first book moved me with its remarkable inspiration, Point of Retreat touched me with its tender love story.

I am going to start by saying that I know Colleen Hoover is capable of writing very wonderful books. I loved Hopeless and Slammed so I had no reason to suspect that this book would be taking the fast train to suck-ville. Also, everyone else seems to LOVE this book. I mean over 45, ratings and a 4. I must be losing my mind? Maybe that is it? But let me break it down for you all why this book is on my craptastic book list: Holy hell Will and Lake act like children in this book! It is like they regressed mentally in the past year since "Slammed" and now function only as pissy children. There is no communication between them. Just childish misunderstandings and petty fighting. They are freaking 19 and 23 years old!!! They whine and complain and oh GOD it was annoying. Does anyone remember the Will from "Slammed"? The Will that was a responsible teacher? The one that was level-headed and took responsibility for his actions? The one that weighed the pros and cons of every decision? Well, apparently he is gone now and this new Will has taken his place. Who is this guy? This Will is so stupid I could barely read about him. Let me remind you all that Will was a teacher and wants to go to grad school to keep teaching. So when his brother writes a note in school threatening to KILL someone, you would think that Will would realize how serious that is. I would have thought that Will, as a former teacher, would have a greater understanding of that. Am I smoking crack here? In the first book, they were kind of cute and meaningful but here, they were just irritating as all hell. If I hear "butterflying", "carving pumpkins", or "point of retreat" one more time I am going to blow a gasket. Will did not act like a 23 year old man. In fact, he acted just like a 12 year old girl. The way he acted about sex was totally unrealistic. It was just so far removed from what an early 20s guy would do. Like removing her shirt gave him the willies. What guy would act like that?!?! None, I tell you. Is this book geared for a tween audience? Freaking "Twilight" was more sexual than this. I honestly think that this book had no point other than to create and deal with silly drama. There was no new story to tell. The book was just a series of events that would probably not happen in real life piled together. Now folks, I know my point of view will most likely differ from yours.

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Point of Retreat jumps about a year forward from where Slammed ended. When I first realized this, I thought we might miss out on a lot of detail, but as usual, the author wrote it very well. I enjoyed this book just as much as I enjoyed Slammed.

Butterflying kiss me already! She climbs out from under me and sits up on her knees as I roll onto my back and remain in the floor. When we catch ourselves taking things too far, one of us always calls retreat. Before Julia passed away, we made the mistake of taking things too far, too soon—a crucial mistake on my part. Lake and I came back to my place after a movie. We started making out on the couch and one thing led to another—neither of us willing to stop it. She completely flipped out. I probably apologized a million times in those two weeks. She eventually sat us down together and made us swear we would wait at least a year. She made Lake get on the pill, and made me look her in the eyes and give her my word. Julia was fairly reasonable and knew it would happen eventually. What hurt her was that I was so willing to take that from Lake in such a short time frame, after only two weeks of dating. It made me feel incredibly guilty, so of course I agreed to the promise. More out of respect for Julia, than anything. A lot of times. She opens the door and faces me as she backs out of the house, slowly pulling the door shut. How the hell do these dates still make me nervous? I go to the bathroom and brush my teeth, then grab my keys and jacket and head to my car. I can see her watching from the window. Especially in the months before we were officially dating. Every day I would come home and I would see her shadow. After our fight in the laundry room though, she never watched from the window again. I back out of the driveway and straight into hers. I leave the car running and walk around to open the door for her. When I get back inside the car, I get a whiff of her perfume. Rather than turn onto the street, I pull up right into my own driveway. I kill the ignition and run around to her side of the car and open the door. I got dressed up, Will! I want to go somewhere. I laugh and take her hand and walk her inside. I never said we were going anywhere. I just asked if you had plans. Rather than sit at the table to eat, I take the plates to the coffee table in the living room. She pulls her jacket off and seems a little disappointed. I continue to elude her while I make our drinks, then take a seat in the floor with her. I was looking forward to doing something different. But tonight has sort of already been planned out for us. I just continue eating. She gives up trying to get anything out of me and takes another bite of her food. I love it when she wears her hair down. I also love it when she wears it up. Her comment catches me off guard. She looks embarrassed by her forwardness and diverts her attention back down to her plate. She tears off a piece of bread and dips it in the sauce. Are you saying tonight has something to do with her in a different way? I wrap my arms around her and she leans against my chest and clasps her hands behind my back. She follows behind me until we get to my room where the box Julia gave me is sitting on the bed. Lake walks over to it and runs her hand across the wrapping paper. She fingers the red velvet bow and sighs. I sit on the bed and motion for her to sit with me. We pull our legs up and sit with the gift between us. Is this the last one? She always tries so hard to conceal them. I run my finger across her cheek and wipe away a tear. I watch as she tears it open, revealing a cardboard box wrapped in duct tape. I stroke her knee and watch her poke through the tape with her thumbnail. Just when she breaks through the final edge, she pauses. She pulls the contents out of the box as I pull the cardboard away from it. She tears the tissue away and reveals a clear glass vase. It looks like origami. Hundreds of thumbnail sized 3-D paper stars. We continue to stare at it, trying to make sense of the gift and the contents inside of it. She opens the card and looks at it. I open it and read it aloud. Will and Lake, Love is the most beautiful thing in the world. Neither of you has a mother or a father to go to for relationship advice anymore. Neither of you has anyone to go to for a shoulder to cry on when things get tough, and they will get tough. Neither of you has someone to go to when you just want to share the funny, or the happy, or the heartache. You are both at a disadvantage when it comes to this aspect of love. You both only have each other, and because of this, you will have to work harder at building a strong foundation for your future together. I hand wrote some things onto strips of paper and folded them into stars. It might be an inspirational quote, an inspiring lyric, or just some downright good parental advice. You can open one together; you can open one alone. I just want there to

