



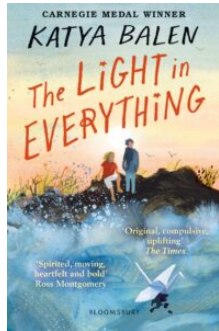
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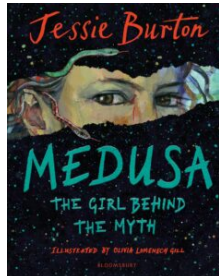


“This is a very good read to me. Personally I think that this a very relatable book to many people and this book has a moral dimension to it. Tom and Zofia do struggle but also they don't understand that they have an invisible seal over their eyes when it comes to understanding each other's points of view. This shows so much how important empathy is and many people may relate to it. I might pick this as my winner!”

- Halima

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“The title of this book generally sets the scene it creates an air of mystery and tension the book is written in very old fashioned writing and the pictures for some reason to me shows resemblance to the old paintings that have been renewed from the past the language is quite difficult to understand the language and it has twisted interpretations I had to read it twice to understand it. Overall it is a good book for readers who are interested in mythological and ancient genred books. I wouldn't vote this as my winner, even though it stands out from the other books. It doesn't set an "on the edge of your seat" atmosphere, it's more like "I'm bored and I have nothing to do so I'll read."”

- Halima

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“The Eternal Return of Clara Hart really surprised me. From the offset, it came across as a read that is repetitive and eventually becomes tedious to the point of exhausting the storyline. But upon reading, it grasps at unique concept and discussed issues that affect a lot of people.

It has a digestible format with characters you can click with. I think the writing is amazing.

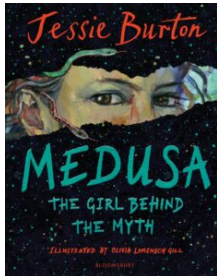
However, in the premise of repetition and the plot being solely based on the same day with different outcomes, we never find out what fully happened to Clara. Sure, the book jumps around the main point and we never can have that clarity on the matter.

Overall, I wouldn't say it's a winner but it was a nice read regardless.”

- Phoebe

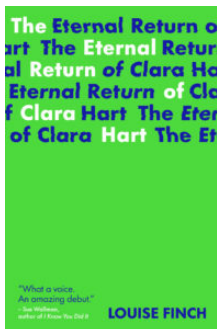
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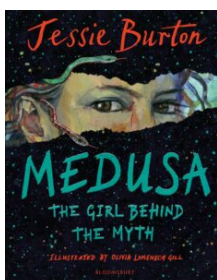
“WARNING Spoilers included: This book is about the Greek myth, Medusa. Medusa has little company other than the snakes that are on her head instead of hair. I really liked the way that medusa and her sisters were portrayed in the book and the relationship they had. The illustrations were very vivid and when you read the book it felt like you were in it. Overall I wouldn't say this book is my winner.”

- Aleena



“i think this book really interested me at first and you get to find out more about the character with what he does each day but the author kept adding problems and nothing really happened for a while with anyone else.”

- ellie

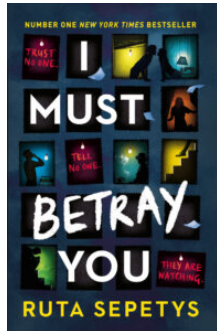


“I really enjoyed the plot of this book and the twist on the original tale of medusa. I couldn't put the book down, and I was on the edge of my seat as I read more and more!! I loved Medusa's character and thought the portrayal of isolation and loneliness was extremely well done.”

- Lillie

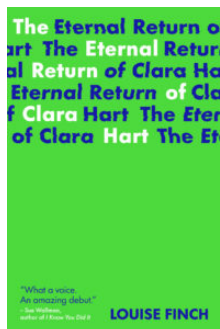
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“This book is about 17 year old boy and he lived in a country that is repressed by a cruel /evil director but when he reached the age 17 he wanted his own freedom. I might read this again would give a 3 out of five stars, but I don't think it's my winner.”

