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Pip's desperate to escape his life - he's been skipping classes, drinking, getting high. Anything and everything to avoid his smug teachers, his sweet but needy little brother, his difficult home life. Now he's been busted by Principal Giraldi and given an ultimatum: either he shows up for all his classes and sees a counselor after school, or he's expelled. Pip's freaked out; not because he might get kicked out of school, but by the thought that Giraldi might call his father. Because Pip will do anything to avoid his father.

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Liam says

In the book Bottled Up by Jaye Murray.

The book Bottled Up by Jaye Murray is about a boy in school who just wants to have a good time (drugs) . He is put in a predicament and has to choose one or the other. He doesn't have the home life all the other kids have, but he has a mom and dad. His friends aren't the best influence on him but they are the only people who understand him.

Honestly I would rate this book a 4 out of 5. The book was good, but I couldnt really relate to any of the characters. The book had a good plot and I really enjoyed reading it. Although it had the same events happening a couple times it was always interesting to see what he was gonna do about about the problem in front of him. Reading this book was very eye opening that not all people are the same, and that it doesn't matter who they are you should still help,them when they are in need. This book makes me realize that the people who yell at you and try to help you care about you and love you the most, they want to see the best out of you. These people see the best in you and don't try to push them away.

I would recommend this book to people who like a good page turning book that can warm your heart up as you keep reading.

Dakota says

The book "Bottled Up" is about a boy who lives a troubled life smoking weed with a dad who abuses him. He is given two options; be expelled from school or go to counseling. He chooses the obvious one and life from then on is still a rollercoaster. I enjoyed this book, it was never boring and I would recommend this to anybody who doesn't like to read but will keep reading if the book interests them.

Hasemage says

Kid has realistic problems and deals with them realistically. Not badly, not particularly well. But just how a real person would act in that situation. Irrationally while simultaneously rationalizing their acts to themselves. He doesn't solve the problems out of his control or even all of the ones in his but goes from hopeless to hopefull.

Mike Frost says

I read the book Bottled Up By Jaye Murray. This book is about your typical rebel teenage chid "Pip" being raised in a poor environment. His little brother Mikey didn't understand the whole concept of life yet and was in an abusive household. Pip has an alcohol and drug addiction which I think is from looking for the easy way out in life, but he rarely goes to school and when he goes to school he tends to either get into some trouble or just skips. Overall I thought that this book was pretty good it kept my attention thourghout the story and really made me wonder what was going to happen next.

ATAKAN KECELI says

I loved this book as it really took you through the mental journey and struggle of Pip, the main character. After avoiding his family life and getting high in a graveyard for years, eventually his school tried to put an end to it. He was given the option to go to counseling or to getting expelled, and the second wasn't an option as his dad would've known, and Pip tries to avoid him the most. After unwillingly going through every day of counselling as if it was a living hell, he's met other people just like him with similar issues in his same counselling class. For a long time, he didn't let it get to him. He saw his "friends" starting to open up one by one, truly revealing what had caused them to do what they had done. But Pip was adamant on waiting for this stupid counselling to blow over, no matter how long it took. For the longest time the counselor and the others in the class tried to get any response or answer from him, until eventually, he broke. He realized he couldn't keep his life the way he was doing it, as doing drugs and disobeying and not doing work. He realized life wasn't easy, and he had to make some drastic changes. He finally let out what was "bottled up" inside of him, and he decided that drastic change was probably for the best.

Amanda says

This wasn't a bad read. I enjoyed reading Pips journey to get his act together.

I really felt for Pip's little brother Mikey (Bug.) I'm glad Pip realizes he's really all he has and started treating him better.

I don't know why the counselor didn't do anything when it was basically revealed that Pip's dad hits him. I don't know the rules but I thought she had to report that.

Also, why was there a huge hole near an elementary school, with no fencing? It was only a matter of time that a kid fell in and got hurt, even if Bug was throwing bottles in it and hit himself in the head with one. I feel like they could've sued for that.

Justi Vega says

In the book Bottled Up by Jaye Murray, you follow along in the life of a teenage boy who tries to get through his entire school year high. He must deal with an abusive father and a stubborn principal to make it through his days. This book will leave you wanting more and once you start you'll feel as if you cant put it down. This book will give you hope and give you a new perspective in life. It i a must read.

Juan says

This book is about a troubled teenager that has problems keeping his life together. He has problems at home and it passes on to his school life. All he does is smoke and smoke with his friends, he starts selling drugs because his friend told him it's an easy way to make money. He was going to get expelled by his principal for slacking and bad behavior, But his principal made a deal with him, instead he told Pip the teenager that he could stay in school if he gets family counseling

Kate Stone says

So Pip is a guy with a lot of problems.

