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When fifteen-year-old Jude's father is brutally murdered, Jude is a witness. But to save his own life, he can't tell the police what he knows. Still, Jude is determined to clear his name and win the approval of his mother -- the district attorney he has not seen since he was an infant.

At the urging of his mother's longtime companion, Jude agrees to a crazy scheme to protect her political future. But what Jude doesn't know is that there are buried secrets that will require him to sacrifice more than he ever dreamed. And his search for approval will turn into one for revenge.

Jude Details

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Caleb Groat says

this is a good book, 11/10 would definitely recommend

Cali Geriba says

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Personal Response-

I really liked this book because mostly because it was different than any other books I've read and because it gave you a really big life lesson of who you trust and to be sure of the choices you make. I got this book at Goodwill as I randomly picked it off the shelf, I usually decide books on their cover and the back and sometimes the last page of the book, just to be sure. Once I read the back of the book it never said anything like him going to jail and buying marijuana. I ended up really enjoying the book though.

Summary-

Jude grew up with his father and one day, his father died, right in front of him and all he did was watch. They could have killed him to but Jude gave them his word and they knew he was nowhere near being the one to break it. Going through a bunch of questions from the police they ended up searching through his house as he wouldn't budge. All they found was a marriage certificate and a birth one. The police right away knew his mother and they brought her in. Jude's mom, Anna, was the head of the D.A.'s office. She took him home and he ended up starting a new school but he ended up starting with no friends and after two fights, he got the one group of guys he found more like him. As a friend to them he did as they asked, even if it meant taking them to a place where they could buy drugs. A year in his friend Nick overdosed on heroin and Anna's friend, Harry, caught on that Jude was involved. Just that day had Anna said she was going to be running for mayor and Jude knew that Harry was right, he'd have to set up a confession and go to jail for until his mother could be elected.

They worked on it and soon Anna walked in as a call was picked up by the answering machine looking for Jude and asking him about buying from him tomorrow at the park. The next day the cops caught him and found the marijuana Jude had gotten from Harry in his school backpack. Jude got sent to juvenile detention while court when on, in the end Jude was sentenced with five years. He thought he'd only be in there for a few months because Harry said he'd get him out, but Harry lied, his mother never knew the truth, and she disapproved of him. Five years later he got out and lived in a house without other ex-cons of the world in a home built to help them and prepare them. Jude had got a job at a diner and soon moved in with a reporter Davis, who was also his friend. Jude told Davis the whole story given that Davis wouldn't post it and finally Jude wanted to get proof, he knew he couldn't unless he had something to blackmail Harry with so they snuck into his new house he'd moved into with Anna and went through his cabinets, copying them with a scanner. Davis took them to work and printed them bringing home boxes and boxes of Harry's taxes, records, and everything they had gotten their hands on. They worked for months, later Jude brought Davis' sister, Lizzie into the picture and she found something. Sadly Jude got kicked out of their house before more

could be found.

As Jude settled into an apartment of his own he hung the poster of their findings up and as a year went by, staring at it every day and night finally gave him the answer. Those checks were sent out every time his father moved. One time he made the mistake of calling his father and Jude knew for sure that Harry had helped my father out and always knew where I was but let Anna worry herself. As he went to Harry he said Harry had to tell Anna or the story would go out. They waited then, until Anna got home and once she did Davis gave Jude a vest with a hidden recorder and Jude left with Harry to talk with Anna, alone.

Anna begged to know it was all a lie but in the end, Harry was the bad guy before he turned it back around saying Jude had killed his father. Harry knew that couldn't of been true and so once he left, Davis got ahold of the recording saying he was going to publish both of the stories and Jude had admitted to killing his father so that Harry wouldn't let the publicity get him. Then it hit him, Jude had one more stop, one more confession and here it came. Jude ended up visiting a guy in jail, the guy that killed his father and after he got a confession he asked for the confession to go worldwide and the guy agreed as he was already in for a life sentence.

In the end, Jude got into law school and his mother's career was over. Before all Jude wanted was for his mother to be proud of him, but he found out even if she could've, she would of done it for her instead of having the truth so he knew he wanted nothing to do with her. He left and everyone looked up to him, he went to jail for five years, all for a lie. He sacrificed everything for his mother and his mother still asks for the story to stay hidden for the sake of her position in being mayor. Jude walks out of his old life knowing he is ready for a new one.

Recommendation-

I recommend this book for people over the age of thirteen due to the use of drugs and both genders. This book was full of many twists and not once should you lose focus. This book is only 288 pages and there is only one book no series. It is short and I think you'll enjoy it.

