

## LoveReading Reader reviews of *I'll Give You the Sun* by Jandy Nelson

Below are the complete reviews, written by LoveReading members.

### Chloe Shortall

***I would recommend this fantastic book to lovers of John Green and Rainbow Rowell.***

*Twins Jude and Noah come from an artistic family, Noah draws and Jude makes sculptures. The two are inseparable until their mother starts to favor one child's art over the others, a rivalry grows between them. Then a tragedy in the family drives them even further apart.*

***I really enjoyed this book. It was one that I couldn't put down. I loved how the book was told from the perspectives of the twins in alternating chapters, and that each twin's point of view was set at a different time.***

*I really liked the characters in this novel, especially Noah. I enjoyed reading about how he saw the world through his art.*

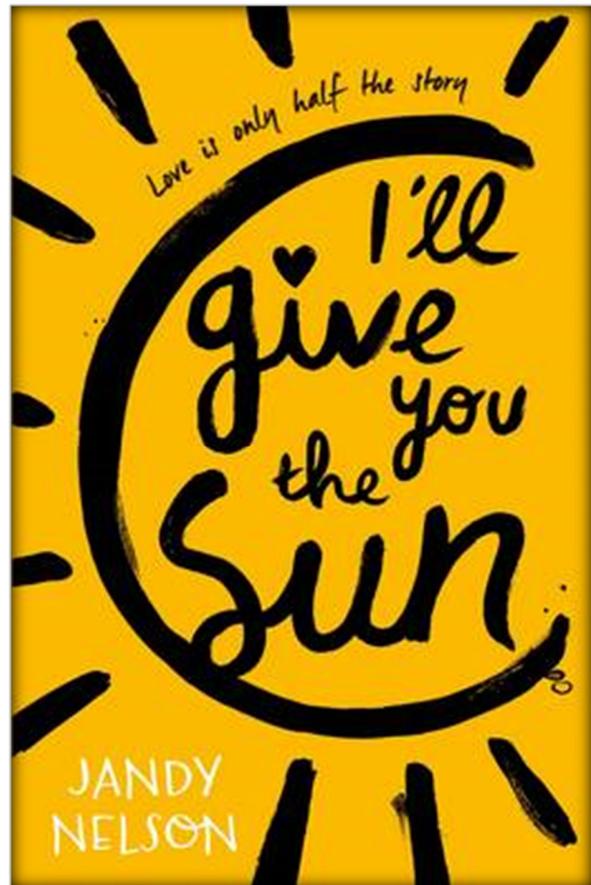
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### Izzy Read

***A poetic, tragic story about loss, grief, art, mistakes, families, sexuality, and all-consuming love.***

*When I went into this book, I was imagining an average teen fiction novel but*



*boy was I wrong! It was as amazing as the bright orange cover; a poetic, tragic story about loss, grief, art, mistakes, families, sexuality, and all-consuming love. Jandy Nelson covered so many big topics that all go not just being a teenager but life in general. She captured the many ways people grieve. The storyline differed with many dips and turns, making me laugh and cry. With a clever split narrative, I'll give you the sun told the beautiful story of twins Noah and Jude, before and after a tragedy drives them apart. Overall, I'll give you the sun summed up life and love perfectly and was very thought provoking at times, I'd get the tissues ready for this novel, that is just brimming full of emotion!*

<http://jumpinmuddypuddles.blogspot.co.uk/>

### **Stacie Ball**

***A brilliant book about grief, love and family. Set in the past and present with relatable characters and heartbreaking chapters. Jandy Nelson does it again.***

*'I'll Give You The Sun' is set from two different (in ever way) point of views. We have Noah when he was 13 year old so consumed with getting into a special art school that he will stop at nothing to reach his goal, and his twin sister Jude, 16 years old and at the art school Noah dreamed of going to. This book is set in the past and the present and it is nothing short of vital at showing us the type of people the twins were and are now, but most importantly at showing us what happened to them.*

*In Noah's POV we see him go through some very hard and confusing times, not only is he unsure about his sexuality but Jude and him seem to be fighting for the approval of their mother. All through out Noah is utterly convinced that he belongs at CSA, he's the quiet type and though Jude is just as talented as he is but in a different way, she is more of a social butterfly. Fast forward to Jude's POV and we no longer see the Jude or Noah we know. It's like invasion of the body snatches as they have seemed to dramatical swapped personalties. Gone is the bubbly care free Jude and the serious, now he's the life and soul of the party and she's the strange one, obsessed with her grandmothers book of superstitions and is convinced she's seeing ghosts.*

*This book was a such a lovely read and I would highly recommend it to anyone who is looking for a fluffy contemporary with heaps of depth. Very diffrent to Jandy Nelson's debut book 'The Sky Is Everywhere', but just as good.*

## **Edel Waugh**

*I am a big fan of this author so I was thrilled when I got the chance to review this book and I was definitely not disappointed with this touching story about exceptionally smart twin teens, brother and sister Jude and Noah. Raised by a very artistic mother they both inherited her love of expression through art and through difficult circumstances in their personal lives they will lean on this as a crutch to get them through the bad times. This is a YA book but it would be suitable for adults too as it touches on relationships, tragedy, coping mechanisms and how to survive when the odds seem against you. **I can't recommend this author's books highly enough as it feels like the author is talking directly to you and you become immersed in her fictional world.***

<http://www.edelwaugh.blogspot.com>

## **Delilah Acworth**

*'I'll Give You The Sun' was **an unexpected ray in the usual grey matter which surrounds tales of depression and finding yourself.** Jandy Nelson's writing style was unexpectedly light hearted and frenetic for the storyline, jumping from emotion to emotion and covering a range of writing styles in a matter of paragraphs. This book is such a change from normality that it's like a shocking breath of fresh air after walking through a polluted city; the surprise is fantastic but a little unusual. **One of the best YA books this year.***

## **Lauren Coffman**

*This is the story of Noah and Jude, inseparable since birth, through all the problems that face them. When their mum wants them both to get into a prestigious art school, and only Noah is willing and shares her passion for art, Jude and Noah slowly drift apart, until a tragedy and some lies that spiral out of control leave them as almost strangers, while hiding from themselves and falling in love at the same time. When I read the first few pages of this book I was unsure, it seemed to be about a weird family who believed in ghosts and talked to their dead family members, and though this may be, **the story is beautifully written. I felt completely a part of this book and felt a mixture of wanting to know what was going to happen next while never wanting the book to end, constantly.** The characters go on a real*

*journey through the story and it is amazing to read. The love stories are amazing and there is always something happening. You would never be able to predict what the end would be from the start, or the middle, as it all changes so much, which kept me excited to read on. I also really liked the fact that the parts before the tragedy were from Noah's point of view, and after the tragedy from Jude's, but were all interlinked. I highly recommend this book to anybody really, as it has everything you would want in a good book.*