- kayla

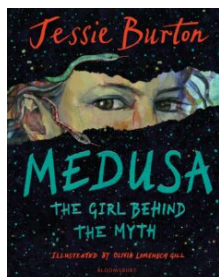


“The idea of a timeloop has always appealed to me, a way to right the wrongs of your past. The experience of a teenager at school is portrayed very well in this and ties into the timeloop perfectly, reflecting the monotony of everyday life while adding a new aspect. The whole time I was reading I was trying to guess why he was stuck and how he could get and every time I got close the story threw me in the other direction. I couldn't guess the ending and that to me is a sign of great writing. Definitely recommend reading!!”

- Clodagh

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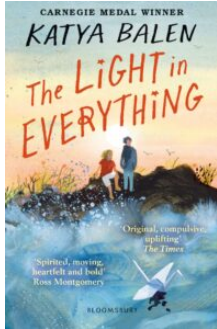


“First I have to say the graphics in this novel are gorgeous. They really bring the tale to life and give the myth another level of mystery, it really helped me to get absorbed into the story. I read the whole thing in one sitting and the only reason I didn't like the plot twist is because I'm a die hard fan of the classics. I understand that to make old stories stand out new takes are needed but I just couldn't see this as being medusas myth because of the ending. Admittedly, the twist is a clever way to make you further consider the morals of the tale. I did love the writing style and the way the descriptions make you feel as if you are stood next to the characters and feeling every emotion they feel. I am a big fan of this book despite my dislike for changing myths.”

- Clodagh

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“I liked the ideas that this book presented however I simply could not get absorbed into the story. The constant change in character pov left me feeling disjointed and confused. I always enjoy having two points of view because it furthers the story immensely, however, the change every other page meant I couldn't get attached to the characters nor could I understand them. I tried multiple times and was unable to finish the story, I think it's because this particular writing style does not suit me or my personal preferences but could suit someone who wants to know what both characters are thinking at all times.”

- Clodagh

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“Needle is one of the best books I have ever read! The story was short but it was very full if you get what i mean. I really like realistic books and this was pretty realistic . The story is about a girl living with a foster parent and all she wants is to see her younger sister. I could really understand Charlene`s feelings. and i felt really sorry for Charlene.

It was quite sad book and the whole thing feels so unfair. all in all i think this book was my second fav but a very good read i would defo come back to re read it

I feel like there needs to be a part 2”

- Halima

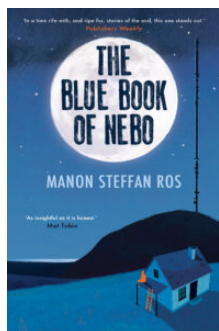
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“Warning spoiler: This book is about a boy who is given a second chance to make sure that a girl in his class doesn’t get killed. While reading this book the suspense was never ending since I wanted to find out more after each part that I had read. This book has a chance of being my winner and I would definitely recommend this to young adults. This book was really good and I would definitely read it again.”

- Halima

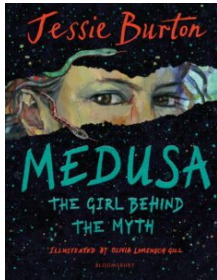


“The Blue Book of Nebo is an interesting read, and I cared about the people in it. If it had an even better ending I would like it more, because I felt like it left a lot of question not answered. Also the cover of it looked really enticing, but I don’t think it’s my winner.”

- tanner

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“The story, a dazzling, glamorous retelling of the Greek myth. I liked this book because of the way Medusa and her sisters were portrayed, especially the relationship they had between them. This may be my winner but I still have to read the other books.”

- Faith

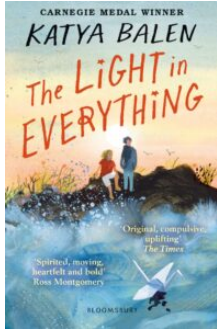


“WARNING Spoiler included: This book is about a boy called Spence who witnesses a girl in his class die. When Spence wakes up the next day, he sees the girl ,Clara, alive. He then realizes that he has woken up in the same day and possibly given a second chance to save her. This is a good book which I would aim at young adults over the age of 14. While reading and in the middle of the book, I was at the edge of my seat waiting to see if Spence had fixed things. This book was a really good book and it has a chance of being my winner.”

