



What If

A.J. Pine

[Download now](#)

[Read Online](#) 

What If

A.J. Pine

What If A.J. Pine

Sometimes it takes letting go of the past to find out who you want to be.

During his semester abroad, Griffin Reed *almost* gave his heart to a girl who loved someone else. Lesson learned. Now he's home, where following in his father's footsteps may not be what he wants, but it's what his parents expect. It might be taking the easy road, but he doesn't see a way out.

Something that could have killed Maggie Kendall took away the person she used to be instead. Her condition makes her dependent on sticky notes, photos, and medication just to get through each day. The last thing she needs is a distraction—or someone new to disappoint.

What they refuse to see is they are perfect for each other. Maggie makes Griffin want to be a better man, and he makes her believe a future is possible. But these two have to find a way to share the secrets ripping them apart, if they're ever going to have a chance at happiness.

What If Details

Date : Published December 8th 2014 by Entangled: Embrace (first published November 18th 2014)

ISBN : 9781633751484

Author : A.J. Pine

Format : ebook 342 pages

Genre : New Adult, Romance, Contemporary, Contemporary Romance

 [Download What If ...pdf](#)

 [Read Online What If ...pdf](#)

Download and Read Free Online What If A.J. Pine

From Reader Review What If for online ebook

Olivia says

This was a great read. I love being pleasantly surprised by a read-for-review. The characters and humour were great. I loved Maggie she was sweet, caring and her 'issues' were real and not just thrown in there to create drama. The story was slightly predictable but the writing was so good it didn't bother me at all. I wished I had of read the first book in the series only because the characters that make an appearance from that story are awesome and I can tell it would be a goodie.

Khulood says

3.5-4 What If? Stars

I'm not sure how to rate this book.. On one hand, I really love Griffin (team Griffin' here, even from "If Only"), but Maggie, omg Maggie.. I had many moments (too many for my liking) where I wanted to go find a real sorcerer, create a spell to transport me into the book, find Maggie and slap her!

She was too dramatic, taking her health situation as an excuse to be an idiot. Reading this, I really thought her situation would be a lot more serious than what it was revealed to be. Aside form everything, this was a good book, not as awesome as the first one - Jordan was awesome! -but it is worth reading. You just have to find it in yourself to be patient with Maggie (which is probably why it took me almost 3 days to finish this book).

Griffin is swoonworthy, you wouldn't want to miss reading this book -- but make sure you read "If Only" first to get the full Griffin effect.

**This arc was kindly provided by Entangled Publishing via NetGalley in exchange for an honest review. Thank you!*

A.J. Pine says

I'm so excited to share Griffin and Maggie's story with you!

WILD card.
Full deck
All in.



Want more Griffin and Maggie? I have TWO bonus chapters to share with you. If you post your review on one of the buy sites (Amazon, BN, etc) and email me the link to your review at amy@ajpine.com, I will personally send you two extra scenes!

Stay in the loop for all things WHAT IF as well as other book news (like my two books releasing with Berkley/Intermix in 2015) by signing up for my newsletter [HERE!](#)

Jen says

Note: This ARC was provided by Entangled Publishing via NetGalley in exchange for an honest review.

What If by A.J. Pine is the second book in the *If Only* series and I'm going to be upfront about this and say that I went into the book with a bit of trepidation because of my reaction to the first book in the series. As I mentioned in my review of *If Only* yesterday, I had somewhat of a love-hate relationship with both the story and the lead characters. It felt more like a young adult (YA) read rather than a new adult (NA) one. Still, one of the standouts in that book had to be Griffin Reed, the assumed manwhore (though he wasn't one at all in that novel) with a heart. When I started reading book two, I was pleasantly surprised at how much more mature the tone of the characters and story were and I read the whole thing in one sitting. ♥

Two years ago, Griffin Reed found himself falling for a girl who was in love with someone else. Since then, he's back to leading the rudderless life he's been wading in, a life he doesn't necessarily want but does nothing to change his circumstances. He doesn't know what he wants to do with his life and continues to stay on the path that his father has selected for him. But Griffin is far from the picture-perfect son that is expected from a family like his. He gets into random fights and steers clear of any committed relationships, believing that he doesn't really have much to offer. When he sees a hitchhiker on the side of the road, he has no idea his journey is about to veer off-course.

