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## Think You Really Know Me? Well, You're Wrong . . .

Most people think they know me, but really they don't even know the half of who I am

**or what I have been through,** or what I have **done, seen, heard.** The only people who

really know me **and accept me for who I am** are my boy and girl best friends, my sister

(non blood related) and my family. No one else has seen who I really am. Many people

think I am the quiet shy girl. Or they don't even know I exist. If you knew the real me,

you probably would find it hard to believe. Especially if you think I'm a quiet shy girl. I

have been through some tough situations too. **I have been suicidal, I have cut myself,**

**I've been bullied, used, hated, invisible.** You think I'm just that quiet girl. But behind my

quiet voice and my fear of talking, I am a very outgoing, funny, crazy, silly kind of person.

You don't know half my story. You have no idea of who I really am.

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