

LITTLE & LION

by Brandy Colbert

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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:

Little & Lion by Brandy Colbert follows sixteen-year old Suzette as she returns home to Los Angeles after spending a year at a boarding school. Upon her return, she tries to settle back into her old life while supporting her beloved stepbrother, Lionel, who has recently been diagnosed with bipolar disorder. However, things quickly become complicated as Suzette navigates her own intersectional identity, secret crushes, and the high-stakes challenge of keeping her brother safe when her mental health begins to spiral.

I do recommend this book because it deals with tough topics like mental health and identity in a very honest way. The best part of the story in my opinion was the strong bond between Suzette and Lionel, which feels very realistic. The characters are well-written, and their struggles make you really care about what happens to them.

People who enjoy realistic drama and stories about family should definitely read this book. It is perfect for reader who like emotional, character-driven stories that talk openly about mental health.

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