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School: Yorba Linda High  
Grade: Freshman  
Book title: The Summer I Turned Pretty  
Book author: Jenny Han  
Rating: 5

This romance story takes place in Cousins Beach where Belly and her family spend every summer with Susannah, Jeremiah, and Conrad. Belly has had a glowup in the past year causing the two Fischer brothers to notice her. She is split between the loving, silly Jeremiah and the mysterious, moody Conrad who she has always loved. At the summer house, everything is perfect and the dads rarely visit. Belly and the moms have a special bond like no other. Susannah is like the mother Belly wishes she had and Jeremiah becomes Belly's close friend through the years. As the usual odd one out in the group, she wants this summer to be different leading to blossoming love, painful truths, and heartbreak.

I thought this book was really good and captivating the entire time. I liked that the perspective changed between her younger and current self to give more context on situations and a broader view of Belly throughout the years. I find that Belly as the narrator is quite relatable in many ways. I don't like Taylor and Belly's friendship dynamic; they are both bad friends in some ways. This book made me feel the exact emotions that Belly felt because of the intense figurative language. The ending surprised me because it shows the harsh reality but still leaves hope for Belly's love life.

I would recommend this book especially to anyone who has watched the show to compare and contrast. The characters act differently from the show and it's a very lighthearted, sentimental read. It reminds me of the books *To All the Boys I've Loved Before* and *My Life with the Walter Boys* because of the brother love triangles and the narrator's personalities.