Maggie Kendall has been given a second chance at life, but what kind of a life can she possibly have if she can barely remember simple things like where she left her phone or what time her bus leaves, what more lifetime memories that she can cherish? She copes with her circumstances as best she can, taking photos of the people she interacts with at her job and making sure she always jots down reminders and notes on Post-Its. She takes medication and knows what triggers to stay away from so that she doesn't suffer from setbacks. What she doesn't prepare herself is the driver of a truck that stops to pick her up on the side of the road and there's simply no way that she can stay away.

Griffin and Maggie have several things in common: they both don't do the whole dating thing, they both have secrets, and they're both broken. However, they decide to pursue the non-dating even though it's obvious that what they're actually doing is dating. Even when fear and insecurity creep up on them, there's simply something about one another that draws them even deeper and closer. Being together makes them begin to believe that a future could be a possibility. But then the self-doubt comes back and they both find themselves pushing the other away. For these two to actually have a chance at a future together, they'll need to stop asking "What if?" and begin moving forward, leaving the past and doubts behind.

Okay, whatever doubt I had going into this book totally dissolved within the first few pages. I absolutely loved the story of two individuals believing themselves to be so broken beyond repair but find the perfect person in the other. I liked that these two didn't require each other to fix whatever needed fixing within themselves but rather were inspired to see the possibilities that were laid out before them and taking chances to be and have more. This book reinforced just how great a character Griffin was in book one and A.J. Pine took him several steps higher, making him a book boyfriend worth remembering. And Maggie was simply the ideal character to partner him with. I adored these two! ♥

An added bonus to this story was seeing where Jordan Brooks and Noah Keating are two years after the events in the first book, as well as the oh-so-adorable twosome of Elaina and Duncan. Yes, I liked Elaina and

Duncan more than I did Jordan and Noah but at least all the angst from the main characters in *If Only* was a thing of the past and they've all moved on. Of course, now that I've read book two, Griffin and Maggie are now my new favorite couple and I really enjoyed Miles and Paige, Maggie's co-worker and neighbor, respectively, and both her close friends who know all about her secret and give her the support she needs, especially when Griffin becomes a part of her life.

What If is definitely going on my list of favorite reads for the year and I have no qualms about giving it five very much deserved stars. Averaging the two ratings for the two books, the series gets a four-star rating from me. I'm not sure if there are any other books that will be included in the series but this definitely set the bar really high so fingers crossed that future releases will meet or even surpass that bar. ^.^ I'm so in love with this book that I'll be pre-ordering it even though I already read the ARC. I highly recommend What If to my fellow bookaholics and declare it a must-read for anyone out there wanting a love story worth fighting for and reading about. ♥

Mandy says

I loved this book! This is a unique story about a girl, Maggie, who has a condition where her short term memory is affected. She can remember some things, but needs a lot of visual clues and reminders. Griffin is following the path that is set out for him by his father but is unhappy and acting out. He's a bit of a man-whore and doesn't think he deserves more. He had his heart broken 2 years ago when he fell in love with a girl who is in love with someone else (this happened in book 1, *If Only*, which I did not read yet.) I love these characters, they are both damaged in different ways. I loved how this story unfolded, the un-date, the supporting characters (Griffins sisters and Miles), there is just so much I loved about this book, it is a definite 5 star read for me. I really hope this author is going to continue with this series, maybe write about Griffins sister Nat or even Miles. I loved this and highly recommend it to anyone looking for a unique romance! Fantastic!!!!

ARC provided in exchange for an honest review

Amanda G. (Nellie and Co. says

Let me start by saying I don't care, I've officially run out of care, I care no more, because while What If had it's little issues that elsewhere may have caused me to nit-pick and reduce ratings, I can't find myself doing that with Pine's work because her characters are too perfect, and the emotions she puts those characters and I through is just beyond this world. There was so much about What If that exceeded my expectations that any little issues I may have found among it just feel unimportant and not worth enough to affect the novel as a whole. There's no denying it, What If was absolutely flipping fabulous in all the right ways.

