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Editorial Review

From School Library Journal

Grade 10 Up—When her older sister dies from an arrhythmia, 17-year-old Lennie finds that people are awkward around her, including her best friend. While dealing with her conflicted feelings toward her sister's boyfriend, her anguish over Bailey's unexpected death, and her sudden curiosity about sex, Lennie must also cope with her unresolved feelings about her mother, who left when Lennie was an infant. Debut author Nelson expertly and movingly chronicles the myriad, roller-coaster emotions that follow a tragedy, including Lennie's reluctance to box up her sister's belongings and her guilt over bursts of happiness. The portrayal of the teen's state of mind is believable, as are the romanticizing of her absent mother and the brief scenes of underage drinking and sexual exploration. Chapters are typically anchored by brief snippets of Lennie's writings. This is a heartfelt and appealing tale. Girls who gobble up romantic and/or weep-over fiction will undoubtedly flock to this realistic, sometimes funny, and heartbreaking story.—*Jennifer Schultz, Fauquier County Public Library, Warrenton, VA*

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From [Booklist](#)

Lennie has always been the companion pony to her sister Bailey's race horse. When Bailey dies suddenly while rehearsing the lead in *Romeo and Juliet*, Lennie is thrust into the spotlight. A normally reserved band geek who reads *Wuthering Heights* like a manifesto, Lennie is not prepared to deal with her grief. Nor is she equipped to confront the affection she feels for her dead sister's fiancé. Adding to her emotional roller coaster is the gorgeous, musically gifted new boy in town who is clearly in love with her. Lennie is sympathetic, believable, and complex. Readers will identify with her and root for her to finally make the first steps toward healing. Nelson incorporates poems, written by Lennie and left for the wind to carry away, that help readers delve deeper into her heart. Bonus: teens unfamiliar with *Wuthering Heights* will likely want to find out what all the fuss is about. A story of love, loss, and healing that will resonate with readers long after they have finished reading. Grades 8-11. --Shauna Yusko

Review

"Nelson's first novel is tender, romantic, and loaded with passion."—*The Horn Book*

"The author brilliantly navigates Lennie's course between despair and hope, sorrow and humor... a gripping love triangle."—*Shelf Awareness*

"In this amazing tale of love and loss, Nelson introduces a cast of characters who make the reader laugh and cry."—NPR's *The Roundtable*

"Nearly everyone who's staggering through life in the wake of a loved one's death will recognize themselves in this brilliant, piercing story."—*The Denver Post*

* "This is distinguished by the dreamy California setting and poetic images that will draw readers into Lennie's world..."—*Publishers Weekly*, starred review

"A joy to read. You'll remember [it] long after you've turned the last page."—*The Romantic Times*

* "It's romantic without being gooey and tear-jerking without being campy—what more could a reader want?"—*BCCB*, starred review

* "This is a passionate, vulnerable, wonderfully complete and irresistible book."—VOYA, starred review

"[Nelson] writes with abandon... it's a headlong kind of book, preferably devoured at a single sitting."—*Los Angeles Times*

"Brimming with humor and life, full of music and the poems Lennie drops all over town, *The Sky is Everywhere* explores betrayal and forgiveness through a vibrant cast of characters."—*SLJ*

"Those who think young adult books can't be as literary, rich, and mature as their adult counterparts will be disabused of that notion after reading *The Sky is Everywhere*... A finely-drawn portrait of grief and first love."—*The Daily Beast*

"A story of love, loss, and healing that will resonate with readers long after they've finished reading."—*Booklist*

"A story about love and loss... both heartfelt and literary."—*Kirkus Reviews*

"*Sky* is both a profound meditation on loss and grieving and an exhilarating and very sexy romance. The book deserves multiple readings simply to savor Nelson's luscious language..."—NPR (chosen by Gayle Forman as one of the top five teen reads of 2010)

"How grief and love run side by side is sensitively and intensely explored in this energetic, poetic, and warm-blooded novel."—*The Guardian*

"An addictive, romantic, heartbreaking, and wise tale of one girl's epic loss—and equally epic self-discovery. Seriously, stop reading this blurb; start reading this book!"—Gayle Forman, author of the *New York Times* Bestseller *If I Stay*

"Wow. I sobbed my eyes out and then laughed through the tears. I have not fallen in love with a story and its characters like this in a long time. Stunning, heartbreaking, hilarious. A story that shakes the earth."—An Na, winner of the Michael L. Printz Award and National Book Award Finalist

"Okay, I admit it. I have a huge crush on this book—it's beautiful, brilliant, passionate, funny, sexy, and deep. Come to think of it, I might even want to *marry* this book."—Sonya Sones, author of *What My Mother Doesn't Know*

"Full of heart, quirky charm, and beautiful writing, *The Sky Is Everywhere* simply shines."—Deb Caletti, National Book Award Finalist and author of *The Secret Life of Prince Charming*

"Jandy Nelson's story of grief somehow manages to be an enchantment, a celebration, a romance—without forsaking the rock-hard truths of loss."—Sara Zarr, National Book Award Finalist and author of *Story of a Girl* and *Sweethearts*

"*The Sky Is Everywhere* evokes the intensity of desire and agony of heartache with breathtaking clarity. This beautifully written story will leave an indelible impression upon your soul."—Susane Colasanti, author of *When It Happens*

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