

WISH YOU WEREN'T HERE

by Erin Baldwin

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



Genre(s):



Contemporary/Realistic



Action/adventure



Science Fiction



Fantasy



Romance



Horror



Mystery



Nonfiction



Historical fiction



Other:

In the novel, *Wish You Weren't here* by Erin Baldwin we follow a nostalgic summer camp year involving a romantic plot twist with the main character and her so-called enemy. We follow the main character, Juliette and her getaway to summer camp, the only place she feels like, "shes not too much". Juliette has always felt like an outcast and feels like she can never fit in with the crowd. However Juliette's nemesis Pryita, seems to have everything ever, she has the perfect boyfriend, the perfect friend group, and the perfect life. Pryita and Juliette have always kept up with each other, they would hang out and invite each other to birthday parties but crop each other out and never really go into a detailed conversation. As summer comes around and Juliette's escape is close her dreams of being crushed she figures out that Pryita will be attending Frogridge Sleep away camp at the same time as Juliette and as her cabin mate. As summer starts to flu by at Fogridge it might not seem as bad as Juliette had thought.

When I had read this book, I didn't have that much appeal in the novel. I didn't find the plot intriguing, and I thought the lead-up to the conflict was unhurried and uninteresting. When the conflict started to rise, it wasn't interesting, and the setting was quite boring. I think that an individual could undoubtedly enjoy this narrative and find it interesting if they had a connection to the subject of the narrative and could relate it to their own individual life. I don't personally find the subject of summer camp interesting or appealing to join, so reading about this book personally was a drain.

By Eloise J, 9th grade, enjoys reading romance