

BOOK REVIEW

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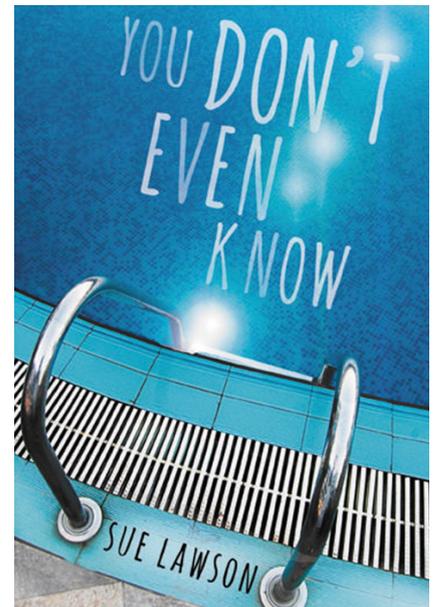
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YOU DON'T EVEN KNOW

By Sue Lawson



Characters

Alex Hudson who is a boy who plays water polo, has a part-time job and is doing okay at school. He has a mum and a dad, an oldest brother called Ethan and one younger brother and a little sister who he adores. His dad hates Alex because he doesn't follow his lead and directions but loves Ethan, the oldest son because he follows his dad's footsteps. His mum never stood up for Alex and his younger brother was too worried about getting in trouble to help. The little sister, Mia, is too young to understand anything happening around her. Mackie is the girl recovering from cancer who used to write in diary before falling too sick to move

Plot

The story takes place both in the past and after a accident happened. You follow him in the past with his family and find out that his oldest brother and his dad don't like him because he doesn't follow the standard set by his family. He gets bullied at school by his so-called friends and the best thing in his life is water polo and Mia. In the other part of the story he is in the hospital and you don't know what happened. He is in there with a girl who is in a coma. He started to bond with the girl even though she can't respond. No one visits him other than his mum because his dad told no one to see him

Opinion

I really liked the book because it makes you cry. I remember crying for the whole last 30 pages because everything gets revealed that was kept a secret from the reader. My favourite part was from third person part where you hear Mackie's thoughts. Both funny and sad thoughts.

Reccommendation

I recommended it because it makes you cry and is a powerful story of Alex Hudson going through all of these problems.