

HOLDING UP THE UNIVERSE

by Jennifer Niven

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Rating (0 stars is the absolute worst, 10 stars is the BEST BOOK EVER)



Genre(s):



Contemporary



Action/adventure



Science Fiction



Fantasy



Romance



Horror



Mystery



Nonfiction



Historical fiction



Other: _____

This is a wild and lovely adventure following two teenage characters named Libby and Jack. Libby was once known as America's Fattest Teen. Once she felt ill and a crane had to take her out of her house. But a few years later Libby lost some weight and decided to start going to public school again for the first time in years. There is also Jack. Jack is the cool guy, he's got the swagger and the charm; he's the person everyone looks to as popular. But the thing they don't know is Jack has prosopagnosia, also known as face blindness. Jack is the only one who knows about his condition, he has not told peers, friends, or even his family. When Jack and Libby meet (in one crazy encounter), nothing is the same anymore, for either of them.

I really enjoyed this book, enough to call it my favorite book. Throughout the novel you feel the emotions with the characters and get really attached to each of their stories. I finished the book very quickly because I could just not wait to see what would happen next. I am a big fan of contemporary (especially when it involves romance!). I think that the author did a fantastic job while writing. She incorporated enough detail that you could visualize everything that was going on.

This story really makes you feel and gets you thinking. I learned some valuable lessons from this book; we only really know so much about a person, even if we think we have got them all figured out. It is not until you walk in that person's shoes that you really understand and feel for them. I also realized that getting help is ok, no matter who you are. This book has so much to take from it and I would really recommend it to anyone!

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