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All In Pieces



Synopsis

From New York Times best-selling author Suzanne Young comes a heartrending new novel about a girl struggling to deal with anger issues while taking care of her younger brother with special needs. "Anger-management issues." That's how they classified Savannah Sutton after she stuck a pencil in her ex-boyfriend's hand because he mocked her little brother, Evan, for being disabled. That's why they sent her to Brooks Academy - an alternative high school that's used as a temporary detention center. The days at Brooks are miserable, but at home, life is far more bleak. Savvy's struggling to take care of her brother since her mom left years ago, and her alcoholic dad can't be bothered. Life with Evan is a constant challenge, but he's also the most important person in the world to Savvy. Then there's Cameron, a new student at Brooks with issues of his own - a guy from a perfect family that Savvy thought existed only on TV. Cameron seems determined to break through every one of the walls Savvy's built around herself, except if she lets herself trust him, it could make everything she's worked so hard for fall apart in an instant. And with her aunt seeking custody of her brother and her ex-boyfriend seeking revenge, Savvy's fighting to hold all the pieces together. But she's not sure how much tighter she can be pulled before she breaks completely.

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Customer Reviews

What is there even to say about All in Pieces by Suzanne Young? This book has a gorgeous front and back cover, but this story, you guys. It's a kick in the feels. It really shouldn't

come as a surprise anymore that Suzanne Young's books are some of my absolute favorites. I really don't read contemporary YA all that much, but there's just something in the way she writes her stories that makes me be that character and makes me feel all that raw emotion the characters feel. And it's that feeling that makes the book seem so real. *All in Pieces* is a relatively short book that would be easy to read in one sitting. But it's also a very raw book that made me reach for the tissue box more than once while reading. The story is about Savannah Sutton, a girl who now attends an alternate high school after getting thrown out of her public school for stabbing an ex-boyfriend with a pencil after he made fun of her disabled younger brother, Evan. Brooks Academy is filled with other students in the same situation Savannah is in. This school is their last chance to graduate high school after getting kicked out/expelled from their other schools. Savannah has made close friends at Brooks, and meets a mysterious, and hot, student in her class called Cameron. But Savannah doesn't have time to hang out or even think about dating when she's dedicating all her free time to looking after her younger brother. Her mother walked out on the family and her father is an alcoholic who can't hold down a steady job to provide for the family. So, it's all up to Savannah to make sure they get by and to be the one who looks after Evan. This story is absolutely heartbreaking. Savannah should be hanging out with friends, dating the guy she wants, and being a normal seventeen year old. Instead, she's assumed the role of mother, sister, and provider for a dysfunctional family. Her ex-boyfriend won't leave her alone and is downright abusive, and she's the one who has to be strong for Evan when no one else will. Retha and Travis are her two best friends at Brooks, but they have problems of their own to deal with. And Cameron? He's not in Brooks without reason, but he's just so lovely. He's an absolutely darling to Savannah, and everything about this book just breaks my heart into a million pieces. I loved the characters and how real they are in the way they just jump off the page. There are some truly hilarious parts in this book that helps to provide some much needed laughter in order to offset some really dark moments. *All in Pieces* offers a hopeful message at the end that I absolutely loved. So even if you're not much of a contemporary YA reader, or maybe you just want to read a book that shatters your emotions and slowly glues you back together, this is the book to pick up. I love this book so, so much, and I feel like this is a story that'll stick with me for a very long time.

This was a very emotional read at times and while I usually adore Young's writing and her characters, I didn't connect with this like I would have liked to. The MC was a little brash at times, especially language wise with her little brother and maybe it is the mom in me, but I didn't like it and

it sort of made me not like her at times even if I did feel bad for her. I also didn't love all the abuse that happens in this and that there were no real consequences for any of it. It just wasn't right. This was a good read however, just maybe not a favorite.

I loved this one! This story and these characters resonated with me long after I finished the book. It's gritty, heart-breaking, and full of hope. Savvy is the kind of character you want to champion. She's strong, selfless, and fiercely protective of those she loves. Her struggle to hold it all together broke my heart. Cameron's unwavering patience with her pieced it back together again. All in Pieces will appeal to fans of Huntley Fitzpatrick, Katja Millay, Sarah Dessen, Katie McGarry, and Jennifer L. Armentrout's, The Problem with Forever.

I've had my eye on All in Pieces since I first saw it because I just LOVE Suzanne Young's books. I held off reading it for a couple weeks post-election, however, because I was in a funk. Not just a book funk. A total funk. I didn't want my mood to potentially ruin an otherwise amazing book. I decided to buy the audiobook and listen to it on my drive back to Pennsylvania for Thanksgiving. Great choice on my part, except that my drive is only 3 and a half hours, the book is a little over 7 and I ended up buying the Kindle version once I got home because I was hopelessly addicted and couldn't wait until I had audiobook listening time to find out what happened next. Did I mention I also bought a hardcover copy because I was in love? Yeah. This is one of THOSE books and I'm not even a little sorry about it. All in Pieces was wonderful. It was practically made of feels. It reminded me why I still enjoy reading young adult contemporary every now and then. Savvy was so strong and protective of her brother. It simultaneously warmed and broke my heart. Her situation was so bad, but she tried to make the most of it and was hopelessly dedicated to helping her brother in any way she could. Cameron was ten kinds of swoony and I loved how he was patient with her when, honestly, I wanted to shake sense into her for being so blind to him. I teared up more than once reading this book. I'm not kidding when I say it gave me all the feels. It was so easy to get behind Savvy and feel the hopelessness of the situation. I fell hard for both of these characters "ÃcÂ Â" and even some of the secondary ones. I was pretty much lost when I finished reading this one. It gave me a wickedly brutal book hangover and I'm still not sure I'm entirely over it. I think All in Pieces wrapped up in a wonderfully hopeful way and I'd love to see a check in with these characters sometime in the future. I'm greedy like that.

I like it. Actually, I LOVE IT even if the story seems to end in a "too good to be true" sort of way. This

is one of those young adult books that contains drama but it still leaves you feeling good in the end. I just wished it was a bit longer. This was too short for my liking.

This book delivered way earlier than expected and was incredible. The design was sleek and in perfect condition. Such an easy read. I connected with the characters and grew attached to them within no time!

This novel was a great read. Highly recommend it to those looking for a good YA novel to read!

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