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Suffering of the missing

"You promised I didn't do anything wrong, you swore" (Miranda 346). In All the missing girls by Megan Miranda, she illustrated the what Nic went through to keep her family together. From the beginning to the end, and everything in between, you can see it like it is as clear as day, pain, regret, suffering. The theme in all the missing girls is suffering. But that can be suffering of the missing, suffering of her family life, or suffering of her love life. Somehow through suffering, life will turn out in the end. It might be hard but one day it will be okay again.

"I had to focus, make of this house, get out," (Miranda 36). Nic had to go back to her house were the mystery began, were the mystery is still hidden. She needs to go clean it out and sale it, but all the memories keep flowing back to her. She feels as if there is something haunting her, and it wont let her go. Being home with her family comes with its problems, someone is blackmailing Nic, because they know the secret. Not only suffering with this, Nic also has to deal with her dad not wanting to sell the house. And her brother and his wife causing even more problems.

Her love life had problems to, and for her some of them were too hard to bear.

Nic Loved Tyler, but after everything that happened she had to leave, and it was all because she lost his ring. There was an accident and the ring disappears, but so much more disappeared to. Finally she moves on and finds someone new who she loves, but when she comes home, she realizes that she still loves Tyler. Nic is torn between who to chose, when her fiance comes he realizes that she is not what he wants and breaks her heart. Can she win Tyler back, after 10 years and try to put her life back together?

The biggest mystery of all, the thing that Nic has suffered for a long time, 10 years. A girl vanished from thin air 10 years ago, Nics best friend, what she doesn't know is that it was her fault that her friend is gone, she is the one that killed her. When her and Tyler were driving home, Nic was driving, and her friend jumped in front of the car. Nic has always worried that her friend is out there somewhere, maybe hurt, that worry has caused her much pain, and when she finds out the truth, another girl goes missing, but Nic isn't going to spend then next 10 years worrying about where she went, but feeling sorry for the girl, and putting haterade on whoever did this. The secret will forever cause pain, but there is nothing she can do to change that.

"If there's a feeling to home, it is this. A place where there are no secrets, where nothing stays buried; not the past and not yourself. Where you can be all the versions of

you, see it all reflected back at you as you walk the same stairs, the same halls, the same rooms, four walls echoing back everything you've ever been and everything you've done, and it's the people who stay despite it all. Through it all. For it all."

(Miranda 364). While Nic has suffered much suffering in the end she learns something new, and she has something a hope for something new. It all turns out in the end, but she will always have a secret. Two girls are dead because of her.