

Reviewer: Anonymous
School: Yorba Linda High
Grade: Freshman
Book title: It's Not Summer Without You
Book author: Jenny Han
Rating: 4

This is the second book of the *The Summer I Turned Pretty* trilogy series. The book starts off with Belly in school dreaming of the times before Susannah was dead. Belly broke up with Conrad 2 months ago at the prom because she misunderstood his grief as him being emotionally distant from her. She starts to see Jeremiah in a greater light. Belly feels guilty of the embarrassing way she acted and the cruel things she said to Conrad at Susannah's funeral wishing to apologize later. All the family members are grieving with Susannah's death differently and this is the first summer that won't be the same. Conrad takes off suddenly from college summer school and Belly and Jeremiah team together to find him and bring him back before he gets kicked out. Most of the book surrounds the trio trying to save the summer house. The summer house shares all their fond memories but it also holds the heaviness of Susannah lingering in the air. They come together to save this part of their childhoods.

I like how the book gives the pov of Jeremiah and Belly. I also like how it starts with the after effects of Susannah's death and explains what has happened since then. In this book, Belly grows closer with her mom and the boys but Steven is left out. The ending surprised me with the way she was maturing. It is sad to read about the strained relationship between Taylor and Belly and how their relationship will never be the same again.

I would recommend this book to teens or anyone who has watched the show. It is a good summer romance read that touches the emotions and brings a sense of nostalgia. It reminds me of the books *To All the Boys I've Loved Before* and *My Life with the Walter Boys* because of the grieving deaths and confusing first loves.