Dami says

I was going glad when the truth finally came out about Harry I knew he was a piece of dog **** when Jude first met him and acted like he cared about him when in the end he wanted to do harm to him to save his own ***. In the end, he ended up in jail, aha, karma's definitely a fat mother *****. lol. I always say, and my father always says never do harm to someone because something will happen to you, you think you can do bad to others and believe that nothing will happen your definitely wrong. The thing with me was his mother saying she was upset of how his father took him but until the day she met Jude she acted like she didn't care about him, glad my mother isn't like that. I mean *** she might not be supportive half the time, but she cares about me. If I had a mother like Jude, I wouldn't know if I would want approval or not because I've haven't gotten approval from barely anyone from my family. I say f them because when you become some, they'll be calling you and begging you for help. But you were the one that they say would amount to nothing. I'm glad Jude truth finally came out, and he became a free man and going to law school. Reading this book reminds me of myself about wanting to become a lawyer. Glad I picked up this book and read, since me not being a BIG novel reader.

Danielle Mercado says

A very good read. Couldn't put it down.

Ruby says

Jude is an amazing story about a young man and his struggles to overcome a history of abuse and find his place in the world. It begins with Jude's father cheating a drug dealer out of product and profit. Seconds after Jude warns his father not to take such a big risk, Jude's father is murdered right before his eyes. Jude is spared by the murderer, and inadvertently reunited with his birth mother, Anna. What starts off as the beginning of a perfect happy ending for Jude with Anna and her boyfriend Harry slowly becomes more and more complicated and difficult and terribly tragic.

Kate Morgenroth has created a compelling narrative that explores issues of abuse, family, power, and justice. I really enjoyed how every character in the book had flaws, but what separated the good ones from the bad ones was their willingness to take responsibility for their actions, learn from their mistakes, change their behaviors, and make amends. I find this not only a refreshing outlook on life that is not overly depressing or fantastical, but also a mature way of approaching profound real-life topics that young adults should seriously consider.

Jude was a victim of abuse who still allowed people to use him for their own needs at his expense. It continued after his father's death at his fancy private school and with Anna and Harry. Jude lost himself trying to make everyone around him happy. He didn't finally learn to stand up for himself until he was in prison, but at great physical, emotional and mental cost. It took time, and Jude eventually learned to balance his needs with the needs of others. Only then did he find the strength and resolve to fight for justice and peace in his life.

Anna was also a victim of abuse, but she worried too much about taking care of herself, her career, and her image. She wanted so badly to turn the most difficult thing in her life to a career-defining moment that she ended up using others. In fact, she hurt the person who needed her the most—Jude. It breaks my heart to see that in order to spite her abuser, Anna ended up becoming a monster herself.

Then there is Harry, who worked hard to save Anna and Jude from the abuse they suffered. However, he abused his privileges and power as a deputy police commissioner to pay off a scumbag loser and frame an innocent child. This is a perfect example of where the ends do not justify the means. Harry started down this slippery slope, and though it took a while it finally caught up to him. He lost sight of what was right and wrong, because he was always more interested in spinning a story than listening to the truth.

While I was reading this book, I kept asking myself what Harry and Anna should have done differently. Where did they make that one mistake that turned everything wrong for Jude? When could they have caught their mistake and salvaged this situation? I soon realized, however, that they were actually making horrible decisions since Jude was a baby. Jude was never going to have the good life with his birth family, but he overcame the seemingly insurmountable odds by working hard and never giving up.

This was a great law and order-type drama filled with teenage angst. There was a little bit of everything in here to keep the reader on edge: snotty private school kids, prison fights, drug dealers, shady cops, political

corruption, breaking-and-entering, and investigative reporting. There were plenty of twist and turns. It was a great story that was believable and uplifting. Jude may have suffered a lot, but it was inspiring to see how Jude overcomes it all.

Ddd says

I have recently read “Jude” written by Kate Morgenroth and thought that it was a very well written book. Although having quite the complicated plot, the author expresses the thoughts and actions of the teenage character very well. I thought that this book had many elements that made the reader just want to keep on reading. Since the protagonist is around the same age as I am, it was easy to relate to him. Please note that some of the following includes plot summary and spoilers.

