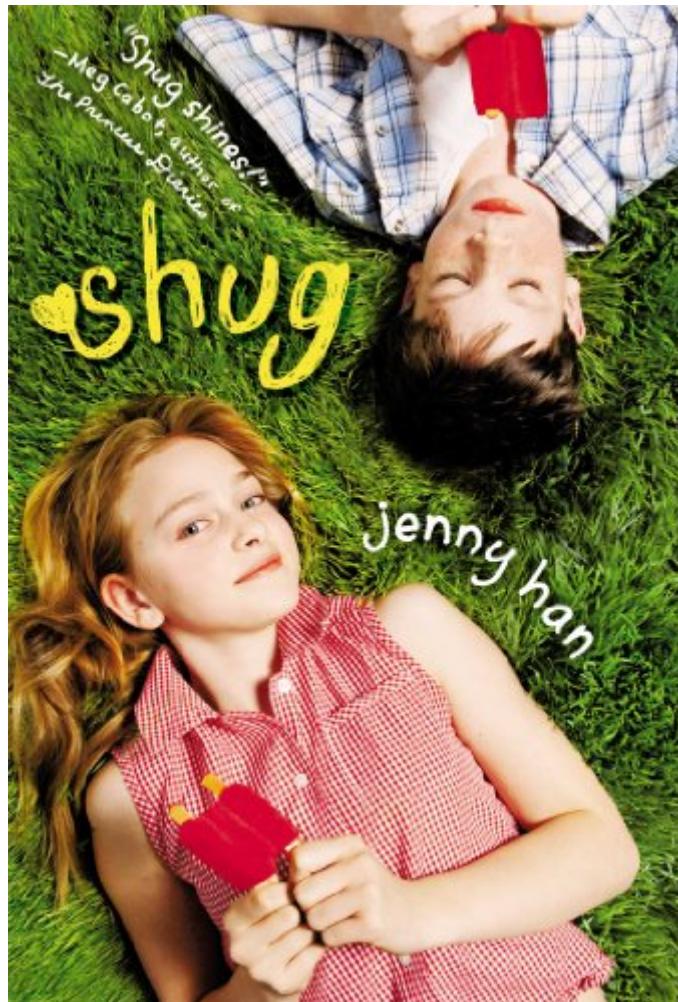


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Synopsis

Annemarie Wilcox, or Shug as her family calls her, is beginning to think there's nothing worse than being twelve. She's too tall, too freckled, and way too flat-chested. Shug is sure that there's not one good or amazing thing about her. And now she has to start junior high, where the friends she counts most dear aren't acting so dear anymore -- especially Mark...

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Customer Reviews

Shug is cute and thoroughly enjoyable. It is everything that I've come to expect from Jenny Han. A young protagonist dealing with the pressures of coming of age. Moments of flightiness, misunderstanding and heartbreak. It's all here. Shug, an affectionate nickname for our protagonist, Annemarie, is teetering on the edge of childhood, about to take the first steps of maturity and claiming womanhood. Her perceptions of gender roles, of responsibility, are that mix of naive and clear black and white but as in life, nothing really works that way. So Shug has to find a way to learn to deal with it all. Her best male friend Mark, and BFF Elaine are facing issues of

their own. As they start to grapple with independence and carve out the person they want to grow into, it inevitably leads to distance. Distance from Shug. Somehow they have to navigate this predicament and determine what it means for each of their relationships. Jack, (one of Marks best friends) also faces the same conundrum, but as Shug grows to learn more about him, soon discovers he is nothing like she first assumed. Shug's parents are grappling with difficulties in their own relationship as well - and this throws her compass for safety spinning. All of this leads to an engaging read about life, relationships and saying goodbye to a part of your childhood. The narrative is deliciously innocent, while the tone of the novel more melancholy. So, combined with Han's smooth writing style and a slow but gradual build with pacing, Shug braces at that edge of adulthood expertly. The story did feel a little flat but I liked the simplistic plot and easy to read style (though it is targeted to a young audience). A pleasant read for an afternoon.

kids read a lot!!

The only reason I first started reading "Shug" was because I was a huge fan of Jenny Han. When I finished the book (at 2:00 am) I was crying because it was done. This heartwarming story about "Shug" Wilcox is addictive. As a young girl myself, I can relate to Shug who has a huge crush on her best friend Mark. Her only problem is that she isn't sure he likes her back. While Shug is struggling with her love life, she has been facing problems at home such as her alcoholic mom and her absent father. As Shug goes through Junior High she realizes how special she is.

5 stars definitely because it's so addictive and you can't stop reading it and also romantic. I really hope there's going to be a second book and become a series.

I seriously thought it was a YA book but you can't judge a book by its cover. Literally. It was more a tween girl book. The lead Anne Marie (Shug) had her first period, first crush, and of course her first kiss. In Shug there is even the classic theme of your B F betrays you for her boyfriend. Shug also includes Annemarie's first school dance. The story has other exciting events such as fighting parents and social problems.

I liked other books of Jenny Han, so I bought this one knowing that it will be my type of chick-lit. It is a pretty good book, I'm not fluent in english but readed with no problems. It just don't develop the

story so much as it could be, there was many more things to be showed. But still is really good and cute, many things she talk was like the way I used to think on that age.

Shug is a great book and deals with everyday life. The main character, Annemarie, is the youngest in the family, after her older sister Celia who is the most beautiful girl in town(she gets it from her mama) But as for Shug she doesn't get it from her mama because to her she isn't beautiful at all. Threatens over time that she is extraordinary, and beautiful. She also learns about real life and true friendship.

Gift for my daughter, she loved it and asked for lots more books from Jenny Han. Created a Jenny Han fan!

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