



*Far from the Tree* by Robin Benway  
Reviewed by Emily



Realistic Fiction

### **Give a summary without spoilers!**

Grace decides to look for her biological mother after putting her own daughter up for adoption, and she discovers that she has two siblings. Grace meets her sister Maya and they work together to find their brother, Joaquin. He has been in the foster care system for his whole life and is coping with past trauma. Maya has grown up in a loving family, but has always felt like she doesn't belong. The three half-siblings connect with each other through family struggles, breakups, and more. After some hesitation from Maya and Joaquin, they ultimately decide to go on a search for their biological mom. The result brings them closer than ever before.

### **What drew you to this book?**

The storyline of this book really drew me in. I found it really interesting to think about what it would be like to discover that you had two siblings you'd never met before.

### **Did it remind you of something that you've previously read?**

This book reminds me of "You Have a Match" by Emma Lord because in that book, the main character also discovers they have a sibling and goes on a search for them.

### **To whom would you recommend this book?**

*Far from the Tree* by Robin Benway is a great read for someone looking for a realistic fiction book that explores the idea of what family means, and for someone who likes a little bit of romance.

### **Overall, did you like it and would you recommend it to others?**

Overall, I really liked this book and would recommend it to others. I enjoyed how each chapter was from a different sibling's perspective, and I think the characters were very easy to like. However, I wish the author went a bit more into detail about the sibling's lives before they met, but this was a great book.

**Anything else that you would like to add to this review? What made you choose it? Did you like the cover? Was it recommended to you? Did you find it at the library?**

I chose this book because the colorful cover drew me in, and then I read the description and I was very interested in the storyline.