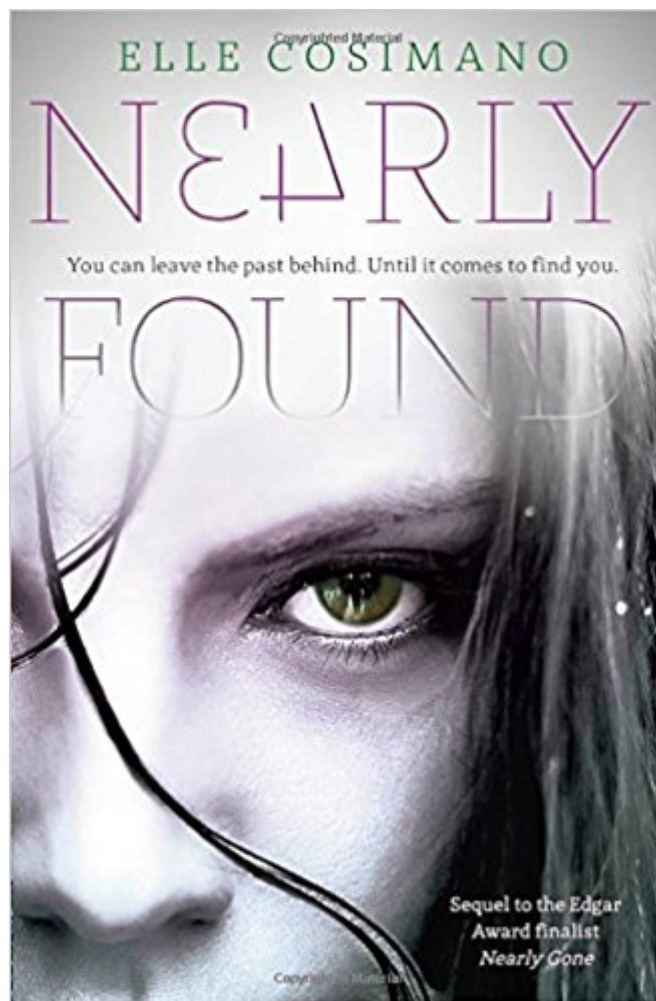


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# Nearly Found (Nearly Boswell Mysteries)



## Synopsis

The thrilling sequel to the highly praised *Nearly Gone*--a YA urban mystery that's perfect for fans of *Bones*, *Numbers*, and *The Body Finder*. After Nearly Boswell starts working as an intern at a crime lab, a girl from her trailer park turns up dead. Then the corpse of a missing person is discovered with a message for Nearly etched into the bones. Nearly worries the corpse might be her father, but when she finds out it's the father of Eric, a classmate of hers, she starts to worry that the corpse is connected to her father's disappearance 5 years ago. Nearly, Reece, and Nearly's classmates start a dangerous investigation into their fathers' pasts that threatens Nearly's fragile romance with Reece, and puts all of them in the killer's path. "Cosimano delivers another shocking, dark, and brilliant tale that will make readers want to lock their doors." *VOYA* "Swiftly plotted, with plenty of romantic thrills and suspenseful action." *Booklist*

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

Gr 9 Up In this sequel to *Nearly Lost* (Penguin, 2014), Nearly Boswell is excited about her new internship in the forensics lab of the local police station and is ready to put her past nightmares behind her. That is, until the corpse of a girl from her trailer park is brought in and a vicious cycle begins in which all of the incoming bodies are in some way tied to Nearly. With her internship on the

line, she decides not to tell the police about her connections to the victims, and she begins a string of poor choices. Together, the teen and three acquaintances from school embark on a dangerous journey to shed light on their fathers' pasts and uncover the serial killer. While the pacing of this novel is considerably slower than that of the first installment, the writing is equally good. All of the characters are well developed, but the story lacks the strong emotions and engaging voice of the previous volume. While this contemporary mystery is well thought out and all of the pieces fit well together, the ending is anticlimactic and most readers will have guessed the killer. Moreover, Nearly's poor choices don't seem to have any consequences, and though she conceals information, destroys evidence, steals from the storage locker, and breaks her disclosure agreement, there's no mention of losing her internship. VERDICT This mystery is not satisfying enough to stand on its own but will appeal to fans of the first book. — Candyce Pruitt-Goddard, Hartford Public Library, CT --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

"Cosimano delivers another shocking, dark, and brilliant tale that will make readers want to lock their doors. Complex characters set against a gritty backdrop, along with gruesome details of investigative work, will draw readers in and keep the pages turning. It is obvious that Cosimano has done her homework, and readers will want to see more of her tenacious heroine. Fans of crime television will flock to this series that is perfect for young adult audiences." — VOYA "A sequel every bit as nail-biting as its predecessor." — Kirkus "Swiftly plotted, with plenty of romantic thrills and suspenseful action." — Booklist "This suspenseful sequel packs the same level of chills as its predecessor...The forensic-science angle, more grisly murders, and determined, quick-thinking Nearly herself give her fans plenty of reasons to keep turning pages until the should-have-seen-it-coming end." — Horn Book PRAISE FOR NEARLY GONE: "Eloquently written and packed full of suspense, debut author Cosimano strikes gold with this page-turning thriller that will have teens chomping at the bit to get to the end." — School Library Journal, starred review "The plot moves at a breakneck pace, picking up along the way a first-rate romance...And STEM enthusiasts can rejoice: the killer's riddles — including the puzzle of what the victims' numbers mean — involve algebra, geometry, chemistry, physics, even astronomy. This is an addictive and multilayered debut; Cosimano has established herself as a thriller writer to watch." — The Horn Book "Cosimano weaves together math riddles, science-based clues, an edgy romance, and psychological terror to create an unpredictable page-turner....A good choice for fans of "savant" procedurals and dramas like *Bones*, *Elementary*, or *Numbers*." — Publishers Weekly "A suspenseful page-turner that will leave teens on the edge

of their seats. Cosimano's character development makes almost everyone a suspect." - VOYA