be something both of you can go to, if and when you ever need it. Thank you for coming into our lives. Lake takes my hand when I come to a pause. She wipes away a tear from her eyes. I do my best to fight back my own tears. I take a deep breath and clear my throat, then finish reading the letter. I thank you from the bottom of my heart for loving my daughter like you do. You can never know how grateful I have been for you, and how much peace you have brought my soul. And Lake; this is me-nudging your shoulder, giving you my approval. Also, thank you for being so determined to keep our family together. You were right about Kel needing to be with you. Thank you for helping me see that. And remember, when things get tough for him, please teach him how to stop carving pumpkinsâ€¦ I love you both and wish you a lifetime of happiness together. When I walked into her room, she was folding strips of paper up and she stopped and put it aside as we talked. I forgot about it. I forgot all about it. This must have taken her forever. She wipes more tears from her eyes with the back of her hand.

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Point of Retreat (Slammed #2) Hardships and heartache brought them together now it will tear them apart. Layken and Will have proved their love can get them through anything; until someone from Will's past re-emerges, leaving Layken questioning the very foundation on which their relationship was built.

Point of Retreat 1. Is there a sign on my house instructing people not to knock? Lake never knocks anymore, but her comfort here apparently extends to Eddie as well. He slips his shoes off at the door and makes his way into the kitchen. I call Kel and Caulder into the kitchen to have them set the table. For the past year, since Lake and I have been together, Gavin and Eddie have been eating with us at least twice a week. I finally had to invest in a dining room table because the bar was getting a little too crowded. He walks into the kitchen and grabs a stack of cups out of the cabinet. Or we could just do something here. I glance behind me and notice them setting an extra place. Kiersten moved into a house on our street about a month ago, and Kel seems to have developed a slight crush on her. Now I need to make another burger. I put the meat back in the fridge. The one I think is an imposter based on the things that come out of her mouth. Tonight should be interesting. Gavin and I have become pretty close this past year. Kel and Caulder really like them, too. I like the setup we all have. I hope it stays this way. Lake has her wet hair pulled up in a knot on top of her head. She takes the seat next to mine and leans in and kisses me on the cheek. Sorry it took me so long. I was trying to register online for Statistics, but the class is full. He grabs the ketchup and squirts it on his plate. Eddie nods in agreement as she takes a bite of her burger. Lake nudges her head toward Kel and Caulder. Eddie glances toward Kiersten, finally noticing the extra person seated at the table. I live diagonal to Will and Caulder, parallel to Layken and Kel. We moved here from Detroit right before Christmas. Mom says we needed to get out of the city before the city got out of us. It was a pretty big day, you know. Not many people can say they turned eleven on eleven-eleven-eleven. I could have recorded the segment and used it someday for my portfolio. Kiersten is oblivious, turning to Lake to repeat her question. I know how much she hates this question. She tries to answer confidently. My oldest brother has been a sophomore in college for three years. The shock value would subside, and it would become just another word again. Same with every other so-called bad word. Kiersten is obviously smarter than most kids her age, even if it is in a strange way. The things that come out of her mouth make Kel and Caulder seem somewhat normal.

Chapter 4 : Slammed & Point of Retreat - Poetry for the Soul! - Bec's Books

Prologue. January 1st, "Resolutions" I'm confident will be our year. Mine and Lake's year. The last few years have definitely not been in our favor.

