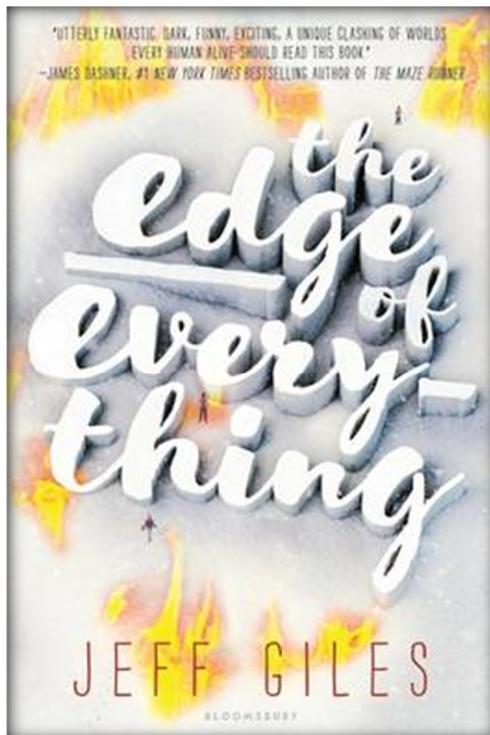


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LoveReading4kids Reader reviews of **The Edge of Everything** By Jeff Giles

Below are the complete reviews, written by the LoveReading4kids members.



Abbie Bavister, age 14

Completely gripping and impossible to put down. The characters will stay with you for a long time. This book is a must read and bound to be a bestseller.

This is one of the best books I have read in a long while and I found it really hard to put down at night. The powerful use of imagery and the descriptions given made me feel as though I was there. The book made me laugh and cry and at times feel utterly helpless. X and Zoe were fantastic main characters and it was great to see such a strong female character. I can't wait for the second one, hopefully it won't be long.

Talia Jacobs, age 15

I loved this book. I can guarantee you will too. This book has it all; fantasy, contemporary, romance, action, darkness, family. If you only read one book this year, let it be this one.

From the very first page of THE EDGE OF EVERYTHING I knew I would love this book, but I did not realise that it was a soon-to-be favourite of mine that I could not put down! Even in the first few chapters I could already see how familial love, themes of fantasy and darkness, and doing the right thing would be a huge part of this novel. However, among the suspense, I also adored the humour and modern day life included. I cannot wait for a sequel!

THE EDGE OF EVERYTHING is a beautifully written book, with a plot that really keeps you on the edge of your seat, reading way past midnight, and with quirky, lovable characters. Jeff Giles has incorporated a mixture of fantasy, contemporary, and romance into one spectacular novel that keeps you wishing for more.

Once you pick up this book, be ready to dive into mountains swept by snowstorms, dazzling caves, blustery beaches, and even hell mirrored in the Lowlands!

You must read this magnificent book – whether you love contemporary, fantasy, or darkness, this book has it all! It is not two, but three worlds colliding; the magical, mysterious, dark one; the average life of a teenage girl; and family secrets buried in the past, present, and future. If you only read one book this year, let it be this one, it will be stuck in your mind long after you finish the final sentence.

Humaira, age 18

'The Edge of Everything' is everything. It was an unputdownable book. The characters were great and had a lot of depth to them. I'll always love X. I can't wait for the series to continue; I have high hopes!

Rebekah Marsh, age 14

Unlike anything I've ever seen before, the book combined fantasy, romance, tragedy and teenage desire into one amazing read that I am still unable to forget.

At the first opportunity, the book had me hooked into its characters, plot and ideas - I felt as though I had a connection with both X and Zoe that felt almost real. The story is so unique yet so relatable in some ways, I fell in love with the story more at every page turn.

Zara Kazi, age 18

I was hooked from the first page. Would definitely recommend.

'The Edge of Everything' has surprised me very much. In a good way, of course. I was expecting to read just another regular romance novel that seem to be floating around a lot these days. However, this book is something completely unique. The plot although dark and exciting is funny at times with a complete

blend of emotions. The main character Zoe is impossible to dislike with her strong personality and courage. Jeff Giles has impressed me in the way he has seamlessly created a unique and bizarre blend of romance with fairy tale aspects. I was hooked from page one.

Edel Waugh

The story is set in Montana and it is basically about good versus evil. The story begins on a stormy day when a teenage girl called Zoe is left at home to take care of her brother as her mum goes to town. Danger and adventure quickly combine as Zoe goes in search of her brother who seems to have wandered off.

We meet X in the story, a bounty hunter sent from the lowlands to retrieve bad people, he is a hero and a likeable one who is risking everything spending longer in the human world than he should.

Mixing the real world with other magical worlds, and humans with lords of an underworld hell called the Lowlands is a dangerous and fun combination. I especially loved the description of the woods as Zoe searched through them, they almost felt like another character they were so alive. The story is well told and I loved the idea that bounty hunters came to earth briefly to rid it off evil people, there was something so satisfying about that. I recommend this to anybody who loves the idea of alternate worlds that lie next to our own.

Lavinia Herath, age 15

'The Edge of Everything' is the story of a teenage girl who meets a strange boy from a different world called the Lowlands. He changes what she had known about her own life. It can be clearly seen that the book is catered towards a young adult audience because the characters use social media to interact with one another and share moments of their life online. I did not find the characters to be likeable because they lacked depth. Furthermore, the voice of the characters fell flat because of the overuse of slang and the archaic voice of the male protagonist. It felt like the book tried to recreate other young adult storylines, making it less authentic. **Overall, I did not find this book to be very interesting because I did not get attached to any of the characters or enjoy the plot.** I would recommend it to anyone who is willing to try another young adult book without having any expectations towards it.

