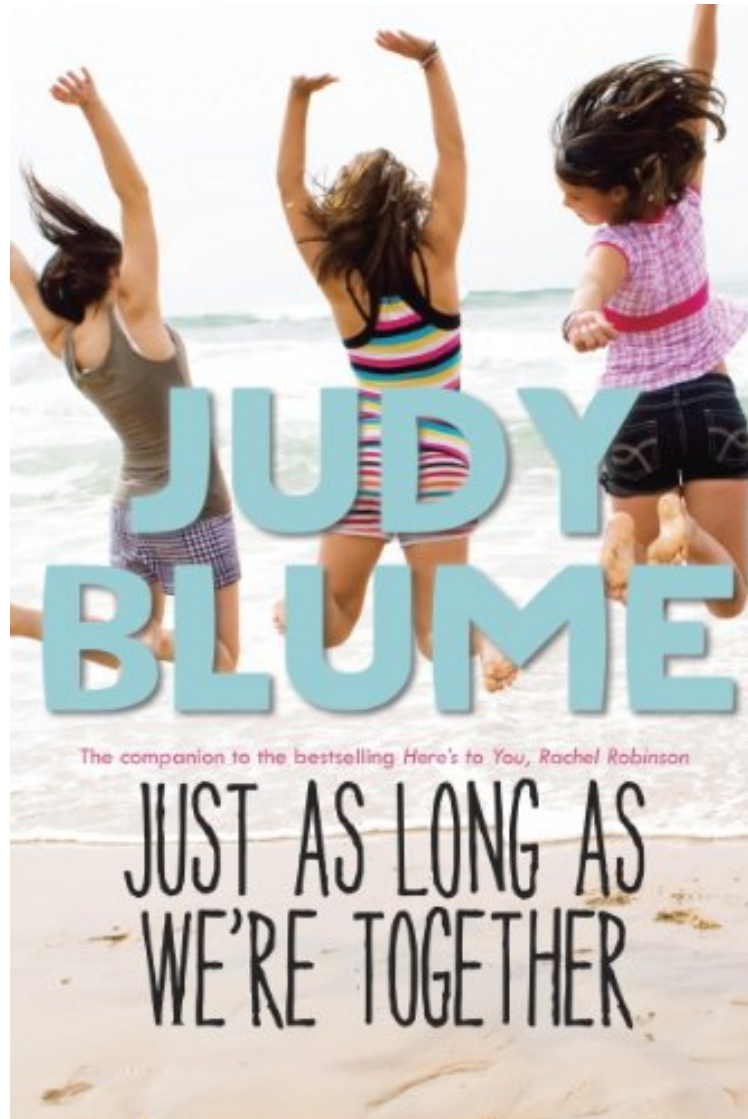


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Von Judy Blume : Just as Long as We're Together before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Just as Long as We're Together:

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A Must-read for all Young WomenVon Ein KundeI have been reading and re-reading this novel for many years and have loved it each and every time. The characters in the novel are just beginning 7th grade, and have just begun to grapple with their changing class periods, their changing friendships, and their changing selves, to name a few. When I first read this book way back in 4th grade, there were parts of Just As Long As We're Together that I didn't understand, but