If Only was a game changer for me personally, New Adult novels weren't something I was too fussed on, nor looking out for, but something about a story set in Scotland won me over and I fell head over heels in love with it. One of the features I adored was that both love interests were nice guys, not one of them was really the 'bad' option and I felt terrible when Griffin had his heart trampled over, but never fear, because Pine gave me Griffin, oh did she give me Griffin on a platter in this novel and I've never felt so utterly weightless while reading like I did when reading What If and Griffin was a huge part of that. Lets not forget Maggie and how these two characters were perfectly flawed characters and how they were so relatable in so many ways -

Griffin with his family, who was just beautiful and the connections he had with them, oh man, I'll talk more on that later, and his past romantic issues, and Maggie and her more personal life issues, the things that restricted her and made her feel less capable, they were all explored beautifully and were pretty much perfect. The development that both these characters went through was astounding. Griffin, through Maggie and his sisters, learnt that he could be whoever he wanted to be and that he could find ways of finding who he wanted to be, his confidence grew and grew and his whole attitude to life changed, from his attitude and respect not only for women but for himself, to his want to not put a front on for other people, within a short space of time. Maggie's development was much more relatable and almost heartbreaking, her want to help others when she feels she is beyond help herself, her passion for art and sketching was just beautiful and how she managed to form relationships and bonds with other people, with Griffin and his family, even her next door neighbour, was beautiful, and I really think these two characters are some of the most damaged, yet perfectly flawed I've read this year.

One of the biggest selling points of What If to me though was just how much more it delved into sex and the foreplay that comes with it in comparison to If Only. If Only's scenes seemed more to complete the novel and give it that 'finished off' feel, where-as What if felt real, and Pine explored and described these scenes with just the right amount of detail, but not too much to change the feel and atmosphere. It was passionate, it was developed so fantastically and not once did it feel as though it didn't fit the novel and I'm almost disappointed that Pine didn't work her scenes like this previously. They were fresh, they were clear, they were the perfect example of when characters get lost in their own want and need for one another and I can only compliment her for it all. Speaking of the romance, oh damn, it wasn't all just sex here and some passion fueled moments there, it was so unbelievably cute in areas, it's almost hard to image that these two opposing sides could mix so well together but they did.

"I came here to not ask you out on a date." He pauses, but his tone makes it clear he's not done. I cross my arms, hoping to hide the thundering of my heart against my ribs.
"Okay," I say, drawing out the last syllable.
"Because we're not dating," he continues. "Which is why you won't give me your number and why I have to not ask you out in person."

The romance felt so absolutely real, so believable, so honest and relatable, I can completely dismiss that it took place in what could be classed as a short amount of time, or that they went from hitchhiker/hitchhikee to couple in around a month or so, but the confidence they gave to one another, the support network, the understanding, the impossibly sweet moments and the overall feel a real, whirlwind romance was just too much for my fluttering little heart, and I'll confess, I cried all of the happy, emotional and damn right heart-aching tears during What If.

The one of us in front of the tree at the John Hancock Center, the caption reads: Aberdeen reunion with Griffin in Chicago. But the note on the card next to it has me choking back a sob.
The guy I was a month ago would have run away so fast, but everything about you pulls me in. All of it, Maggie. When you're healthy, when you're sick. Full deck. I'm in.

-

One card sits among the posted articles.
I see you, Maggie. I see you, and I'm amazed and scared.. and I love you.

-

..There is no caption on this photo. I didn't need one because I've always known what it means, and now so does Griffin.
You so totally love me, too.

