Lovereading Reader reviews of
The Sky is Everywhere by Jandy Nelson

Below are the complete reviews, written by Lovereading members.

Millie, aged 14

*The book is an emotional rollercoaster. Literally laughing one second and crying the next. Throughout the book there are things that anyone can relate to which makes it even more exciting for the reader. Also when you get to the end of the book you still want to read on. The plot twist in the middle is obvious it is going to happen but you still don’t expect it to.*

Farah Alam, aged 19

*I really enjoyed this book and, found myself finishing it in one sitting. It is very much what you expect of a YA contemporary book to be like. I especially love the notes that you get to read that Lennie leaves around her town.*

Ayesha Hall, aged 14


Jade Craddock

*The first thing to say about this book is that it’s got a really strong and appealing aesthetic, with the chapters broken up by poems from the main*
character, Lennie, which bring the book to life. The poems themselves whilst accessible and lucid often belie the strongest emotional outpourings in the novel and do so beautifully and articulately. As for the story, it centres on seventeen-year-old Lennie who has recently lost her older sister, and despite the potential sadness of this narrative, there’s another vein to the story that focuses on Lennie’s coming of age and falling in love that counteracts the otherwise melancholy nature of the novel. Sometimes, it felt as if the loss and grief was somewhat ignored, but this is a large part of what the novel explores and Lennie herself goes through. **It is a very ambitious novel and to some extent I didn’t feel that it reached the dizzying heights it deserved, but overall this is a solid 4 out of 5 stars** and certainly worth a read.

**Izzy Read, aged 14 - http://fromcovertocoverr.tumblr.com/**

The Sky is Everywhere’ is a story of grief and love with a little bit of poetry. From the beginning you were torn between two people she is smitten with. The characters were different and realistic, as well as being a little bit quirky. I loved the poetry throughout the book; it made me understand Lennie more and what she was going through. Throughout the book the writing was descriptive and really lovely to read, you could tell it was written by a poet. **Overall it was a great and different novel to read and I would advise every dreamy teenager to read it.**

**Ella Grabsky, aged 15**

**Despite dealing with a dark topic, this books manages to remain light and romantic. It was a novel that ended with you feeling satisfied.**

When Lennie’s sister died one month ago, her whole world turned upside down. Told through the eyes of sister-less Lennie, this is a story of grief, music and most importantly, love. It is a quirky, almost fantasy like read based around a very real theme. Young death.

When Lennie meets fellow musician Joe, she sees a glimmer of hope. Perhaps she will be able to feel joy again. However her sister's boyfriend Toby only adds complications to the plot.

There are so many teenage romance stories set in America these days and yet somehow this one still remains original due to its sad underlying plot. I thoroughly recommend it to anyone who wants to read a slightly more
adventurous novel.

Lauren Coffman, age 15

Lennie is 17, obsessed with books, 2nd Clarinet in her school orchestra and a band geek. She has lived in the shadow of her older and more ‘special’ sister Bailey, until she dies suddenly. As she tries to go about life with this grief clinging onto her, two boys appear as a source of comfort, among other things. One is Bailey’s ex-boyfriend, and the other the new boy Joe. She must choose between them, but that is hard to do without hurting someone on the way. **This book was enjoyable and a real page turner.** An added pleasure was Lennie’s poems scattered through the book as she scatters them around town, though personally I found that as they were mainly quite long there was probably too many. I would definitely recommend this book.

Ayesha, age 17 - [https://twinsturnpages.wordpress.com/](https://twinsturnpages.wordpress.com/)

‘The Sky is Everywhere’ is a story that covers loss, grief and loneliness, in such a beautiful way. It’s such a memorable story that will stay with you for years.

The story follows Lennie, a clarinettist, a poet and a Wuthering Heights lover, who recently loses her older sister. It’s a story about loss, grief, first love, growing up and finding yourself after losing a loved one.

