

Drums, Girls + Dangerous Pie

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Steven Alper is a normal, awkward teenager. He is passionate about drumming, loves but at the same time hates his brother, and as you would expect, has a crush on the hottest girl in his grade. Jeffrey, his younger brother is, according to Steven, one of the most annoying and energetic kids on the planet. When Jeffrey falls down from a stool one day and gets a nosebleed, everyone expects it to be just a normal nosebleed, it would get better soon, right? But the bleeding doesn't stop. They rush Jeffrey to the hospital, only to realize that Jeffrey doesn't have just another nosebleed, he's sick, *very sick*. Jeffrey has leukemia. Suddenly, he isn't the energetic kid that Steven once knew. He gets treated, injected, and bruised everyday, leaving him with an exponentially lower energy level. Throughout this entire process, Steven's grades drop, he becomes hopeless, emotional, and indifferent to everything around him. Can his friends and family save Steven, Jeffrey, and their hope for a nearly normal life again?

This book was simply amazing and so hard to put down! It opened my eyes to the different troubles families and their kids face around the world, when it comes to leukemia and other cancers. *Drums, Girls + Dangerous Pie* was emotional, captivating and deep, but at the same time, made me as the reader smile and laugh out loud! It proved that friendship and family could get you through even the most trying situations, and that teamwork is key to success. One thing that I found extremely touching was that Steven and Jeffrey's lives were like any other, yet just a single discovery could turn everything upside down.

I would recommend this book to middle and highschoolers due to the fact that there are many sad scenes throughout the book. This book was very inspirational and uplifting, and took me through a rollercoaster of emotions. One thing I love about this book is that it incorporated humor into the book, providing a perfect mix of seriousness and comedy! If you are looking for an inspirational, yet extremely funny book, you have found what you are looking for.

Recommended Titles:

After Ever After by Jordan Sonnenblick

Curveball, The Year I Lost My Grip by Jordan Sonnenblick

Zen and the Art of Faking It by Jordan Sonnenblick