- Aleena

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“WARNING Spoiler included: Zofia loves her life by the sea with her Dad. She loves her friends and the trips to the beach after school. Tom and his mum live in a little flat in the city, he is frightened, quiet and timid. This story revolves around Zofia and Tom`s emotions which reflect their fears from their past. It is also about them being forgotten by their new family because of the baby on the way. When Tom`s mum gets sick both him and Zofia get worried and hope that her and the baby are ok. This book is a well written book and I would recommend it to anyone over the age of 10. This book was a good but but I don`t think that it would be a winner for me.”

- Aleena

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“WARNING spoiler included: I found this story full of anticipation and thrilling and the characters are in the dark regarding the rest of the world. This story is about the struggles of physical survival. The book is a quiet and eerie story that is told through a little blue diary shared by twelve year old Dylan and his Mum. As Dylan begins to grow into a man, he senses that his mother is keeping secrets about his past from him. This book explores the aftermath of a worldwide catastrophe through the eyes of a small family. This is a gentle, yet powerful read about how we live.”

- Aleenaa

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“I don't really like post apocalyptic fiction mostly , I only read this for the competition and also because I'd heard such good things about it from a limited amount of people and I rarely get to see books set in North Wales .

I'm not sure how I feel about I picking up this book. It's very different and pretty affecting, with many realistic characters and a haunting atmosphere that is both scary and comforting. It made me think of being away from home in a very different way, and showed it from a very different perspective, which made me see the world in a different way. I don't think it's my winner though.”

- Halima

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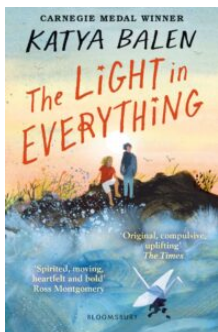
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“WARNING Spoiler included

The story is about a teenage girl living with her foster mum and all she wants is to see her younger sister, Kandi , but as things go on it seems like that could never ever happen. Her foster mothers son rips the blanket she had been making for Kandi and working so hard on it so she loses her temper and stabs him with her knitting needles. The way the book is written made it feel like it happened in real life. This is a brilliant story showing how difficult life can be for someone in care and separated with their sister. I would recommend this book to anyone that would be interested in a powerful read.”

- Aleena



“This book` might be my favourite. Firstly, the illustrations on the front and the back are beautifully done and the attention to detail is phenomenal . I liked how different the two main characters are yet so alike . I hope this one wins - I was really involved in what was happening and didn't want it to end.”

- tanner

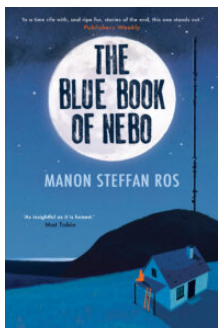
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“The book took me a few attempts of reading for me to get round to knowing what was going on. i don't think it will be my favourite /first place winner out of them all, because I didn't really feel drawn to the characters, and I found it hard to follow.”

- tanner

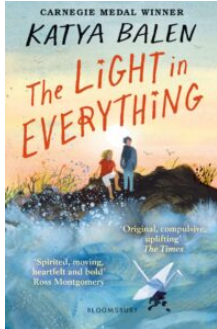


“The blue book of Nebo is a powerful book showing what it might be like if a nuclear disaster happened. I personally loved it, and would re-read the book in the future, even though it made me cry. This may well be in my top three to win this year.”

- Faith

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“I really enjoyed this book I think this is going to be my winner I love how in the blurb they tell us a short summary but when you read it you just want to keep reading and know what’s going to happen next I really had fun reading it I have not read a book like this before it was really interesting. I could read this book over and over again I really loved it. I also love how the author chose the light for everything for the title I just think this book is perfect and I think there should be more books like this.