The story opened up with a flashback of Jude (the main character) seeing his father murdered before his very eyes. This scene opens up the readers eyes for the entire story. As the story unfolds, terrible things just keep on happening to Jude. Jude is the only one who knows the real story of how his father died, and how his mother’s boyfriend is framing him for murder. At any time he could have just came clean and told police the whole story but his strong will to prove himself to his mother keeps him from doing so. I believed the end to be a sad end but a more realistic one. Jude ends up serving several years in prison for a crime he didn’t commit in order to help his mothers career, only to find out his mom didn’t really care about him in the first place. The climax was quite suspenseful when the mother found out the truth about her son in the second-last chapter of the book. I thought that when Jude said “I lied. I just wanted to know if you meant what you said before” had a very powerful impact on the reader. Jude’s whole goal in life was to try to gain the respect of his mother, only to find out that she really cared more about her career than him. With all that has gone on in Jude’s life, you just can’t help but feel sorry for him.

The most pleasurable element of this novel was the way the author allowed you to always take Jude’s side, although what he did wasn’t always the right thing to do. When he decided not to tell the police who had killed his father, it was the wrong decision in the eyes of the law, but because of certain circumstances, the safe thing to do was to keep it a secret. I think that the author does a fantastic job of making you just want to keep reading to discover the fate of Jude. When Jude was in prison, he stayed tough which is what I hope would happen to me if I were to go to prison. Although so many terrible things had happened in Jude’s life, he is able to stay tough, and hang it out all for the sake of his mother. Jude is so selfless that the reader can’t help but just agree with what plan he comes up with.

I disagree with Kevin Killian’s post which regarded Jude as being “unconvincing” as he puts it. I believe that the novel was more realistic due to the fact that it didn’t really all work out for the Jude as some novels go. When reviewing a novel, I don’t think that too much attention should be paid to the plots of other stories unless it is to recommend them. I would also hardly call what happened to Jude a happy ending and agree more with the review of “A Boy’s Struggle”. He/she explains his/her points very well and I concur with her conclusions of “Jude”.

Overall I thought that this book was very well written. The details of every scene allowed the reader to easily visualize Jude’s situation. Although a very sad story, this book can open your eyes to teen criminals everywhere. I would definitely recommend this book for anyone wishing to learn about the life of someone who got mixed in with the wrong crowd. I believe that everyone can take away something from this book and help them better understand the world around them. The next time someone is found guilty in court, they just might not be. Even if they are guilty, there is always more to the story than it would appear.

Anne Osterlund says

Jude watches his father die at the point of a gun, then promises the killer he won't tell.

The killer lets him live.

This happens in the first few pages.

Then the detectives find the letter—taped to the bottom of a drawer—that reveals who Jude's mother is. The elected D.A.

And she reveals that Jude was kidnapped when he was just a kid.

Still in the first few pages.

But this isn't one of those books that drops off after the first three chapters.

And Jude's life isn't one of those that gets better after every page.

This is the second time I've read Jude. Despite the thrilleresque revelations (which I'd already unwrapped previously), I loved the second read-through almost as much as the first because there's so much character within the book. Jude himself—developing his character. Making stupid, *stupid* decisions until you want to scream at him and then brilliant ones. A fantastic read.

Meraj says

Jude is a story about the life of an adolescent named Jude journey in finding his mother's acceptance. During his expedition, he comes across many twists and turns involving drugs, family, and friends ultimately defining his character. In my opinion, being a book focused on the topic of drugs and a life of a young teenage boy, I was sceptical at first. However, with the author's smooth captivating writing style and choice of character styles/traits, it kept me interested all the way through.

Kate Morgenroth's writing style is ingenious. It is well planned and designed to grab attention and invoke a person in reading the novel in matter of days. She uses shroud and vivid imagery to capture and present the essence of a scene to the reader. For example, in the quote "When Lefty curled himself protectively around his wrist, Jude kicked him. Get up, he demanded" (226 Morgenroth) you can imagine the intensity and anger presented in the scene. In addition, the author also uses a 3rd person perspective to draw the reader closer to the character. In fact, it was so compelling that when the main character felt angry, I found myself angry. The author really made me feel like I was part of the book, living inside of Jude.

The author also spent a lot of time planning and shaping each of the characters in the novel. To add suspense, she creates a character and makes them appear to the protagonist in a pleasing way, but later on she reveals their true identity. An example of such a character is Jude's mother. At first, his impression of his mother is someone to impress and look up to. This is true by looking at the quote, "He dreamed he would do something to make her say, thank god for Jude" as it emphasizes Jude's ambition in making her mother proud of him. However, at the end of the novel his opinion dramatically changes, as her true identity immerses.