I remove the Darth Vader house shoes from my satchel and look down at them. You were wearing these during one of those moments. One of the moments I first started to fall in love with you. The way you gave me butterflies that morning had absolutely nothing to do with anyone else, and everything to do with you. I was falling in love with you that morning because of you. I take the next item out of the satchel. When I pull it out and look up, she brings her hands to her mouth in shock. You took a lot of aggression out on him over those next few months. I would watch from my window as you would kick him over every time you walked by him. That feisty, aggressive, strong-willed side of you! The side of you that refused to take crap from this concrete gnome? The side of you that refused to take crap from me? I fell in love with that side of you because of you. The banjo started playing through the speakers of your car and I immediately recognized my favorite band. Then when I realized it was your favorite band, too? The fact that these same lyrics inspired both of us? I fell in love with that about you. That had absolutely nothing to do with anyone else. I fell in love with that about you because of you. I take a slip of paper out of the satchel and hold it up. When I look at her, I see Eddie slide her a napkin. This is a receipt I kept. Only because the item I purchased that night was on the verge of ridiculous. Chocolate milk on the rocks? You were being you. A piece of me fell in love with you at that moment, because of you. I hold up another sheet of paper. And then I kept it to remind myself of all the things I never want to be to you. I pull her shirt from my bag. When I hold it into the light, I sigh into the microphone. This is that ugly shirt you wear.

Chapter 5 : Point of Retreat (Slammed Series #2) - free PDF, CHM, FB2, TXT

Point of Retreat is the continuing story of Wil and Layken's romance that began in Slammed. As the book opens, Layken's Mom has passed away 3 months ago. She and Wil have fallen into a rhythm of college classes, caring for their little brothers, and seeing each other.

I get so frustrated when ex-girlfriends show up in books. And then, what I feel is possibly one of the worst things that can happen to someone, happens to Lake. There are some new characters, new neighbours of Will and Lake. Kristen and her mom Sherry. She really surprised me. Point of Retreat is dramatic, emotional and tragic. I found this to be a very enjoyable series so far. Talk about a roller-coaster ride! I think it showed a whole other dimension to their relationship. First, we see the day to day routines that Will and Lake have developed. All those little things that make up a true relationship. Colleen Hoover is an absolute master at making you feel exactly what her characters are feeling. All of the doubt and insecurity and anger and frustration and despair. All of these characters could jump right out of the book and continue living their lives in the real world at any moment. There is nothing forced or artificial about their personalities or the dialogue. She also includes so many details that make you really believe that this could be a real story happening somewhere right now. The star jar, the gnome, basagna, and so so many other details make this a truly authentic story. There are some laugh out loud moments and some really triumphant moments as well. The poems here are fantastic and emotional and powerful. Some of my very favorite moments involved the poems. There are a couple of new characters introduced that really round out the cast of the book, Kiersten and her mom, Sherry. Kiersten is the precocious 10 year old who lives next door. In fact, I loved Kiersten so much that I would be very interested in reading a spin-off book about her and her mom. Overall, this was a fantastic book. The writing is superb, the characters are genuine and amazing, the scenes and settings are authentic and I think everyone should read it. Feel free to view the full post here: Point of Retreat is the sequel to the very amazing Slammed. The story of Will and Lake continues in this book. It made me know him better and so are the other characters. I really felt his love, respect and faithfulness for Lake. And once again, I smiled, laughed, and.. I felt the true love between them and their joy by having each other. Though it only appear once, it was one of the BEST and my fave scene. It just made my heart swell. I also adore the new characters. It added highlight to this sparkling book. They are just so cute! I super loved Point of Retreat. I cannot say if this is better than Slammed because both are the best. See the Favorite badge above? I rarely post that along my reviews. And so is the first one, Slammed. I am now a certified fan of Colleen Hoover. Smile, I smiled a huge smile Laugh, I laughed again Reading this would just make me feel this way They were just so cute and ridiculous and fun Tears, I have them in my eyes, for the second time It was just real and right I can feel it from the words dancing on their way to my heart. Slammed, Point of Retreat, I truly loved. I am so lucky to read you in my life. Colleen Hoover, You just make me emotional. But it just make me like you more And now, you are one of the best. I can really say you are one of the best. Dear readers, why not not read this? But before you read this, make sure to read Slammed first. My slam poems may not the best or spectacular, but they are treasure, for me. Please respect and just support. Close X Follow us.

Chapter 6 : Point of Retreat Quotes by Colleen Hoover

Colleen Hoover is the #1 New York Times bestselling author of Slammed, Point of Retreat, This Girl, Hopeless, Losing Hope, Maybe Someday, Finding Cinderella, and Ugly Love.

