

## **I'll Give You the Sun**

**Jandy Nelson**

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I'll Give You the Sun is about the struggles and hopes of Judy and Noah. Noah is a lonely artist who falls in love with the astrophile boy next door and his sister Jude is a daredevil who reveres her Grandmother's bible full of superstition. They're twins who were nearly inseparable from birth, but a series of traumatic events have changed their relationship entirely. They no longer talk with each other. But through a journey of art and love, the twins find their way back to each other.

I really enjoyed the artistic metaphors in this book, they made the whole story burst with color and imagination. Along with the beautiful writing, Jandy Nelson is spot on with the character development. They go through the ups and downs of life like we all do, making them seem so authentic. Each character has their own flaws and none of them are perfect, which makes it so much better. The author made me feel so many emotions with her book. The story was so tragic, but uplifting and revelatory as well.

Despite the wonderful writing, I did have a bit of a hard time following the story with the switches between perspectives and the long chapters. There also is some involvement of drugs, alcohol, rape, bullying, and strong language in the story. Which may not be best for younger children. I suggest this book for anyone 14 and above. I'll Give You the Sun would make for a great gift for fans of art and romance.

### **Recommended Titles:**

The Sun is Also a Star by Nicola Yoon

The Sky is Everywhere by Jandy Nelson

The Darkest Part of the Forest by Holly Black

Divergent by Veronica Roth