In conclusion, the novel Jude is very intriguing because of the author's original writing style and unique choice of characters. The novel is quite a page turner and is a must read for all of you thriller fanatics!

Blake Sowell says

JUDE is a great book that shows a look into a teenagers life, but in very extreme situations. This book depicts a teenage boy's struggle to find acceptance and to cope with the death of his father, and being reunited with a mother he thought did not want him. Jude searches for the love and admiration of his mother, and sees his chance at making her proud in a very extreme and unorthodox way which results in a prison sentence. Now, 17 years old and in prison, Jude has a lot of growing up to do and realizes that the one person who he thought was helping him, was actually in it to hurt him. When released from prison Jude is on a mission to prove his innocence to his mother, and to take down the man who landed him in prison. Jude is a great book that portrays the importance of acceptance to today's youth, and the lengths some people will go to in order to help other people. I highly recommend this book to anyone.

Humberto Cnca says

This book is one of the best books I have ever read. It's about this boy named Jude. At least that's what he thinks his name is. His real name is Michael. Jude had a number of problems in his life. His dad was a drug dealer. He thinks his mother abandoned him and his dad when he was still a kid. He would get in fights. But then his whole life changes. His dad gets murdered by the drug dealers he was working with. Apparently his dad was ripping them off. Jude would have been dead then if it wasn't for swearing to the murderer that he would say nothing. Jude goes to the living room and acts like he heard nothing. A few minutes later he calls the police and tells them his father was murdered. The police came and started questioning him. Jude said he knew nothing. The police suspect Jude had killed his father or had something involved with the death. Now with the death of his father, Jude must leave the past behind and start new with his mom. But things don't go as he planned. So his mom could become mayor he makes people believe that he was a drug dealer. He believed the words his mother's boyfriend had told him. "Only after the election. A month or two at most. Then we'll get you a new trial and with the real evidence you'll be acquitted." Harry (Jude's future step-dad) was making a plan so his future wife could win mayor. But in order to make that happen he needed Jude to go to jail. Jude thought it would only be a few months, but it turned out Harry had tricked him and Jude spent five years in jail.

In those 5 years Jude became what he feared most he would be. His father. The road back. After getting out of jail Jude tries to make his mom proud of him by becoming a lawyer. The problem is no one wants an ex-convict as a lawyer. Not only is he trying to make his mom proud but he is also trying to get back at Harry for tricking him into 5 years of misery and horror in jail. In the end Harry gets arrested for a past crime he committed by helping Jude's dad escape with him. Jude begins getting college applications to law schools. But one thing he never did in all that time is talk to his mom.

This was truly a very good book. It talks about the life of a teenage boy that gets messed up by getting involved with drugs. The part that truly amazed me was that Jude was only 16. He had been taken from his mom, brutally beat by his father a number of times, and even spent five years in the state prison. In the prison he was probably the youngest. And even though he was the youngest anyone who dared challenge him was easily beaten to a pulp by Jude. This book was a real great book filled with twists and turns. This book contains 394 pages.

Julie Parks says

Not my favorite of Morgenroth's but OK read. Gets kind of draggy quickly, though.

Elizabeth Scott says

I picked this up after pre-ordering one of Kate Morgenroth's adult thrillers that got a starred review in either PW or Booklist and that sounded really, really good. I was checking to see what else she'd written, and I saw this. It was cheap--under \$7--and I don't see a lot of YA thrillers/mysteries out there, so I wanted to give it a try.

It is AMAZING. When the book opens Jude, who is fifteen, is being questioned by the police about the murder of his drug-dealing father. They take him to the station to question him some more, and Jude meets with the DA---who turns out to be his mother.

There are so many twists and turns in this book and the best thing about them is that they ALL work. That is so rare, and one of the things that makes this book so good.

The writing is also amazing--I felt like I knew Jude and all the other characters, even the minor ones, by the end of the story--and I was also blown away by how well Kate Morgenroth handles the passage of time (the book starts when Jude is fifteen and ends when he is in his early twenties)--covering so much is a lot, but she did a great job.

Finally, the ending? Wow. Loved it!

Pamela says

I enjoyed reading this story which is quite different from other stories about abused children and being reunited with a parent they never knew.

While reading this you felt the sadness and pain for Jude as he tries to fit into a new world which does not include his father, the only parent he's known for 15 years who was abusive, a drug dealer and now dead. He's trying to fit into his mother's life but unsuccessfully though no fault of his own. You feel his sadness as you realize that his mother, who was never there for the first fifteen years of his life, is still really not there for him. When a chance endeavor at making his mother proud of him goes horribly wrong, he realizes he's on his own and tries to cope with what the future may or may not hold.

