

THE SUMMER I TURNED PRETTY

by Jenny Han

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



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The main character, Belly, returns to Cousins Beach where she had spent all of her summers with her mom's best friend, Susannah, and her two sons, Conrad and Jeremiah. However, this summer feels different than the others, as the boys are finally starting to notice her. Belly has spent many years chasing Conrad, but this summer may bring something different as new feelings arise from other potential lovers.

The Summer I Turned Pretty is a great book for people who like a mix of romance and coming-of-age, as well as a bit of quirkiness. Personally, I feel the book is suited for teens and tweens, but can also be enjoyable for young adults. The style of reading is easy to follow, making it a relaxing read when looking for a more simple storyline. I feel the story is perfect for those who enjoy love triangles and tension between love interests, especially ones that contain messy feelings.

If you liked the book *To All the Boys I've Loved Before*, this book has a similar vibe as it's focused on teenagers navigating love and is also made by the same author. On the other hand, if you usually prefer Fantasy or Sci-Fi books this book may not be the best fit, as it revolves around Belly, a complicated teenager, and the struggles that come with growing up as well as her sometimes frustrating decisions. Overall, I would recommend this book to readers who enjoy romance and a simple storyline, as the book was enjoyable but also geared towards younger readers.

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