

Life As We Knew It
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Rating:  4 out of 5 Eagles

Miranda is a typical high school sophomore; the important things in her life are her friends, her family, and getting her driver's license. When she hears a meteor is going to crash into the moon, she doesn't really give it a second thought. After all, the experts say, this happens all the time; it's what causes the craters in the moon. But, something went wrong in with the projection, and this crash was certainly not normal. The moon was knocked out of orbit causing massive storms, terrible earthquakes, and other natural disasters. Now, every day is a struggle to survive. Food, gas, and other commodities that Miranda formerly took for granted are in short supply, and as the moon is pulled closer to the earth's orbit, the question on everybody's mind is, "Will we survive through Christmas?" Among all the confusion and chaos, one thing is certain, life as Miranda knew it will never be the same.

Life As We Knew It was incredibly exciting, incredibly realistic, and because of that, incredibly scary. Written in the form of Miranda's diary, you are always in her head, so you can feel first-hand the terror of not knowing how long you're going to live, and the struggle to survive. The masterful prose kept me wanting to read more; I could not put the book down until I had finished it. The novel was also so realistic, the terror so evident and true in Miranda's voice, that I half-expected that the world was coming to an end in reality as well. Life As We Knew It sweeps you up into a fast-paced, frightening, survival story where you can no longer tell what is real, and what is fantasy. If you are looking for a quick read that has an exciting, well-developed plotline and relatable characters, Life As We Knew It is definitely a book you will want to pick up.

A companion novel to Life As We Knew It entitled, The Dead and the Gone was recently released.