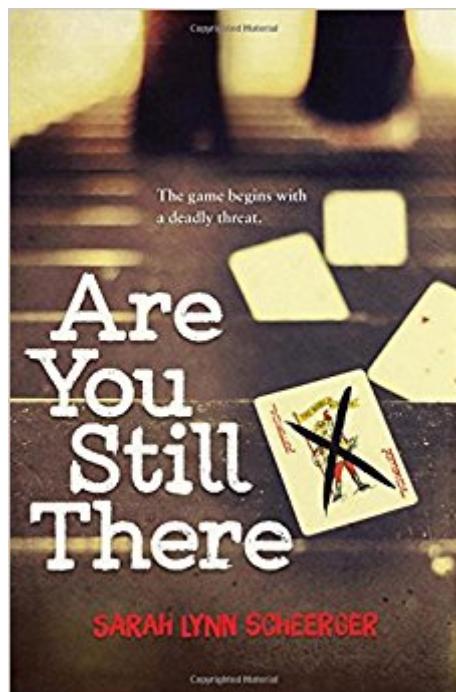


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# Are You Still There



## **Synopsis**

Gabriella Mallory, AP student and perfect-daughter-in-training, stands barefoot on a public toilet for three hours while her school is on lockdown. Someone has planted a bomb and she is hiding. The bomb is defused but the would-be-bomber is still at large. And everyone at Central High School is a suspect. The school starts a top-secret crisis help line and Gabi is invited to join. When she does, she is drawn into a suspenseful game of cat and mouse with the bomber, who has unfinished business. He leaves threatening notes on campus. He makes threatening calls to the help line. And then he begins targeting Gabi directly. Is it because her father is the lead police detective on the case? Is the bomber one of her new friends. Could it be her new boyfriend with his complicated past? As the story unfolds, Gabi knows she is somehow connected to the bomber. Even worse she is part of his plan. Can Gabi reach out and stop him? Or will she be too late?

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Gabi Mallory is in the girls' bathroom of her high school the moment a bomb threat is called in. Police quickly arrive to assess the situation, DO find a bomb but no clues as to who the bomber might be. Since all the students are visibly emotionally shaken, school is let out early. Gabi returns home to talk to her parents, only to find her cop-father has already been assigned to the case (to determine who the mysterious bomber is).As the weeks progress, Gabi returns to school, attempting

to return to a normal routine all around actually. In the wake of the attempted bombing, the school decides to set up a crisis hotline where students can anonymously call in and discuss anything troubling them. Gabi is chosen as one of a crew of students brought together to man the phone lines. Small clues as to the bomber's identity start to surface here and there. First we learn that the mystery person wishes to go by the moniker Stranger, since how they identify themselves in the world, a quiet, ignored figure who's been made to feel like a nobody by their peers. Then the playing cards start popping up, cryptic messages written around the card edges. The majority of them being find their way into Gabi's locker, much to her unease! Why is she being targeted? Is the bomber someone she knows .... a friend feeling neglected? a boy she might have too harshly rejected? Or was she just chosen at random? Some clues even have her throwing suspicious glances at her new boyfriend... how much does she know about him really? Angry (but still anonymous) calls full of venom and threats start flooding the hotline call center. Even when the kids close up shop each night and head home, right at 9 pm shift end, texts come on their personal phones, only ever saying "Are you still there?

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