

# Booklist Review

Books For Youth - Fiction - General Fiction



## **No Place to Fall.**

**Brown, Jaye Robin (author).**

Dec. 2014. 368p. HarperTeen, hardcover, \$17.99 ([9780062270993](https://www.amazon.com/dp/9780062270993)). Grades 9-12.

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Amber Vaughn is an extraordinary singer from the mountains of North Carolina. But her situation isn't idyllic. Her family is poor, her father cheats on his wife, and her brother-in-law is a known drug dealer. The only thing she wants in life is to get out of her small town and sing on a real stage. During her junior year, Amber makes two major decisions: to get into an esteemed arts school in nearby Winston-Salem and to help a new friend regain his ability to play the music he loves. When the two decisions collide, the result causes complications for both herself and the people she loves the most: her family, her friends, and the boy for whom she falls hard. Lyrically written with a deep sense of place and music, Brown's story allows the heroine to stumble, falter, and suffer consequences without forcing a tidy, happy ending. There is so much joy within the pages that the sorrow hits hard and emotions rise and fall and rise again like a vocalist running scales. — *Jeanne Fredriksen*



## **Booklist Editors Recommend**

Titles similar to *No Place to Fall*

- *Lola and the Boy Next Door*
- *This Song Will Save Your Life*
- *We All Looked Up*
- *Under the Spotlight*
- *Between the Notes*
- *Along for the Ride*