I also really thoroughly enjoyed all the relationships and connections that were involved in What If, there was an absolutely wonderful friendship between Maggie and Miles, not to mention that Pine wasn't afraid to not only include bisexual romances, but was also not afraid to give them a firm feature in the novel, which was really pretty sweet, his understanding and support for her, his confidence and passion towards her, his ability to brighten her mood and encourage her to live, not just be alive, it's exactly what you want you in a friend and he definitely did his duty. There was also the family aspect woven within What if on Griffin's side, the topic of a single mother and her daughter being Griffin's sister and how this affected her connection with some of the family, the rocky business of a family business and wanting to impress people, but also the undeniable love that flowed through these scenes, the unwavering joy and happiness that was oh so clear between them all, the relationship between Griffin and Violet for crying out loud was just beautiful and it's these features that really don't get explored too often in novels that I thought made this book better than perfect. The cherry on the cake though? Seeing characters from If Only return and not only be just how I remember them, but to have also developed beautifully and kept their dynamics; seeing Jordan and Noah again and how that affected Griffin, having Maggie feel like she was a part of these friendships and feel like she belonged somewhere and highlighting just how sensitive Griffin is when reminiscing with Jordan, even to the development of secondary characters from Scotland, like Elaina and Duncan, it was wonderful to read and even more wonderful to experience.

What If was such a beautiful novel, even with it's small amounts of predictability, with it's short span of time and with it's very damn sweet, adorable moments, I cannot come to mark it lower than perfect. Griffin and Maggie, their development, their relationships, their development, their lives, they touched me, they got in deep within my heart and once again, Pine has done it, she's swooned me, won me over and made me a dedicated fangirl for her work. If she ever wrote a story about Milles, or any of Griffin's sisters, or even Elaina, I'd read it, there would be nothing that stopped me, and I will forever be invested in this woman's work.

Lia Riley says

A compelling follow up to If Only, What If is powerful and deeply involving love story with a well-differentiated cast. The complexity of Pine's characters shine, leaving the reader with no choice but to go "all in" on their journey to claim love and personal fulfillment. Pine is a bright, authentic voice in New Adult romance.

Griffin Reed might be my favorite NA book boyfriend of 2014.

Tina Lynne says

^^^ I wish I could give this book 10 stars^^^

What If is my first AJ Pine book and I need her to write libraries full of books for me to read! This story hooked me from the first page and I loved every minute of it. It is full of hope, love, life, and strength. Griffin and Maggie are perfect! Their personalities and life experiences help to create an incredible story that

will touch your heart and make you cheer them on.

Maggie and Griffin meet by chance. This story is full of first, second, and third chances. When they meet, there is a connection but life moves on and they go their separate ways. But once again, fate intervenes and they cannot deny the pull between them. They decide for one night of fun, a night of abandonment and adventure where they can leave their unknown past and life issues at the door to enjoy each other's company. This non date develops into so much more and these two fall head over heels in love. But two people who are broken cannot truly love without trust and partnership, something that incites hesitancy in our two main characters. The main question is, will they risk it all or is there too much to lose?

What If is the perfect blend of romance, drama, and deep emotion. Maggie and Griffin are two lost souls who are soon tethered to one another. Their constant interactions bring fresh life to their sad lives yet they continue to allow fear to rule their actions. From the first page I was completely invested in their story. There is so much happening with our two main characters that you cannot help but become emotionally invested in their lives.

Maggie is quite the mystery. She is sweet and kind, seeing things in such clarity that it was refreshing. There is something going on with her that you never truly understand until much later in the story. The development of this plot line was so well executed. It creates a sense of curiosity without annoyance at being left in the dark. Maggie is a survivor and a fighter. She takes life as it comes and learns to adapt to her situations. Her quirks are so endearing. Her passion for life is contagious. I loved this heroine so much! When I first started reading about Griffin, I wondered what AJ would do to make him stand out among the heroes of New Adult literature. She succeeded in spades. I loved him. He is such an incredibly written broken yet genuine character. His need to escape and control what he can shows us so much about who he is and what life has dealt to him. His initial interactions with Maggie bring life to a sad place in his heart and when that boy comes alive, he is sweet, kind, adventurous, and sexy as hell.

As Maggie and Griffin embark on their non-dating adventure, it is such an emotional journey. Two broken characters have the ability to make or break one another in the deepest and most painful way. Their interactions are sweet and wonderful. Their passion is on fire. The deeper you go with these two characters, the more you want to know about their lives and see them succeed in life and in love. The supporting cast of characters was perfect. I absolutely loved Miles and Paige. Griffin's sisters and niece were wonderful. These characters added a flavor that set an incredible tone for the book. Both our hero and heroine have found love and support in their personal spheres that allow for them to find love in each other. The humor in this story is great. The quirk and personalities are perfect. The emotion on each page of this book will stop your heart. There is pain, loss, and hurt that is so deeply felt. But there is also life, love, and second chances that helps to define our characters choices and decisions.

