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Seventeen-year-old Sheila Gower is going nowhere fast. Working at a local gas station, she has no aspirations to go to college but is learning French in the hopes of moving to Paris. Then a man who goes by the name Peter Parker starts to frequent the gas station. Sheila finds herself increasingly curious about why he's christened himself with Spider-man's alias, and when he walks in one day with a gun, suggesting they stage a robbery and flee the state, Sheila agrees. The two drive to Chicago and begin a new life together. Peter starts calling Sheila by the name of Spider-man's girlfriend, Gwen Stacy, but what he doesn't tell her is that she's factored heavily into prophetic dreams he's been having. Peter is on a mission to save a suicidal man that he's seen in these recurring dreams, and he believes he needs Sheila by his side to do so. Bruni's debut is an unusual and inventive love story, with two lost souls who hold the key to each other's salvation at its heart. --Kristine Huntley

## Review

"Sweetly eccentric."—*New York Times Book Review*

"THE NIGHT GWEN STACY DIED uses Spider-Man lore to tell the tale of two loners and improbable lawbreakers from Iowa, a high-school student and a taxi-driver, who embark on a mission of escape to Chicago. Staged, at first, as an abduction—gun, robbery, kidnapping—their adventure quickly begins to resemble a surreal love story. **Bruni's book superbly explores the part fiction plays in our search for identity.**" -Bookforum.com

"**Superbly suspenseful first novel ...Bruni does a masterful job evoking their world, equal parts fantasy and reality** and further skewed by a downtown Chicago that's been invaded by coyotes...She keeps readers guessing as the plot twists and turns. **Bruni writes dark passages and playful moments with equal aplomb. The world is her oyster.**" - *Kirkus*, starred

"**Part tangled love story and part love affair with comics, this debut novel centers on that tenuous bit of time between childhood and adulthood**, when anything seems possible and so many decisions seem inevitable. **Rough with dark psychology, rich with introspection and emotion, this beautifully written book will appeal to fans of Spider-Man comics as well as coming-of-age fiction.**"

—*Library Journal*

"Engaging... The novel's quirky tone and accessible themes of rescue and recovery make for a likeable read." – *Publishers Weekly*

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