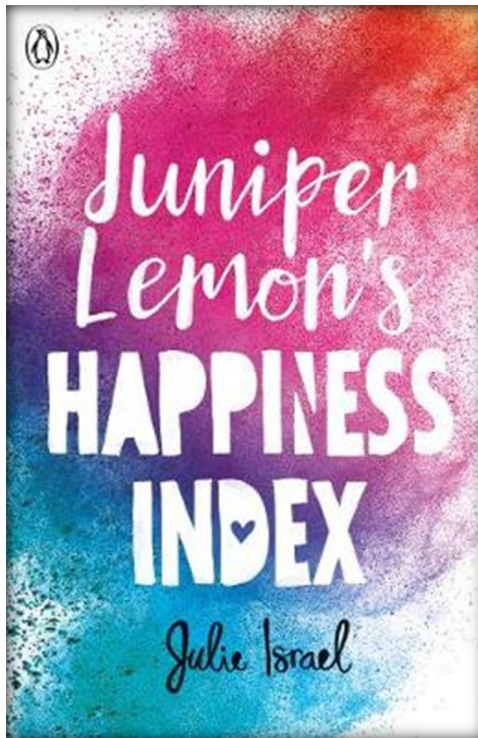


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LoveReading4kids Reader reviews of **Juniper Lemon's Happiness Index** by Julie Israel

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



Edel Waugh

This is a touching story of one girl's journey in the months after the sudden death of her older sister. Juniper is really struggling with accepting the death of her sister and coping with life without her there, she has lots of questions that are unanswered so when she finds a mysterious letter she hopes it will answer some of her questions, if she can only figure out who the letter was meant for.

Thought provoking and touching, this is a must read for any young person going through any kind of grief.

Emma Baird, age 14

'Juniper Lemons Happiness Index' follows the story of a girl's journey to closure after the tragic accident of her sister's death. As Juniper tries to keep Camilla's memory close she discovers a breakup letter in her sister's handbag, still to be delivered to the mysterious "you". She becomes so wrapped up in investigating the identity of Camie's secret love that she loses one very special happiness index card of her own and along with it a secret that she had planned to keep close to her heart forever.

*'Juniper Lemons Happiness Index' may tell a sorry tale but it also highlights the beautiful moments of friendship and love that make everything bearable. **I laughed and cried with the wonderful characters through this whirlwind of heartbreak and mystery created by Julie Israel which I***

would highly recommend as I really didn't want it to end.

Neha Saji, age 14

A short, sweet book which I would recommend to girls coming of age. It is very motivating and teaches you the act of resilience!

'Juniper Lemon's Happiness Index' was a short, sweet book on how Juniper Lemon copes with the death of her sister. It is very motivating and teaches you the act of resilience. After reading simply the title, I must admit I was not very keen on reading the book; it sounded quite immature. However, it did not seem to bore me. At moments, Juniper Lemon's character did annoy me, when she was just invading people's privacy but that aside it was a good book. It even has a touch of sweet, young love to give all the girls the feels! The book is also is a mystery as it puts out many questions at the start, which we then go on a journey with Juniper to answer. What really frustrated me at the end was that one of the main question that had given me the desire to carry on the book was left unanswered – there should be a sequel on her sister's life! So overall it was a good book for a time pass, and I would recommend it to the girls of the younger age. The book deserves at least a 3/5!

Emily Price, 14

I thoroughly enjoyed 'Juniper Lemon's Happiness Index'. As you read through the book, you get a real connection with Juniper's character and the true heartbreak that she feels when losing her sister, Camie. More and more secrets become revealed and it is a very gripping story- I couldn't put it down!

Year 9 Pupil - Dormston Secondary School

Juniper Lemon is a girl struggling with the loss of her sister and best friend Camilla. This story starts with Juniper finding a love break-up letter written by Camilla on the day of her accident and continues as Juniper sets out to find the intended recipient, addressed as 'You'.

Whilst not my usual type of book, it is a great mystery story essentially dealing with the pain and confusion of a young girl's grief.

Amelia in Year 7 - Thorp Academy

My favourite characters were Juniper because she's really sad that her sister's died but she still gets on with life and helps others a lot. She also stands up for Camilla even though she's dead which I think is really nice. I also like Brand because I think he's actually quite kind and soft on the inside but since he's in a band he acts really tough and bad when he's not really and think it's funny when Juniper points this out.

I think the best part of the book is the index cards because it gives the reader a real insight as to how Juniper's feeling after her day and it lets the reader know and understand a bit more about her life. Also, I really like how the chapters are numbered after the index cards and days after Camilla's death.

I really enjoyed this book and couldn't put it down because I found it really suspenseful when she was looking for "you" and went through everything with her friends. *My favourite part was when she decided that she didn't need to find out who "you" was, she just wanted them to see the display and got a thank you card off them.*

I would definitely recommend this 5 stars and for children 10+.

Finn, age 13

This book was to okay but it will definitely interest girls more than boys, my sister and my mum enjoyed it. 'Juniper Lemons Happiness Index' is defiantly a book for girls. I started reading it but found it boring so I listened in when my mum read it to my sister.

My mum and sister enjoyed it much more than I did, they liked Juniper and her story. I thought it was okay in the end and how it all turned out.

I liked that the book was a lot about friendship as I'm always with my friends.

Sophia Upton

Wow!!! What can I say, a truly remarkable story. Loved it!!! Well done....

This book was fantastic, was truly on the edge of my seat waiting to find the ending and it didn't disappoint. Hope the author does more books!!