This book will draw you in. Your heart and mind cannot help but be enveloped into this emotion story. It will connect you to their characters situations and pain. It will leave you breathless and feeling alive. This story was so well written and well developed. It made me long for friends like Miles and Paige and family like Nat and Violet. This story creates a desire to see a truly happily ever after, where secrets are no more and passion for living is the standard. AJ Pine has secured a spot on my must read author list and I cannot wait to see what she has in store for us next. Don't miss out on this incredibly heart felt and fun New Adult book! You will not be disappointed!

Silvana [The Book Voyagers] says

WHAT IF is perfection in words. I have waited for this book forever. Since I finished IF ONLY and told Amy about my super duper big love for Mr. Griffin. And god did this book make me feel all the emotions.

Review also can be found here: <http://www.hopelessbooklovers.com/wha...>

How can you love a book so much you wish it didn't have an ending and just be a super long book with lots

of adventures and fluffy love and sexy times? This book was it. "IT" meaning the best book 2014 put in my hands. WHAT IF is everything I wanted and more. It was such so deep and had a story to tell. It wasn't just to tell Griffin's story because it's a second book in a series. No. Griffin's story needed to be told. To know his story was like a complete circle for me. I just needed him after reading IF ONLY.

There's nothing I hated about this book, nothing I said "god get it over with" "this is taking too long" "I want to skip these chapter" HELL. NO. AJ Pine told us something spectacular. I don't know if it's only me that feels this way about this book, because I have waited so long and the excited grew and grew every passing month. And I WAS A BIT SCARED. I was wondering WHAT IF (lol) IT ISN'T WHAT I THINK IT IS. WHAT IF GRIFFIN'S STORY ISN'T SO INTERESTING. I am slapping myself right now because of those thoughts. AJ Pine: All the things you've ever wanted? I will give them to you. I just want to say thanks, Amy. Thanks for writing his story because it was pretty perfect, amazing perfect, all the kinds of perfects in the world.

Maggie and Griffin were two characters that I fell in love before I even read this book. I was not-patiently waiting for them to come to my life. I wanted to meet them since forever ago. And suddenly one night I opened WHAT IF and read it. I finished today and can't believe I have cried so much while reading this book. It's unbelievable I swear. It's not a sad book, don't worry. It's just me being sentimental and emotional 10000x. It's the words that made me feel this way, it's the story that made me into a crying mess, it's the characters, the beginning and the end. It's everything in this book that makes me feel. Because it does make you feel. A LOT.

And [cough] I wouldn't mind if you decide to make a Nat novel. You knoooooow. Gosh Amy what can I even say to you. You are incredible and your words are frigging amazing and you are one of my favorite authors that I wish one day I will meet so I can shake you and tell you how much your books have changed me. Thank you. Thank you.

Maria Rose says

This romance treats us to the story of Griffin and Maggie. Griffin is coasting by, finishing his college degree with no idea of what he'll do in the future except knowing that he doesn't want to follow in his father's business footsteps. Maggie struggles daily to cope with a traumatic brain illness that has affected her memory, focusing on her studies and her job one day at a time. When Griffin picks up a hitchhiking Maggie on her way to her coffee shop job, he can't get her out of his mind and makes a point to come back and see her. The attraction between them startles them both and a no strings attached, 'let's see what happens' affair seems like an easy prospect - only as their feelings for each other deepen they both realize that the only way to have a future together is to be willing to share their secrets with each other. Will opening up be worth the risk?

