

A SHORT HISTORY OF THE GIRL NEXT DOOR

by Jared Rick

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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: Sports

A Short History of the Girl Next Door, by Jared Rick, is a heart-wrenching love story, but not in the way you think. Matthew Wainwright is in love with his childhood best friend, Tabby. They grew up like a brother and sister, Matt always following Tabby's lead. As soon as they get to high school, a senior and total stud in basketball, Liam Branson, falls for Tabby. To Matt's dismay, Branson is actually a really nice guy. Matt screws up and risks losing Tabby as a friend or, even worse, losing her completely. After a tragic event happens in Matt's life, he is going crazy on and off the basketball court and is in danger of ruining everything he worked hard for.

This book is an absolute emotional rollercoaster. It tackles hard themes and gives you a different perspective how others may handle grief. I understood why Matt did what he did, but I also understood how his actions looked with no context. I felt his joy and his pain through every step he took. It's so hard to put in words how this book absolutely and completely wrecked me and put me back together again. Jared Rick may be a unknown author, but he sure knows how to write a killer story. I will forever recommend this to anyone looking for a good read. If you enjoy basketball, Percy Jackson chapter titles, a love-struck main character, and a jaw dropping plot twist, this book is for you.

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