Life is the one thing in this world that you can never fully prepare for. Never truly know what can happen from today until tomorrow. One day everything seems to be as it should be, the next? Everything is falling apart. How are we supposed to cope with the shit that is thrown our way? How are we supposed to smile and act when the worst seems to have happened? The loss of a family member, the relationship lost between friends, the loss of your income? Daily struggles that we face, daily Life Life. Daily struggles that we face, daily struggles that we are not sure will turn around? You want to scream and shout what and why are these things happening to me? Did I deserve to be the one betrayed? Did I deserve to be the one who was left out? Did I deserve to lose that special someone? Life is the one thing in this world that you can never fully prepare for. And even with all of the bad shit thrown at you? What do you say? Do you let it defeat you? You hold your head up high and know that what you are facing today? The loss of a family member? The lost relationship between a friend? The betrayal you endure from someone you love? The shock of your world being turned upside down? Is only a temporary situation, a temporary setback. That today, life may have won the battle, but that you? You will win the war. And what a war they had to face yet again! Just made it that much more exciting for me They are adjusting to Julia being gone and are taking it one day at a time to be the best parents they know how to be to their younger siblings. Kiersten is the eleven year old with a very impressive vocabulary, quick wit and loveable characteristics. Her mother Sherry, is a great addition in all her quirky ways as well. I really enjoyed that they all sort of formed this bond of family, and that Sherry was the untitled "mother hen" for them. Even in the most unexpected ways, they all had someone to look up to for advice One of my favorite parts of the book was a session they had at dinner nightly called "suck and sweet time". Basically, it was just naming your highs as well as lows for the day, and I thought that was a great addition to the story and to the special bond they all shared Throughout the book, Will and Lake have to come to a head with more issues that arise. Questioning things they thought they knew about each other, their relationship, and the connection they thought was undeniable; unbreakable Love is the most beautiful thing in the world. More challenges to face, more gripping and heart wrenching situations to bound through, a few more amazing slams to add to the mix, and more tears to be shed from this read. I loved every single second of it, and like the first in the series, it touched me. The story of Will and Layken is so beautiful, so enriching, so inspiring, so loving. Based on the raw emotion of just knowing that someone who was meant for you, has finally come into your life. They compliment each other in the best way. They understand the needs of each other Again, if I could, I would give this book more than 5 stars! If you are looking for a read to help put things into perspective, then read this series. It was not just a "read" for me, but a definite emotional and inspirational experience Stories like these only come along every so often She woke up my soul. Why on earth did it take me so long to read this series. I love all three books, but this one is my favorite. All you can do is suck it up and start mapping out a new plan. This girl is the rest of my life. Sigh, if only everyone could be loved as much as Will loves Layken. He truly is something else, and I love that this story was told through his eyes. I found Lake incredibly frustrating in this one, as did Will on occasion, and wanted to shake some sense into her more than once, but how it all wrapped up and tied together in the end was beautiful and breathtaking. This is such an excellent story, with so many wonderful chara Will Cooper. This is such an excellent story, with so many wonderful characters sprinkled throughout it. I seriously want to move into their neighborhood and be a part of their lives. Each and every one of them is amazing. There, that seems like an appropriate way to describe my feelings. After finishing Point of Retreat, I immediately came online to goodreads. Turns out, her next book is only coming out in Me after realising I could not read any other Colleen Hoover books very soon. An Ok, where do I start? I felt it was more appropriate being in his head this time because the things that occur in the book can probably only be fully understood if you know how he feels and what he thinks. In this book, we get to learn a little more about Will and how he feels about Lake. I think that what Colleen Hoover

did was great as readers will actually be able to love Will more when we get to actually "feel" his emotions. I know I fell in love with him a little more in Point of Retreat. I loved almost all new characters introduced in this book. One of them in particular I really liked-Kiersten. I liked that Colleen Hoover did not just focus on the romance and just the two of them like most romance novels. She made the novel seem so realistic because all the characters seemed just like normal human beings. Well, as normal as two people can be under their circumstances anyway. Now, unlike Slammed, there were no quotes at the beginning of each chapter. There was still great advice which is pretty helpful though. I have to say, I enjoyed the entries just as much as the quotes. Like the quotes in Slammed, these entries also give us readers a hint as to what the new chapter has in store for us. Those of you who have not read this series probably should get it like, right now. Point of Retreat is definitely a good book for people who love romance novels which are not too sad but are so touching that it will bring you to tears. But, of course, you will fall in love with almost all of the characters because they are just so They all have their own unique personalities and the way they act and talk are so different that they seem very real. Alright then, it is now time for all of you who have not read this book to stop reading because spoilers are coming up. And I kind of hate Reece too. Not as much as Vaughn though. I wish that Will was more harsh with her. I mean, SHE left him. Moreover, she did so in his time of need. But, she left him without even attempting to help. And, when she spots him in class, she has the audacity to smile and sit beside him! Then, she asks him to give her another chance?! To Vaughn I wish Will had just bitch-slapped her right there and then. That was probably my only "hate" in the book. Moving on, I loved the stars. I loved the advice in them and the humour in some of the others. Reading them made me actually miss Julia. Made me wish she was still alive. Nonetheless, I still took joy in them. We would all be so lucky to have a friend like her. I loved her wit and how she used that to help Will and Lake get back together.