While reading this all I could think of was hoping that Jude came out on top and that those who hurt him pay for what they did. You always hope for happy endings but sometimes even those come at a price.

Carrie says

This book, people. It's like The OC and Prison Break and The Pursuit of Happyness all rolled into one. Boy from the wrong side of the tracks goes to live with his wealthy attorney mother after his father dies. Attends private school, gets into lots of fights, and then whoops, gets involved in an elaborate conspiracy to help his mother get elected mayor. Ends up in jail, gets out, tries to make something of his life. There are obstacles, etc. Do you see what I mean? It was fast-paced, it had plot twists (some more glaringly obvious than others) and I stayed up until all hours of the morning to finish it.

ConnorC says

Jude is a very entertaining book that never had a low point. The author speeds up the parts that could've been very slow and boring and used detail and description in the main parts of the story. The author constantly has Jude second guess himself and rethink the past and try to figure things out. He's also constantly trying to prove himself but in the end he realizes he doesn't need approval from his mother. Overall the book was smartly written and the plot twists were as much of a shock to the reader as they were to Jude. I very much enjoyed this book and was an exciting read.

Fernanda says

I choose this book because the front page look intersting but i dint want to read it that much because the book seem big in old and too many pages i thought i was gonna get bored but look i didnt the book may of looked bad but it turn out to be one of my favorites book.

the genre of the book is mystery and fake but it could happen to a teen who is releted to drugs or bad friends.

the setting takes place in many places but where it gets told the most is in the jail where jude is at for "selling" drugs. it is also taken place where they caught him "selling" them in the park.

The main character to me is two people the first who is the main main main character is Jude he is a junior at high school he lives with his mom after the death of his father. he doesnt have any family members. he is a good fighter. and a trouble maker.

The plot of the book is Jude is told my his stepfather harry to go to the park and just stand there with the bag of herion and wait for the cop to come and take him to jail. He was set up by his stepfather. His stepfather is another main character he wants to have his mother out of the police buisness. Harry is jeolous of her. but i dont get why he marrys her at the end. Luckily at the end Ana jude mothers find out everything but still ends up with harry .

the main problem to be started all in the beginning were he was excuse of killing his dad which is not true. it started out when his dad was killed by a group of friends of harry in the kitchen but didnt end up killing jude because it was planed out so once the cops came they took him and found his mother he havent seen since he was a baby.

The problem is solved at the end he meets this guy davis who is a reporter and end up going to harry and ana

house and telling him it was all planed out. it was all record and davis machine when jude wored it to look nice. Harry ended up in jail and a bad acciend happen to him he ended up getting stabbed by a memeber of friends he had. (that member of friend was a person who killed jude father)

i really liked this book meven thou it took me away because it was really long, but i like how the chapters werent long! i just hated how the story didnt end up with jude and lizzie (davis twin sister) getting marry i thought they would make a perfect math together. i hope there is a secong book but i doubt it!

Hannah says

"Jude" by Kate Morgenroth follows a young teenager whose circumstances seem unfathomable but whose character begins to comprehend reality in a way that nearly all adolescents do as they venture into adulthood.

From the beginning, Morgenroth sets a scene that foreshadows Jude's near destruction and his ultimate change in perception. The story starts off in the seedy, drug-filled part of town, where Jude is constantly getting into street fights and being forced to prove his physical strength. Ironically, it's this fighting that is symbolic to Jude's story. Not only is he fighting in the literal sense, but he is also fighting against other factors in his life—the struggle for acceptance from his mother, the war against society's condemnation, and the confliction of his own feelings.

The real transformation of Jude's character is that he stops fighting. He learns to accept that he will never be the son his mother wants, he is always going to be labeled by the rest of the world, and he can't always sort out his emotions as easily as he wants to.

Jude exhibits an amazing amount of growth over the course of the novel, and like a previous reviewer, Robyn (review posted 5/3/11), pointed out, one realization that fueled Jude's growth was "learning to live for himself and not for others." Though this is one of many things Jude comes to understand, it's more likely that his true epiphany rests in the underlying theme of the novel: everyone is fallible—even parents.

Throughout childhood, kids look up to their parents as undeniably perfect beings. But as they grow older, they begin to see their parents for the average people they are—people who make mistakes and don't always have the right answers. And as Jude's story develops, his perception of his mother changes. In the end, she is no longer someone to admire and impress but rather someone who is far from perfect with a life even more corrupt than his own.

