



# I Miss You When I Blink: Dispatches From A Relatively Normal Life

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## I Miss You Meme

â€œI've spent my adult life prowling bookshelves for the modern-day reincarnation of my favorite authorsâ€”Nora Ephron, Erma Bombeck, Jean Kerr, and Laurie Colwinâ€”all rolled into one...Good news: I have finally found their successor.â€• â€”Elisabeth Egan, The Washington Post

## I Miss You In Spanish

Acclaimed essayist and bookseller Mary Laura Philpott presents a charmingly relatable and wise memoir-in-essays about what happened after she checked off all the boxes on her successful lifeâ€™s to-do list and realized she might need to reinvent the listâ€™and herself.

## I Miss You Lyrics

Mary Laura Philpott thought sheâ€™d cracked the code: Always be right, and youâ€™ll always be happy.

## I Miss You Blink 182

But once sheâ€™d completed her lifeâ€™s to-do list (job, spouse, house, babiesâ€”check!), she found that instead of feeling content and successful, she felt anxious. Lost. Stuck in a daily grind of overflowing calendars, grueling small talk, and sprawling traffic. Sheâ€™d done everything â€œright,â€• but she felt all wrong. Whatâ€™s the worse failure, she wondered: smiling and staying the course, or blowing it all up and running away? And are those the only options?

## I Miss You Gif

In this memoir-in-essays full of spot-on observations about home, work, and creative life, Philpott takes on the conflicting pressures of modern adulthood with wit and heart. She offers up her own stories to show that identity crises don't happen just once or only at midlife; reassures us that small, recurring personal re-inventions are both normal and necessary; and advises that if you're going to faint, you should get low to the ground first. Most of all, Philpott shows that when you stop feeling satisfied with your life, you don't have to burn it all down and set off on a transcontinental hike (unless you want to, of course). You can call upon your many selves to figure out who you are, who you're not, and where you belong. Who among us isn't trying to do that?

## I Miss You In French

Like a pep talk from a sister, *I Miss You When I Blink* is the funny, poignant, and deeply affecting book you™ll want to share with all your friends, as you learn what Philpott has figured out along the way: that multiple things can be true of us at once™and that sometimes doing things wrong is the way to do life right.

Audiobook.. narrated by the author.

Mary Laura Philpott is so enjoyable!!  
.....wise, savvy, smart, funny!

“What happens when you check off off the boxes on your to-do list and realize you might need to reinvent the list™and yourself?”

Maybe.....that™s why most of us never complete our to-do lists....we™re afraid to reinvent ourselves. Ha!

Very satisfying Audiobook.....  
looking at life in CHUNKS!!!!

“I Miss You When I Blink” ..  
is marvelous!!!!



## I Miss You Quotes

This book will make you feel better. Mary Laura is open and honest about personal anxiety, family life, professional complacency, and, of course, the existential damage wreaked by Atlanta traffic. She makes you feel less alone, and encouraged, and confident. It's like hanging out with your best friend, your life coach, and your favorite writer all at once. I Miss You When I Blink is an impossibly perfect reading experience.

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This memoir style essay collection especially spoke to me regarding living up to self-proclaimed expectations and the worry that comes with that. Philpott touches on identity, anxiety, family, career, and failure, all in a very insightful, relatable, and intelligent way. I laughed out loud, and at moments felt very sad, but I enjoyed every minute of it. Her message of itâ€™s alright not to be perfect is encouraging and hopeful. This was the perfect book for me to read right now - pure perfection. ...more

## I Miss You In Korean

2 Stars

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I Miss You When I Blink was slated as a collection of personal essays that address feelings of depression, anxiety and inadequacy amidst having what most (everyone honestly) would classify as a very successful, loving and well-rounded life. Now I'm not on the bandwagon of most people that are rolling their eyes at what they classify as "white privilege problems." Honestly I don't care where you're at in life everyone is entitled to their feelings and if you're writing about your life that's just the beach you're coming from. So for me the subject matter wasn't the issue it was the way it was delivered.

This book was suppose to be about the author going through a hard time in her life yet at no point did any of these essays dive deep enough to capture that. They were less about life stories and more about personal mantras or letters of appreciation to type-a personalities which just came across like one of those therapy exercises where you have to write an imaginary letter to someone or something of significance. Which I assume is quite therapeutic to write but it is quite dull to read. It just felt like the whole time I was trying to understand why she was sad, and if she even was that sad, and wait is it cause we all die in the end? When a book is this generic and surface it just doesn't impact you, and honestly I'd give it an hour before I'm no longer am able to recap what I just read to anyone. Bit bummed I thought this book was going to be really great. ...more

Believe the hype on this one; it's flippin' brilliant. More to come.

## I Miss You So Much

Smart, witty personal essays are some of my favorite reading. Philpott reminds us that being an adult, even one who seemingly has everything, is hard and periodically sucks. Sometimes we have to step back and assess ourselves; tweak a few things or make drastic changes. As someone who has moved a lot, I understand that urge (though, like Philpott, I currently reside in the Nashville area and quite like it). I enjoyed these stories, but feel like they scratch the surface. I'd read the hell out of Smart, witty personal essays are some of my favorite reading. Philpott reminds us that being an adult, even one who seemingly has everything, is hard and periodically sucks. Sometimes we have to step back and assess ourselves; tweak a few things or make drastic changes. As someone who has moved a lot, I understand that urge (though, like Philpott, I currently reside in the Nashville area and quite like it). I enjoyed these stories, but feel like they scratch the surface. I'd read the hell out of a full-on memoir.

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I don't want to give the impression this was at all a sad book, in fact, it was just the opposite. I laughed at so many of Mary's accurate observations and I related to just about everything in this book! I finally had to give up highlighting quotes on my kindle since there was so much I wanted to remember and will just wait until the book is released so I can buy my own copy:)

Written in a conversational style, this funny, insightful, and poignant memoir reads like an evening of wine and honest conversation with your closest friend! I loved it! ...more