

The Adoration of Jenna Fox

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Sixteen-year-old Jenna Fox wakes up from a year long coma as a 17-year-old with no recollection of the accident that caused her state of unconsciousness or any of her life before the incident occurred. While watching home videos of her childhood, Jenna slowly begins recovering bits and pieces of her memories and makes insights that she had never thought of in her “previous life.” She begins to notice even the most subtle changes in facial expressions and feels as if she doesn’t belong in her own skin anymore. Jenna shrugs off these observations and insists to her parents that she resumes her “old life” as much as possible. Though reluctant, Jenna’s parents agree and send her to an academy where the small number of students is all different in one way or another. Through discussions with her friends and confrontations with her parents, Jenna finally uncovers the truth behind her accident and her past life. When realizations and discoveries finally lead her to a breaking point, Jenna finds herself forced to make a decision of morality: what is legal and what is right.

The Adoration of Jenna Fox is a fascinating fiction book for young adults laced with science fiction and romance. Set in the future, this book deals with generally avoided topics in school, such as recreating life from science. Aside from this possibly controversial topic, I found the story a gripping and satisfying read. Pearson touches on deep, thought-provoking topics in delicate ways as to not offend, but rather to inform and enlighten. Each character is complex and developed so intricately that each plot development contains no loopholes, despite the twists and turns. As a reader who still [shamefully] judges books by their titles and covers, I was pleasantly surprised to uncover such a marvelously written story. *The Adoration of Jenna Fox* is a book I would definitely purchase for myself and suggest to all my friends. This is a book that leaves readers wanting for more even when the pages run out.

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