I actually liked this one. I think I liked it a little more than I liked the first one. I love Nearly and Reece together. I loved the other characters you get to know. I also loved how this one took her abilities and had it add to the story. That's something I felt was missing a little in the first one. I loved the mystery element. It kept you hooked from the first page and didn't really slow down. So there wasn't a lot of places to put down the book. You end up reading it a lot faster than you had planned to. I found myself getting irritated with her at times when it came to her boyfriend and his job and her internship. Though it wasn't a bad thing. It just made it feel more like I'm reading from the point of a teen girl. Who is too smart for her own good and, because she is a teenager, she doesn't always think things through. lol. I would definitely recommend it. Especially if you are a fan of YA mysteries and thrillers. A pretty great book. :)

Nearly Found is an excellent sequel when the sequel is better than the first book! I loved loved loved this book! - like I could read this book twice and a row and still enjoy the ride all over again! Elle Cosimano has become one of my favorite authors and I continuously buy her books. Heroine: Nearly Boswell (love her name) changed a lot from the first book. She grew as a person while juggling with lots of internal conflict because of what she experienced from the first book. Even so, in this book, she battles her demons while trying to solve the mystery, and I liked that the reader could see her getting stronger - tougher emotionally as the book progresses. Nearly, like in the first book, does continue to make some really stupid choices, but she's a teen who's way over her head. She's entitled to make them - but what I liked was that she learned from her mistakes and always did better the next time. Hero: Hot! Gorgeous! My type of bad boy! In the first book, I didn't like Reece too much. He kind of turned me off at times with the way he used to treat Nearly sometimes---even pissed me off, but he redeemed himself in the sequel. We got to see more of him - and got to find out how he actually felt about Nearly, which was really sweet! Baddie(s): I'm not going to reveal the ending, but the person behind everything didn't surprise me. I guessed it about halfway through the book, but why they did really caught me off guard. High Points: Characters: I really enjoyed getting reacquainted with all the secondary characters from the first book. Like Lonny (one of my favorite characters), Jeremy, Gina - etc. Romance: I loved Reece & Nearly -

relationship. They balance each other very well. Yeah, they had some ups and downs, but that only added to the tension of the story. Together, they make a really great couple! Knowledge: I actually learned many things from this book involving forensics and science. Like it was really cool to read about how investigators get fingerprints off murder weapons and match them to suspects! Low Points: Predictability: Reading the book carefully (learned to do this from the first book), it was semi-easy to figure out the ending. But I also read a lot of mystery books too. Even so, there was still tons of twists, conflict, tension and excitement! I still highly recommend :) The book was seriously addicting! I read page one and was instantly hooked, and I didn't stop until I was at the end. Nearly Found took me on an exciting, dark, and awesome ride and I really hope that there's a book #3!

NO SPOILERS: As an elementary/middle school librarian we search for books that have strong female protagonists with a brain. This book (and Nearly Gone) deliver just that. Lead character is: female, strong, wicked smart, a total science geek who solves the mystery using the periodic table. Brilliant. Cosimano does an excellent job of character development. These are characters that become your best friends. You can easily connect with them and root for them. She clearly shows that everyone, even the evil drug dealer, has a redeeming quality. Nearly Gone seems slow to begin with but only because Cosimano does such a thorough job of character description. Nearly found is a fast paced page turner. This is a book of hope. Things can be pretty rough but through diligence and hard work there is always hope for the future. Nearly (lead characters name) struggles to improve life for herself and her mother. Just as in life there are many obstacles she has to overcome. Which she does by using.....wait for it.....her brain. Unfortunately, after having a conversation with the author, I learned the publishing company has canceled carrying a third installment. So here is my point: this is a phenomenal book. I want every upper elementary/middle school girl to read this book. Would be wonderful for mother/daughter book clubs. Buy the book. Post positive reviews. Maybe we can get the publisher to see that this is a book that is needed for young girls. Being smart and loving science rocks.

Nearly Boswell is back and this time she is having to suffer the consequences of the guilt that was created after her arch-enemy TJ and fellow classmate went on a killing spree trying to kill everyone in Nearly's circle of friends as he blamed her for his Dad going to prison and then his mother committing suicide and him losing his lifestyle. Nearly has the ability like her father to taste people's emotions but unlike her father, she hasn't used her abilities to exploit others and for financial gain. It

has been five years since the town was in uproar as five years ago her father disappeared , Reggie was arrested and Karl Miller also vanished into thin air. Now with TJ in jail, Nearly hopes that her schooling and life can get back to normal but unfortunately Normal isn't an option for Nearly as she gets a job working in a forensics lab and a body comes in that has been buried for at least five years and her father is on the possible victim list - is this her father's body or someone who knew her father ? Meanwhile the members of the Poker Club's children are receiving messages linked back to that night five years ago . Who is sending the messages and what have they got planned as more tragedies and accidents start occurring in their town ? The ending of Nearly Found did answer a few questions, but was hoping for a little bit more and more information on the location of Nearly's Dad . At the moment there is just the two books , so I am hoping that there will be a third and in it they locate Nearly's Father and we learn where he has been the past five years.

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