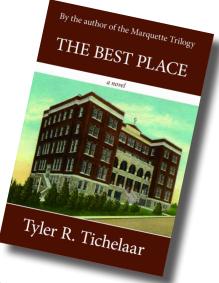
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The Best Place ~ *a novel by Tyler R. Tichelaar*

Synopsis

A *N IRRITATING* best friend gained during a childhood spent in a Catholic orphanage, a father who became a Communist and went to Russia in the 1930s, and 3:00 a.m. visits to The Pancake House. Such is the life of Lyla Hopewell. But in the summer of 2005, when her old boyfriend Bill has a heart attack, her best friend Bel really gets on her nerves, and Finn Fest comes to Marquette, things will change for Lyla.



Joined BY a cast of Marquette's most eccentric and endearing characters—the foul-mouthed fourteen-year-old Josie; ninety-threeyear-old Eleanor, still trying to fix her little brother's love life; ex-boyfriend and blunt womanizer, Bill; blind Mary Mitchell and her ornery sister Florence; the sweet but romantically confused cabdriver Sybil; and many, many more—Lyla recounts her lifestory as she comes to terms with her past. After years of feeling unloved, neglected, frustrated, and unfulfilled, can Lyla finally find her own best place?

