



The Summer I Turned Pretty

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Romance

What originally made you interested in reading/watching/playing this media? How did you hear about it or come across it?

I am a person who finds lots of interest in TV Shows/Books about drama and romance mixed together. When the trailer first came out, and I noticed that it followed a girls life during summer, while spending it with 2 boys she grew up with, I knew it was going to be a show that I would really find excitement in. I mainly came across this show on social media, and seeing online advertisements about it being released soon. My friends also all heard about it, and we planned to all watch it together whenever new episodes would be released.

Is it part of a series? If so, what series is it?

Yes, the Summer Series, it is also a book series.

What is this media about? Make sure to give enough interesting details without spoiling too much!

The Summer I turned Pretty follows a teenage girl named Isabella Conklin, who has an older brother named Steven Conklin and a mother named Laurel. Every summer since Belly, (her nickname), was little they would go to her mother's best friend's beach house.

Laurel's best friend, Susannah Fisher, has two boys Conrad Fisher and Jeremiah Fisher who are Stevens' age. Belly has always been the odd one out, since she is the only girl and is younger than them, they never wanted to hang out with her. But this summer changed for her, she is maturing more and becoming a beautiful girl, she is the daughter Susannah never had. Belly has always been in love with Conrad ever since she has been going to the beach house. Jeremiah has always been Belly's best friend, but he has always been in Conrad's shadow. This summer has a lot of twists and turns for Isabella, she is finally at the age where the boys will include her more. But also where she has become older and more mature. Belly is seen to be in a love triangle with Susannah's two boys Conrad and Jeremiah. She is then having to choose the boy she has always loved, or her best friend that has been there for her.

Who are the main characters? What makes them interesting or unique?

The first main character is Isabella Conklin (Belly), Belly is an interesting character because of her way of tackling becoming an older and more mature woman. The story also shows her unique coming-of-age life, and how she has many flaws that she has to learn to overcome and deal with the complexity of things. What also makes her interesting is the way she deals with Jeremiah and Conrad, she loves them both but deep down it has always been Conrad no matter what.

The second main character is Conrad Fisher, Conrad is very unique because he is a very keep-to-himself type of guy, but he also puts peoples feelings before his own. He tends to suffer in silence, to avoid bothering others with his problems. Another thing that makes Conrad interesting is that his love for Belly is built solely off of history, and understanding who she is, and who she was since the beginning. But while he has love for Belly, he is always seen to be playing mind-games with her, and making her question what his intent is.

The third and final important main character is Jeremiah Fisher, Jeremiah is very unique because he is the complete opposite of his brother Conrad. Jeremiah has "golden retriever" energy, and always has a positive loving personality. Something that makes Jeremiah interesting is that he shows love to belly straight up, and always makes her feel special, unlike his brother.

Does this media remind you of anything else you've read/watched/played?

Yes, this media reminds me of many other things that I've read and watched. Lots of other tv shows and books I've read also followed romance, and drama between boys and girls. Many of them the girl is choosing who she has always loved, but there are always bumps in the road before she officially gets there.

What type of person might enjoy this media? For example, this book is for someone who likes Percy Jackson, someone who enjoys getting scared, someone who likes a challenge, etc.

A person who enjoys romance, with a mix of drama, and stories that follow someone coming-of age would enjoy The Summer I Turned Pretty.

Did you like this media? Would you recommend it to others? Why or why not?

Yes, I loved this media! I would 100% recommend it to others because I believe lots of people would be able to relate to Isabella, and how hard it is to grow up and have to navigate life at the same time. It also portrays love with family and friends because it shows that you are surrounded by people who love you, and want to see you succeed in life.

Do you like the cover? Does it convey what the media is about?

Yes, I love the cover. It does convey what the media is about because it has all three of the main characters, and shows both of the boys looking at Belly while she is looking ahead, thus symbolizing her growth in life. and them both wanting her.

Do you have any last thoughts about this media that you would like to include in your review?

It is 100% worth it to watch the TV Show, and also to read all of the books!