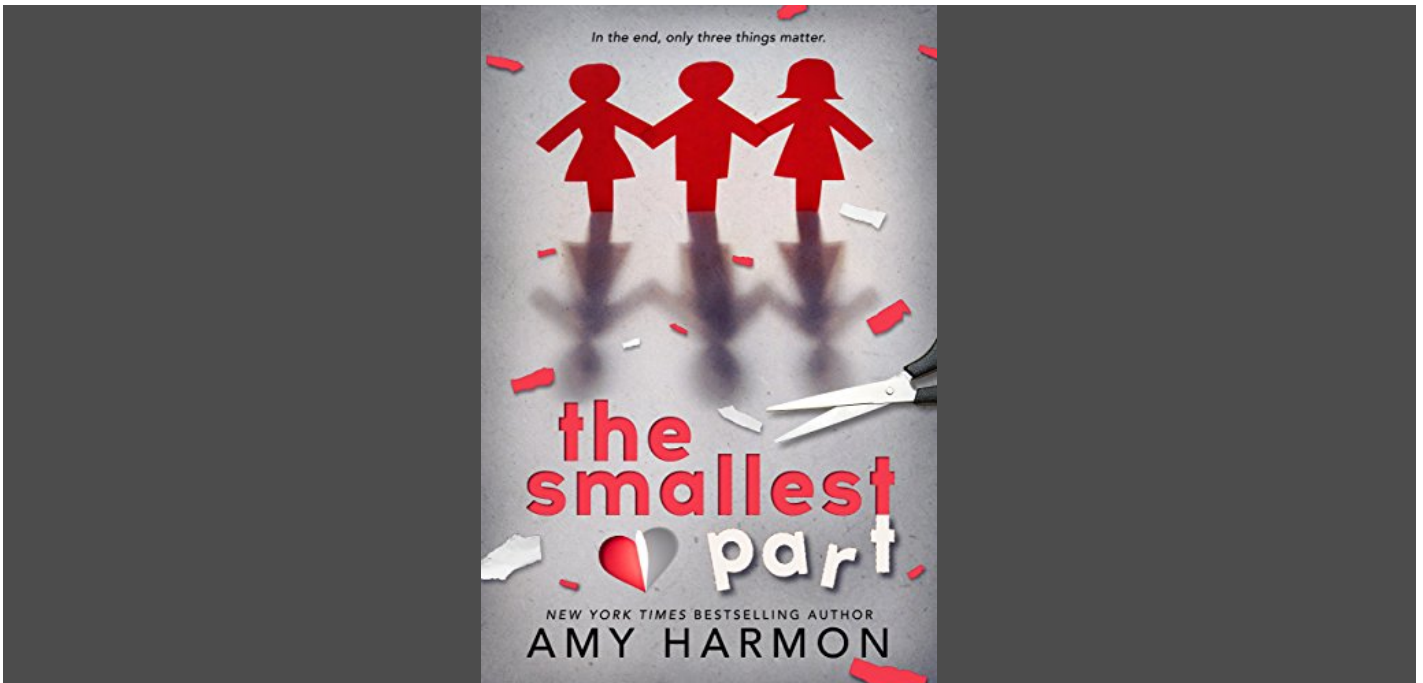


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by Amy Harmon



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"In the end, only three things matter. How much you loved, how gently you lived, and how gracefully you let go of things not meant for you."

- Unknown

It was a big lie. The biggest lie she'd ever told. It reverberated through her head as she said it, ringing eerily, and the girl behind her eyes—the girl who knew the truth—screamed, and her scream echoed along with the lie.

"Are you in love with Noah, Mercedes?" Cora asked. "I mean . . . I know you love him. You've been friends forever. We all have. But are you in love with him?"

If it had been anyone else—anyone—Mercedes would have stuck out her chest, folded her skinny arms, and let her feelings be known. She would have claimed him. But it was Cora. Brave, beautiful, broken Cora, and Cora loved Noah too.

So Mercedes lied.

And with that lie, she lost him. With that lie, she sealed her fate.

She was the best friend, the bridesmaid, the godmother, the glue. She was there for the good times and the bad, the ups and the downs, the biggest moments and the smallest parts. And she was there when it all came crashing down.

This is the tale of the girl who didn't get the guy.



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