Just As Long As We’re Together by Judy Blume

Just as Long as We’re Together by Judy Blume is a realistic fiction book that leaves you wanting to know what will happen next. It keeps your attention throughout the book.

The plot centers around 13 year olds Rachel and Stephanie, who have been best friends since they were born. But when the new girl Alison arrives from California, Rachel and Stephanie’s friendship is challenged. Alison is popular, cool, funny, and everyone likes her, especially Stephanie. Now Rachel has to compete with her. Rachel also knows that Stephanie is hiding something from her. Something big. And when you are best friends, it's hard to keep secrets from best friends, And of course, Stephanie is counting on friends more than ever right now because her parents are considering divorce.

What originally interested me about this book was that it was realistic fiction, which is one of my favorite genres. Also, the main character Stephanie goes through problems with family and friends and I like her perspective and inner thinking while everything is going on in her life.

I think teens 10 and up would like this book because it shows the happiness and the anger within a friendship and how friendships aren't always perfect.

One thing that’s confusing is the book's cover, which shows the three friends at a beach. Yet, the book never uses the beach as a setting, so I don't think that's an accurate cover.

I would recommend this book to teens. I rate it 9/10.

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