

Teen Book Reviews

Jack Kerouac is Dead to Me

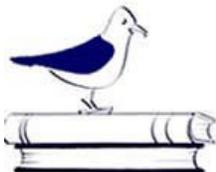
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Genre: Romance (ebook)

Summary: The story begins with the main character JL Markham talking to her best friend Aubrey about shapes they see in the clouds as they watch the sky on a sunny day. As the story progresses you see the girls falling out of their very close friendship. JL begins dating a boy named Max and Aubrey doesn't quite agree with JL's decisions. JL misses her best friend throughout the story and finds herself wanting to run back to her whenever her mother's illness becomes too much to handle or when her and Max reach a new stage in their relationship and she naturally wants to tell her (ex) best friend all about it. JL finds herself caught in the middle as she tries to find happiness in her relationship with Max and to free herself from her living situation with her mother. A main conflict is JL's decision to travel to California with Max proves more

difficult than expected where she questions if she really should've gone at all. I think the book is a good read. The only part I was confused about was how the author wrote that when JL talks about Aubrey she calls her "you" as if she's talking directly to her, so that was a little confusing at first, but I was able to get used to it. I also thought it was interesting that the author inserted himself into the book and how his death in the book affected JL's mother's illness as she thought he was still alive and struggled with grasping reality. All in all it's a good book and an easy read.

Rating: 4 out of 5



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