Morgenroth has a knack for building the story around seemingly exaggerated situations while making the character involved a very real, relatable individual. For example, when Jude is held in prison for murder, he doesn't fear rotting in a cell or facing the death penalty—he has the same concerns as anyone else his age. "For as long as he could remember, he had dreamed of showing his mother that he was worth something. He promised himself that he would do something to make her say, 'Thank God for Jude. What would I do without him?' He would give up anything to hear her say that" (146). Readers can identify with Jude even when they can't identify with his inconceivable circumstances.

The majority of the novel is a gateway to Jude's most personal thoughts, keeping the actual dialogue to a minimum. And it's this approach at writing that gives audiences the connection they all want to feel with what they read. So overall, I wouldn't hesitate to recommend this book to anyone looking for an exciting plot with underlying messages to which we can all relate.

Gregc says

i chose to read this book because i liked the review. the book genre was realistic fiction.the setting was his in new york.jude is a year old boy he is from the hood and he likes to play basket ball. when he gets out of jail he look like his father 6,1 big and strong. in the begining of jude jude lives with his father in the bad part of town and he likes to play basket ball. his father get killed right in front of him. in the middle he goes to live with his mother and she is very rich. he gose to the rich school called benton. some kisd ask if he can get them drugs he sais no and then yes. he takes them to his old nabor hood to buy but he does not sell. his old buddy starts to sell to nick and nick becomes a drug dealer. in the last part of the book rj gives nick some pure drugs on accident and nick usaly gets the worst you can buy. nick takes the strong drugs and he dies. in the last part of the story jude gets framed by his mothers boy frend and goes to jail for selling and a homicide for 5 years. harry did this so she could get the marors job when he gets out he gose to get a job and he lives with a reporter named davis they try to get harry to tell his mother he was framed. he does but he also digs up a bounch of old news. he says hes going to charge him with his fathers murder. harry goes to jail i think for framing jude and he gets stabbed in the throught and almost dies. his mother keeps and calling him because she wants him back as a son. he thinks it is to late. he get accepted into alot of collges and harvard for law. it is a big thing that a x con got excepted into harvard. the main problem is that jude is framed and he is going to jail. he solves this by blackmaing harry and tells him to tell her he wasent lying and he was framed. i really liked this book because it was very intresting and it keped me reading.

Anna M says

I really loved this book, it had a powerful and strong beginning with a huge plot twist from the start. Within the first few pages, you find out that Jude's father died and he was a cocaine distributor. He was shot by two men who Jude refused to give up their names when questioned. Jude was only 15. The DA was Jude's mother but she had no idea that was his son and he had no idea that was her mother since she left at birth. At least that is what Jude believes but then the mother tells Jude that she was, in fact, being abused and shortly after giving birth to Jude the father had stolen the baby and ran away. The mother tried to find him but couldn't. There was a letter that said Anna was his mother that the police found in the apartment where the father was murdered. Since he now had no place to live he was able to move in with his mother and her "good friend." Jude's perseverance throughout the book is very empowering and inspiring. He grew up without a mother and an abusive drug addict of a father. Seeing exactly who the murders are he couldn't fess up or else he would be killed and suffer man consequences. Jude was struggling academically in school. His wealthy mother never had any time for Jude, leaving him lonely. He wanted to be popular at that school so he showed one of the popular boys to a drug dealer from his old poor neigborhood, who died from a drug overdose. Police are trying to connect the dots and are thinking it was Jude. Having to save his mother's reputation he pleads guilty to a drug crime he didn't even commit. He then spends the next five years in prison constantly being abused. By reading this novel you can see that he has fear, shame, and anger he deals with. Harry the mother's good friend and Jude have severe rivalry issues. His father had betrayed him, lying and said Anna, his mother had died. One theme that is very prominent in this book is how Jude's perspective on his mother changes from a wealthy strong smart woman who needed to be impressed to just another human. A major symbol I believe that is in this book is Judes fighting. He is fighting physically but in a sense, it symbolizes him fighting mentally with himself on a sub-conscious level that he is trying to escape and push away his thoughts of fear and shame and anger inside of him. Towards the end of the book Jude

fights a lot less than what he was doing before and maybe that means he had started to accept that way life really is and his reality just like he accepted his mother isn't a god but shes just another human. So when he stopped fighting physically he stopped fighting mentally too.

Angela Demario says

I didn't know what to expect from this book. A friend had recommended it to me. "Jude" did not disappoint. I could not put it down!
