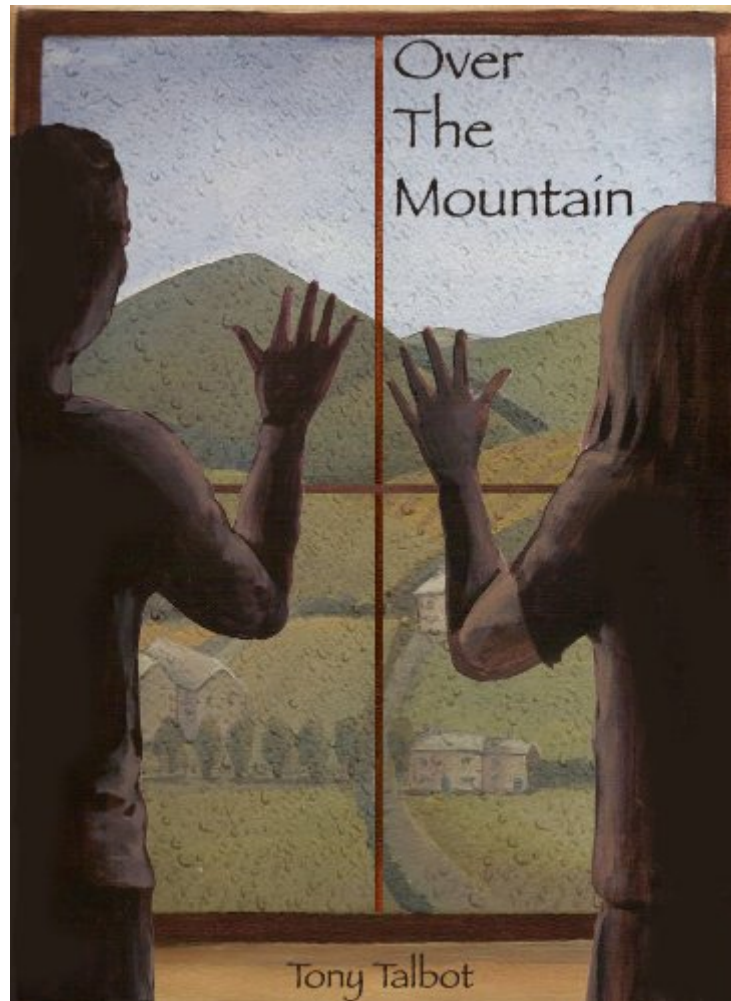




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In the sleepy and isolated English village of Inklesham lives 15-year-old Jenna Adams. Life is quiet for Jenna: She fills her diary and her days with midnight rainstorms, working at the local pizza shop and thoughts about her school friends - and enemies. The arrival of the new boy in the village throws Jenna's life into a spin. Scott Thomas is like no one she's ever met, a strange and somehow haunted young boy. For a while, love for the two of them is simple and easy. Then things start going wrong. Why does Scott lie to Jenna about where he's been and who he's been with? What's the secret that he and the brother of Jenna's best friend seem determined to keep? A tragic event threatens to overwhelm Jenna, and her life starts to spiral out of control, gradually slipping through her fingers and away...

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Customer Reviews

Jenna Adams, the protagonist, is an average teenager living with her Uncle Clark in the sleepy little village of Inklesham. She is not a skinny supermodel - super popular sort we usually come across in

books and movies. Instead she is someone we all can actually identify with. She lives her life in the best way one can in a small community where everybody knows everybody, filling her time with school, friends and her Journal. Then a new family moves into town and Scott, the cute new guy at school, starts paying attention to her. Life takes a different turn for Jenna in ways that we can never imagine. I finished reading this book quite a while back but kept on procrastinating when it came to write a review. To say that I was in shock would be putting it lightly. Originally, the summary of the book had me thinking that this would be just another book about teenage drama and boy was I right!?! It had a lot of drama alright, but not the usual 'Why won't he love me?' or 'Nobody really understands me' sorts. This book actually deals with a lot of serious issues. The book is written in journal entry form. I like that because it is sometimes such a change. Mostly it is written from Jenna's point of view with a few entries from Uncle Clark - just give us a look at Jenna from a different perspective other than her own. The language is simple and easy - just like the language you or I would use while writing a journal, making it more realistic. I also love the idea that the author has incorporated into the story about the psyche of a teenager and how they react to things happening involving and/or around them. I was right along Jenna in her life. I found it easy to like the happy Jenna, not so much with the moping Jenna and at times felt like smacking her when she was being stupid. When I finished reading the book, my first reaction was - what that's it? Isn't the author going to tell us more about Scott and Tim's motives? But as I let the whole story sink in I felt as if that was the best way things could have. I felt really sad for Uncle Clark - he is a good man. I would have rated this book a full 5 star hadn't it been for a few typos I came across. But there are only a couple of them and that too nothing major to put you off the book. So, irrespective of the 4.5 Stars I am giving it, I would like to recommend this book to anyone and everyone - No matter what your reading preferences are - give this book a try. It is just 145 pages - so if you know how to read - read this book!

Tony I hate that you made me cry! This was raw, sad, emotionally packed and thankfully short! I don't think I would have gotten through much more... The words were all blurry from the tears. Don't read this book if you want a happy read! Read this book if you want to experience depression and anguish of a teenage girl. Over the mountain is written in diary entry form, which may not be to everyone's tastes, it really did work though! I hope to never feel that way! Ever! Some things I noticed (before the words got too blurry): 2% - 'Friends every (ever) since!' 3% - 'My mum and (dad) died...' 17% - 'He sat some (remove some) through some ribbing...' 27% - '...she was worried we (she) wouldn't get a seat...'

What I was expecting and what I read were two completely different things. That's not to say I didn't enjoy it. I really did enjoy reading the book and it kept my attention and kept me wondering what in the hell was going on and what in the hell was the big secret. I'm not really sure what I was expecting exactly, but it was an enjoyable surprise. The book is done in a diary format, not expecting that. However, it worked. It is the diary of the main character Jenna, a 15 soon to be 16 yr old girl that lives with her Uncle. Her parents passed away and her Uncle is her only remaining relative. She ends up falling for a new student by the name of Scott. They start dating and everything seems to go along swimmingly at first. Then slowly Scott's depression starts rearing it's ugly head and gets in the way of their romance. That's all I'm going to share with you. Like me, you have to pick up this one and experience it for yourself. It's not going to leave you with a warm fuzzy feeling of a fairy tale. However, it is still one hell of an interesting read.

Jenna's tale is the tale of an emo. The story is not bad, but not a late night friendly read. And definitely not a child friendly read.

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