**The novel was a work of art. From the writing to the palpability of the characters, to the love triangle, everything was just perfect.** It had such a powerful storyline that will definitely make you laugh and cry all at the same time. It has definitely made its way to the top of my favourite books and I highly recommend it to everyone!

Sarah Murray, age 16

**Heartbreaking and emotional this book had me in tears and then had me in stitches. I highly recommend this book 5/5 stars.**

I have been recommended this book on numerous occasions and for some weird reason I never picked it up. So when I was offered the chance to review it I decided that it was about time I picked it up. All I can say is I wish I picked it up sooner.

I was unsure about what this book was about and had no clue about the plot or anything like that which was probably the best way to go into the book. I had
high expectations because I knew it had been raved about but I had no clue why which made it an even better read because everything was so unexpected.

If you are thinking of reading the book or if like me it has been recommended to you PICK IT UP! You will not regret it. I loved this book so much and I am sure anyone else who reads it will love it too.

Cathy McLaughlin

This is a great book for both girls and boys in the 14+ age group. It covers many relevant topics and should appeal to teenagers.

This book has a heart wrenching theme, however the author handles it in a very sensitive manner. It helps show teenagers if something tragic happens in life, that it is ok for good things to happen and for you to feel happy. I think this is a great read for both adults and teenagers and has a very important and meaningful message.

Stacy Ball, age 25

A heart-breaking story about one girls struggle to move on after the sudden death of her sister and experiencing love for the first time.

When it comes to the summary of The Sky Is Everywhere the first thing that grabs my attention and intrigues me is how little is given about the story. You learn very little about Lennie and because of this it leaves you free to go into the story with a completely blank canvas and without an opinion. I’ve heard a lot about this book and I’m really thankful that my expectations weren’t high or low, and were still blown away.

It was a story about grief, mistakes, friendship, family and acceptance. Lennie isn’t sure how she is supposed to move past her sister dying, she’s trying and sometimes it feel like she can’t do anything right. On one hand he has Toby, her sister’s boyfriend, who might be the only person who understands and brings out things in her she didn’t think possible and then we have Joe, the new boy at school who doesn’t seem to let Lennie make excuses, he doesn't beat around the bush with her and is blunt from the start refusing to patronise her like others.

Overall I really did enjoy this book, the characters were well written, developed perfectly and beyond relatable, the romance wasn't in your face all the time but still swoon worthy. The transformation in Lennie from the start of the book to the end leaves her somewhat unrecognisable, but in a good way. This isn't a
book about death like you might first think, it's about life and how it make take a while for people to realise it's ok for them to still be there when a love one goes.

Chloe Shortall, age 18

**I would definitely recommend this book to young adult readers.**

Lennie Walker loves books and plays second clarinet. When Bailey dies abruptly, Lennie is shoved to centre stage of her own life—and, despite her non-existent history with boys, she suddenly finds herself having to try and balance two. Toby was Bailey’s boyfriend; his grief mirrors Lennie’s own. Joe is the new boy in town, moved in from Paris, with an amazing musical talent.

I really loved this book. Lennie is a wonderful character. I liked how the grief and sadness of the book was interspersed with the joyful moments that Lennie spends with Joe.

I would definitely recommend this book to young adult readers.

Edel Waugh - [http://edelwaugh.blogspot.com](http://edelwaugh.blogspot.com)

This is a story about a teenager called Lennie. It has been four weeks since her sister died and she is struggling to find out how you are supposed to live normally after something like this happens. Lennie lives with her grandmother as her own mother is not in her life, she could do with her mum now, but her grandmother is trying to be there for her and she is awesome and a real free spirit. Since Her sister’s death she has begun to write notes to her sister that really show us how close they were and the special relationship they had. The story is beautiful and heart-breaking and if you like stories about unconventional families and how awesome they can be then this is the story for you. Also if you enjoy reading stories with strong female characters you will enjoy this.