all the same, I loved the fresh, personal voice of the characters. 8 years later, I will be in 12th grade and I can't remember how many times I have read this book- probably at least twice a year. And after all those years, I STILL find this book as touching and relevant to my life as a young woman. All topics that could be relevant to coming-of-age girls are touched upon in this book- friendship, sibling rivalry, family relationships, first crushes; but what impressed me the most was the sweetness and thoughtfulness with which all these topics are covered- thankfully at the same time lacking the pettiness, revenge, and mature romance that are all-too-prevalent in the typical pre-teen novel. I certainly feel that this book is a necessary read for all young women at some point in their lives. This book is appealing, entertaining, heart-warming, and inspiring. This is definitely one of the best young-adult novels I have read- I think of it more like a handbook for young girls, giving them a thoughtful insight into some of the more frightening and confusing aspects of growing up. Just As Long As We're Together is an absolutely lovely book and a must-read for all young women. 1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. This was the best book I have ever read!!!! Von Ein Kunde This was a great book. It was definitely Blume's best. It is a great book for young teens who like to read about other girls their age. This book is about 3 girls who are about 12 years old. They are all best friends. Stephanie, an over-weight girl suffering from her parents splitting up, she is also very jealous of her best Rachel who is just perfect in everything is the main character in this book. The 2 girls have been best friends since second grade. But then Stephanie makes a new friend, Alison, and now they are all best friends. Then Stephanie and Rachel get into a big fight because Rachel thinks Stephanie chooses Alison over her. They may become friends again at the end but you should read the sequel, "Here's to You Rachel Robinson", as well, to find out. This is a great story of friendship and of girls growing up. I highly suggest it to people 9 to 18. 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Good Job Judy Von Ein Kunde I am very offended at a previous reviewer's suggestion that parents "beware" and prevent their children from reading this book. Whatever you are afraid your child will encounter in this novel, they are going to encounter in real life sooner or later. Reading novels such as this where the main characters comfort an older girl who broke up with her boyfriend because he wanted to go too far is a great way to introduce girls to how sex may enter into their lives. The girls are sensible and agree with the older girl that she did the right thing. This provides an example of the strength of sisterhood. Secondly, it teaches compassion for girls who are at different points in their sexual discovery. Should the younger girls have shunned the older girl for dating someone interested in sex, for being more experienced. What does this attitude teach children. That sex is bad and people who have it should be ignored. Girls will sooner or later experiment with sex, whatever they decide to do with their own bodies, they should learn to support people who have made different decisions. Furthermore, this book deals with many more issues than a few sentences about sex! It talks about divorce, adoption, siblings, parents, and most important the way long-term friendships change while growing up.

Kurzbeschreibung From the New York Times bestselling author of Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret and the adult bestseller In the Unlikely Event comes a tale of family, friendship, and pre-teen life like only JUDY BLUME can deliver. The companion to Heres to You, Rachel Robinson. Can you have more than one best friend? Stephanie's best friend is Rachel. Since second grade they've shared everything, good and bad. But now it's the start of seventh grade and Alison has just moved to their neighborhood. Stephanie immediately clicks with her new cool and fun and totally humble even though she's the daughter of a famous actress. Stephanie hopes all three of them can be best friends, but the more she pushes Alison on Rachel, the more Rachel seems to drift away. Is it possible to have two best friends? Or is it true that two's company, three's a crowd? Judy Blume does it again in what may be her best book yet! American Bookseller From the Trade Paperback edition. From School Library Journal Grade 5-7 Blume once again chronicles the customs, mores, and lifestyle of preteen girls. This first-person narrative touches on many themes found in her previous novels: friendship, emerging sexuality, body weight, the family, menstruation. The freshness and intimacy of 13-year-old Stephanie Hirsch's account infuse those themes with originality. Stephanie enters seventh grade armed with innate optimism, two best friends, and a supportive mom. She gradually assimilates the devastating news of her parents' separation, endures the pain of an all-out fight with her oldest best friend, and comforts her young brother through nightmares of nuclear war. The Blume trademarks of realistic dialogue, funny non sequiturs, and forthright misinformation (gullible Stephanie is told by her friend that hairy legs on a boy indicate sexual experience) are much in evidence. The inviting jacket design, showing the three friends in a fit of giggles, perfectly evokes the upbeat story. Susan H. Patron, Los Angeles Public Library Copyright 1987 Reed Business Information, Inc. Pressestimmen The popular author returns to the junior-high age with an episodic story about a three-way friendship during a seventh-grade year. Tall, super-bright Rachel and narrator Stephanie have been best friends forever. When diminutive Alison - a Vietnamese adoptee whose mother is a well-known TV star - moves to their neighborhood, she easily joins their circle; Alison's unassuming charm makes her everyone's favorite, and her family is pleasantly ordinary. Meanwhile, Stephanie is beset by various pressures: Rachel neglects to tell her that she's been transferred to an accelerated math class; more important, Dad is "away on business" for months. When it turns out at Thanksgiving that her parents are

trying a separation, it is a total surprise to Stephanie, partly because of her self-absorption, partly because her parents have dropped astonishingly few hints. Stephanie's angry response includes a food binge; the resulting fat complicates possible friendships with boys, who are just starting to be more interesting. Come spring, Stephanie begins to accept her parents' wish to live apart; a quarrel with Rachel, the inevitable consequence of the year's tensions and jealousies, is sorted out; and she loses weight. Blume still excels at assembling the minutiae and concerns of today's young with a humorous style and enough insight to win her readers. Devotees will set themselves a valuable precedent by reading a book of this length. Light; sure to please. (Kirkus s)