

# PATRON SAINTS OF NOTHING

by Randy Ribay

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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:

Patron Saints of Nothing is about a Filipino American teen named Jay who finds out his cousin Jun died in the Philippines, and no one in his family will tell him the truth about what happened. Jay decides to go there himself to figure it out, and once he arrives, he starts uncovering things about Jun, his family, and the country that he never expected. The more he learns, the more complicated everything gets.

I thought this book was really emotional in a good way. Jay feels like an actual teenager who's confused and trying to understand where he fits in, and you can feel how much he cares about Jun even though they drifted apart. The mystery kept me interested, but what really hit me was how honest the book is about family, guilt, and identity. It's not super fast-paced, but it pulls you in because you want to know the truth just as much as Jay does.

I think people should read this book if they like stories that actually make them think and feel something. It does deal with heavy stuff like violence and grief, so if you only like light, fun books, this might not be your thing. But if you like realistic fiction, cultural stories, or books that explore tough topics in a meaningful way, this one is definitely worth it. It sticks with you after you finish it. This book teaches us that finding the truth about yourself, your family, and the world is hard, but it's something you can't ignore.

By Ella D, 10th grade, enjoys reading mystery, murder mystery, horror & fantasy