

*It's Not Summer Without You*, a young adult novel by Jenny Han continues the story of Isabel Conklin and her complicated love life. Isabel Conklin, also known as Belly, will see herself in the middle of an eventful summer. During this past winter, Conrad and her had a temporary relationship that faded away because of Conrad's unusual behavior. The Conklins were not planning to go back to Cousins this year after the heartbreaking news that occurred. Taylor, her best friend, decides to distract her and set her up on dates and go to parties together. Until one phone call, from Jeremiah, saying that Conrad went missing changed the trajectory of her summer completely. This causes a lot to unfold with Jeremiah and Belly, maybe causing a spark to light. They then end up back at the beach house, the tradition continued even if it was unexpected. When they get to the beach house they realize shocking news about the beach house and what Conrad had been going through all by himself. But as Belly was putting all her focus on resolving this issue, she loses grip on her relationship with Taylor. This summer, Belly may realize that Conrad isn't the best fit for her and maybe the boy she had been looking for was right in front of her eyes all along. But is that what Belly's heart really wants?

Just like the first book in this series, it was a very intriguing book with many different points of view. In this book specifically, the narratives were very needed. The different narratives of each character made me realize how some characters did some things for others' benefit, even if the other characters did not realize. There were no boring parts in the book and I was constantly flipping through the pages. Jenny Han continued to broaden each of her characters and introduce new ones. She did not just add new characters just to add them, they continued the story and were needed.

Not only is this book a fun read, so is the fan base. Everybody who reads these books is either on team Jeremiah or team Conrad which is such a fun and interesting addition to the book. Each reader has an opinion on what Belly deserves and what she does not. I have been in multiple conversations about which team I am on. Personally I am team Conrad. With this aspect of the book it is so much fun bonding with others about this book series. I believe that this book specifically really causes a split between the fan base with the different events that occur.

All things considered, this book was a light read and I would recommend this book to all the young adult romance lovers. If you are interested in reading this book and have never heard of this series before I suggest you read the first book, *The Summer I Turned Pretty*, to understand how this book is continuing. Overall if you like love triangles like, Edward, Bella, and Jacob from *Twilight* for example, I suggest you read this book. This is a defiant read.