1. His dad's a jerk...and an alcoholic.
2. His mother's a pill popper.
3. He smokes way too much pot.
4. His friends are losers.
5. He has to take care of his brother.
6. When I say his dad's a jerk, I mean, he's an abusive, horrible, alcoholic.

I really like the voice in this book. Pip seems like one of my high school students. Not a specific one, mind you, but he sounds like he could be sitting in my classroom, these thoughts running through his head.

Pip's headed in the wrong direction when his principal gives him an ultimatum. Straighten up, or I call Dad. Somehow, no one's thought of this before. Seriously, if only it were that easy to get kids to think about straightening up. Anyway, I really like the adventure Pip goes on, it's hilly, rough, and scary, but he keeps plowing right through.

Ryan DellaPenna says

Bottled Up is a great young adult novel about a high school boy who is very troubled. He gets high, drunk and skips class. Throughout the book he learns a lot about himself and what he wants in life, and how he should act. I would recommend this book to anyone who is troubled in life, or to anyone looking for a interesting read.

Stephanie Michelle says

A read aloud book for Ms. Rogal.

This book is so good.

As I listened to her [Ms. Rogal] read, the more I wanted her to keep reading.

I like the way the author [Jaye Murray] wrote the book: with all-of-a-sudden flashbacks and key parts that let us examine Pips life and surroundings, his constant struggle over drugs, the complex relationship with the

school staff, the way he cares for his brother even if he shows resentment for him, just the way he chooses to handle these situations. I really like the way that Pip thinks. He [Jaye Murray] wrote it so beautifully. When I would listen, I felt like I was looking into a glass box that was his life. It's so remarkable. I feel like Pip went from extreme pothead to finally understanding his actions and how they have made his reality into a nightmare. I felt really proud for him. Such big steps should never be made alone, but Jaye wrote it that way and I don't think this book would have turned out any differently. When we actually finished reading this book, I thought the ending lacked something.. A spark to the relationship with Jenna, or how he "kicked" his habits, or what happened to his parents. But no. Jaye left us high and dry, making up our own conclusions. I still really liked this book. I don't think I would have gotten the same effect if I had read it myself. I'm glad I had her [Ms. Rogal] to read it.

Charles Murray says

This story was good but not one of my favorites. I feel the author did a good job going into the mind of a troubled teenager and show the ups and downs of drugs and overall life. I would recommend this story to people who are looking for a story of a troubled kid with hope and overall an okay story although it was not one of my favorites.

Roscoe says

I can really relate how Pip's homelife is compared to my own. Don't get me wrong but a lot of misunderstandings shown in the book I have personally come across in my own life. I'm glad my parents don't drink and I'm happy I'm as well off as I am.

Sierra says

This book has been sitting on my shelf for a while, and I finally decided that it was time to read it. I was surprised that I really liked this book.

Pip was always trying to look out for his little brother but ended up being mean and forgetting about him because he was too busy being high or getting drunk. But when Mikey got hurt Pip knew that it was time to change something, and he made the changes he needed to. He knew that he needed to look out for Mikey and he had to get clean to do that. Pip didn't want to turn into his father and he didn't want Mikey turning out like him either.

One of my favorite parts of the book:

Mikey yells again. "Time out!"

"Now what?" I say with the ball under my arm.

He walks over and squats down in front of me. He pulls my laces hard and starts tying my shoes. And I let him. I'm not going to be anybody's hero. He can do stuff for me sometimes too, like wake me up from myself. And I can get my ass to counseling and try to stay clean and sober so I don't forget to pick him up anymore-so I can keep an eye on him. I can try that. For now I'll do it for him. Someday, if it catches on, I'll do it for myself.

Tim says

“Bottled Up” by Jaye Murray, is about “Pip”. He is an unmotivated teen with a troubled home life and friends that tend to skip school, drink alcohol, and do drugs. Pip’s principle sees this and gets tired of dealing with him day after day getting in trouble. Instead of expelling Pip, he gives him one chance to fix his life. Pip starts going to counseling, showing up to school, and connecting with his little brother.

Overall, I enjoyed this novel a lot! I this concept of following a troubled teen and seeing how he fixes his life was entertaining. The book contains mature events dealing with drugs and abuse but the author does a great job at making the events more understandable. By the end of the book, I was able to say that I knew Pip well. His character went through a lot in the story but was humorous and always surprised me.

I would rate this book a 4 out of 5. I enjoyed most of this story but the ending had no important events or anything to entertain the reader. As the book came to an end, I got bored and didn’t enjoy the book as much. Overall, this book had a great storyline and was fun to read.