I would give this book a 5 out of 5.”

- Annaya

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--Review contains some spoilers--

I honestly quite enjoyed this book, it had this atmospheric feel that really tied the emotional plot together! I've always been a big fan of post-apocalyptic/nuclear fallout type stories and this one really scratched that itch!

The idea of this book being a physical memento and everything written by the main characters was a really unique spin that I rarely see in similar books.

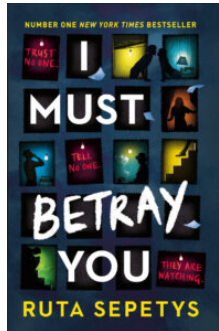
However, the ending was abrupt, rushed even. The atmosphere that was created throughout the book didn't match the ending which ruined the overall experience for me, I found it hard to say the book was finished.

Overall, the book was an alright read regardless of the ending. I wouldn't say it is a winner."

- Phoebe

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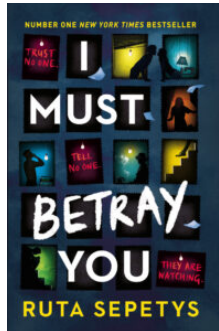


“SPOILER INCLUDED: This book is about a 17-year-old student called Cristian living in Romania, with his parents, older sister, Cici, and grandfather, who he calls Bunu. Much of the book unfolds slowly, creating a sense of rising tension. This book describes the effects of being spied on and it makes the reader feel them too. There are a lot of suspenseful twists to the book that continue to the very end when Cristian's betrayer is revealed. Ruta Sepetys is not Romanian but she proved she can understand them. I would definitely recommend this book for Young adults and teenagers over 14. This book shows a mix of horror and adventure.”

- Aleena

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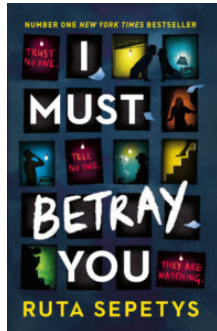
“CONTAINS SPOILERS

If you're looking for an exiting and amazing read, this is it: a quick-paced, revealing story, a historical fiction I can vouch is very accurate and well documented. Ruta Sepetys is not Romanian, but she did prove she can understand Romanians as well, Reading this book, I was shocked at everything that had been going on in Romania and that I've never heard of any of it. This is truly a dystopian hell, and I never knew any of it happened before I read this book .I would defo recommend this book for all teen and young adults. It is such a shock what Christian figures out about Cici at the end of the book and it is amazing how he encourages his students to write his story - I never thought that Christian would actually revert to being a teacher IN THE END .”

- Halima

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“From the very first chapter I realised this book wasn’t for me, the quiet reflective tone that the author chose left me feeling restless, waiting for something to happen. I didn’t get attached to the characters so when something did happen I felt unaffected and while I liked the idea of ‘the end’ and the strain it has on people who knew life before, I felt that the book was too short to really explore the key details and events. My personal preference is to also have all my questions answered within a story, and I have to say I finished the book just as confused as when I started it. I would really have liked to find out what happens to them at the end of the book. However, I know that some people enjoy creating their own endings so I may not have enjoyed it but many others may love it.”

- Clodagh

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“This is a story that will shatter your heart it is soo heart breaking it since the book builds up sadness your expecting a happy ending but kai doesn't get one or does he but his friends are soo heart broken this is such a good book I binge read it for 2 hours under my duvet with my torch it was that good A tale of loss, grief and a life spiraling out of control, I would definitely recommend this.”

- Halima



“WARNING spoiler included: .Kai suffers a loss that shakes his family and causes shadows to fall and everyone to shatter. Kai loses his way, but friends Orla and Zak seek to help him find his way back. This is an emotional story of growing up and you see what can happen when you lose a loved one. This show how friendship can help you regain your former self and how to take back your confidence. I think the book talks about many important but sensitive topics in life.”

- Aleena