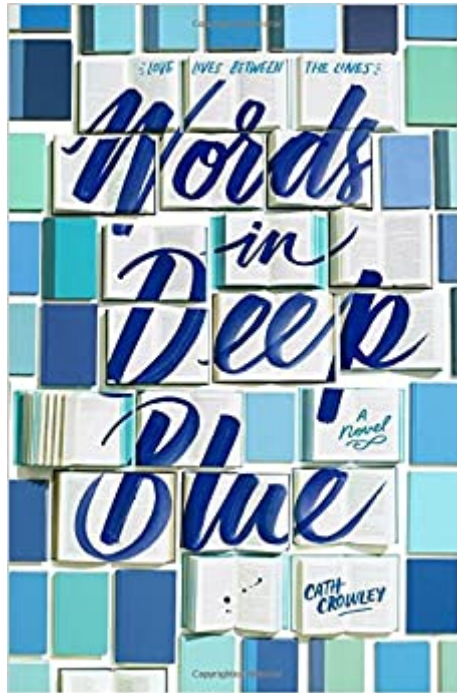




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# Words In Deep Blue



## Synopsis

“One of the loveliest, most exquisitely beautiful books I’ve read in a very long time. . . I didn’t just read the pages, I lived in them.”  
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A beautiful love story for fans of Jandy Nelson and Nicola Yoon: two teens find their way back to each other in a bookstore full of secrets and crushes, grief and hope and letters hidden between the pages.  
Years ago, Rachel had a crush on Henry Jones. The day before she moved away, she tucked a love letter into his favorite book in his family’s bookshop. She waited. But Henry never came.  
Now Rachel has returned to the city and to the bookshop to work alongside the boy she’d rather not see, if at all possible, for the rest of her life. But Rachel needs the distraction. Her brother drowned months ago, and she can’t feel anything anymore.  
As Henry and Rachel work side by side surrounded by books, watching love stories unfold, exchanging letters between the pages they find hope in each other. Because life may be uncontrollable, even unbearable sometimes. But it’s possible that words, and love, and second chances are enough.

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—Booklist, starred review “Reading Words in Deep Blue feels a little bit like a slow dance, or falling in love, or swimming in the ocean on a rainy day. It’s a stunning reminder of the power of words and books and stories that will leave your heart full and heavy and hungry for more. Cath Crowley is magic.”

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—School Library Journal, starred review “Crowley captures quiet moments with aching beauty and tenderness; her empathy for teen girls recalls Deb Caletti and Sarah Dessen.”

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What did I love about this book? Everything! What do I wish the author had talked about? The Word of God, and how the Word of God brings life and joy, all the time, but specially if you are grieving. While I do not believe in reincarnation, I do believe that the Word of God has power over death. This is just a beautiful written book with a powerful message. Please take time to enjoy it!

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