

The History of Jane Doe

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History buff Ray and his best friend Simon have spent high school together without anyone else, until a new girl arrives. Ray is almost mesmerized, stunned by this new person who turns his small town into a more interesting place. The now trio discover things they have never dealt with before, including love, loss, and green cows. The book goes back and forth from the past with this mystery girl and the present, where she is gone. Ray, who is writing this, never mentions her real name because it does not feel right, so her name is now Jane Doe.

I thought this was an interesting book, after a teacher in my school recommended it for me. While I originally thought this was going to be a book I would have to fight to get through, I went through it quickly, enjoying these characters and the quirky town they lived in. It also dealt with mental illness and loss, something I like to find in books. I would recommend this to teenagers and older, as this contains language, underage drinking, and character death.

Recommended Titles:

Things I'd Rather Do Than Die by Christine Deriso

All the Bright Places by Jennifer Niven