Chapter 7 : [PDF]Point of Retreat (Slammed) Book Free Download (pages) | Blind Hypnosis

Book 2 of 3 in the SLAMMED series. Sometimes two people have to fall apart to realize just how much they belong together. Colleen Hoover entranced readers everywhere with her bestselling novel Slammed, the book that introduced Layken and Will, a young couple whose love overcame devastating hardships to emerge stronger and more resilient than before.

The last few years have definitely not been in our favor. To top it off, I ended up having to drop my scholarship. I spent every single day of the next year learning how to adjust. How to adjust to heartbreak, how to adjust to having no parents, how to adjust to essentially becoming a parent myself and the sole provider of a family. Of course, turned out to be just as difficult as the previous years, but in a completely different way. There was a lot of falling in love, a lot of grief, a lot of healing and even more adjusting. Julia passed away in September of that year. It was almost like losing my mother all over again. I miss my mother. And I miss Julia. Thank god I have Lake. Like me, my father loved to write. He always used to tell me that writing his daily thoughts down was therapeutic for his soul. Maybe I was wrong. I want to be everything I have planned for it to be perfect. With all that said or written, rather writing is my resolution for Part One Thursday, January 5th, I registered for classes today. Is there a sign on my house instructing people not to knock? Of course Lake never knocks anymore, but her comfort here has apparently extended to Eddie as well. He slips his shoes off at the door and makes his way into the kitchen. I call Kel and Caulder into the kitchen to have them set the table. For the past year, since Lake and I have been together, Gavin and Eddie have been eating with us at least twice a week. I finally had to invest in a dining room table because the bar was getting a little too crowded. He walks into the kitchen and grabs a stack of cups out of the cabinet. Or we could just do something here. I glance behind me and notice them setting an extra place. Kiersten moved into a house on our street about a month ago, and Kel seems to have developed a slight crush on her. Now I need to make another burger. I put the meat back inside the fridge. Her self-assurance reminds me a little of Eddie. The one I think is an imposter based on the things that come out of her mouth. Tonight should be interesting. Gavin and I have become pretty close this past year. Kel and Caulder really like them, too. I like the setup we all have. I hope it stays this way. Lake has her wet hair pulled up into a knot on top of her head. She takes the seat next to mine and leans in and kisses me on the cheek. Sorry it took me so long. I was trying to register online for Statistics but the class is full. He grabs the ketchup and squirts it on his plate. Eddie nods in agreement as she takes a bite of her burger. Lake nudges her head toward Kel and Caulder. Eddie glances toward Kiersten, finally noticing the extra person seated at the table. I live diagonal to Will and Caulder, parallel to Layken and Kel. We moved here from Detroit right before Christmas. Mom says we needed to get out of the city, before the city got out of us whatever that means. It was a pretty big day, you know. Not many people can say they turned eleven on eleven-eleven-eleven. If I would have been born at I could have recorded the segment and used it someday for my portfolio. Kiersten is oblivious, turning to Lake to repeat her question. I know how much she hates this question. She tries to answer confidently. My oldest brother has been a Sophomore in college for three years. What if someone decided one day that butterfly is a cussword? People would eventually start using the word butterfly as an insult, and to emphasize things in a negative way. So, if we all just decided to keep saying butterfly all the time, eventually people would stop caring. The shock value would subside and it would become just another word again. Same with every other so-called bad word.

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Point of Retreat 1. THURSDAY, JANUARY 5 I registered for classes today. Didn't get the days I wanted, but I only have two semesters left, so it's getting harder to be picky about my schedule.

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I am rating Slammed & Point of Retreat 5 stars since they are captivating and charming! It's been about a month since I read them, in the meantime I read the author Colleen Hoover 's other new book Hopeless which was fantastic (see my review here).