When Griffin was introduced as a main character in the author's first novel in the series, If Only, (standalone but worth the read too!), I was delighted to find out that he would get his own happy ever after and this story definitely held up to the standards and quality of writing I have come to expect from the author. What an intriguing plot, to have a memory challenged heroine! I loved every aspect of the story, in particular the first person point of view of both main characters from which we are able to see Griffin's self doubts and Maggie's as well, for completely different reasons. Griffin is a player, used to non-emotional relationships after having his heart broken and is determined to keep closed off to the possibility of love. He knows his lack of decisions about his future frustrate his family. Maggie challenges him to do better, to decide what he wants for his future and go after it. Maggie's issues, stemming from her illness and subsequent memory problems are perfectly understandable. Yet she too must make the decision to move forward with her life, in

this case by having a real relationship with Griffin. The sexual tension between the two of them is well written and leads to some steamy love scenes, made all the more meaningful as they start to fall for each other. Maggie's friend Miles is also a key character in the story, pushing Maggie to leave her comfort zone and take a chance with Griffin, at the same time being loyal to her and their friendship. I'm hoping we'll see more of him in the future.

Overall I found this to be an entertaining and delightful read with warm characters, a sweet romance, and a couple who deserve their happy ending. 5 stars!

Note: a copy of this story was provided by the publisher for review.

Bette Hansen says

Amazing read!! So glad to see Griffen (from If Only) get his HEA. Loved the storyline which is different from anything I've ever read. Very enjoyable.

Back home after spending a year in Scotland, Griffen Reed is simply floating through life doing what is expected of him. Maggie Kendall is struggling through each day trying to get back to normal. Can these two be the answer that heals both their souls?

You definitely want to read this one.

Reanell Tisdale says

5 'what if' stars!

I ABSOLUTELY loved What If. I didn't know after reading If Only who I would love more, Noah or Griffin. And I can say with 100% certainty that it's GRIFFIN! I don't know if it's the name Griffin I love so much or what but every Griffin I have read in a book I have adored. I think it helped that I adored Maggie as well. That girl has a special place in my heart. <3

I will read anything by A.J. Pine, ANYTHING! I didn't want the story to end!! I was about 73% in yesterday when I had to stop to go to work, but this was one of those books where I wished I didn't have to work so I could just stay home and finish the book!

This story is heart warming, it's super cute, and the writing is fantastic. It's one of those stories that grabs you by the heart and squeezes just right and keeps you invested the whole time. Now, are we getting a Duncan book?! Please say we are!!

I can't recommend this series enough. Grab this one when it releases you won't be sorry!! If Only is book 1 start there first!

A_Ryan says

A story about a girl who has short-term memory loss, and a boy whose father is pressuring him to finally

take responsibility for his future. When the two meet, sparks fly and they promise each other one "non-date" night with no questions asked, no personal details exchanged - just one night of adventure when they can be themselves, in the present, with no worries about the past or the future. But when it becomes clear that there is something special between them, will she even remember his name?

Best Bit: This is an awesome idea. The idea that love resides in more than just our minds is a nice change from the focus on the physical. I also love the idea of Miles, the bi-sexual best friend with boundary issues. I loved Miles!

Worst bit: It could have been so much more! I felt I wanted a greater back story for both characters and I thought the big reveal should have been a little more dramatic. I am also not a fan of the hero pining for someone else for the first half of the book, and I don't think it was necessary here.

Funniest bit: It was great to hear some great Gilmore Girls references - but it won't make much sense to people who did not follow the show.

Biggest obstacle: Trust and responsibility.

Recommendation: This is not a deep exploration of the side effects of brain aneurysms or short term memory loss, or even a coming of age story for a play boy who becomes a man. It's nothing deep or serious and somehow doesn't reach its full potential.

2.5 - 3 stars.

Megan Erickson says

This book. Oh man, this book. I love so much about it that it's hard to put into words. Maggie is a kick ass heroine. Griffin is charming as hell with this underlying vulnerability that makes you want to hug him to your chest.

AJ's writing is always gorgeous, but it really shines in this book. The characters have incredible depth, and you ROOT for them. Every single page you root for them to be happy for themselves and also happy together. I can't tell you because *spoilers* but the scene at the end. THE SCENE AT THE END. With Griffin? In the room? With the stuff? And the words he says? They kill me every time.

READ THIS BOOK.

Rachel says

[No (hide spoiler)]
