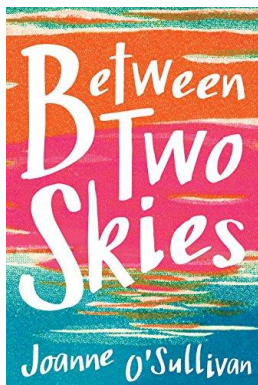


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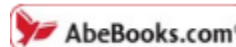


**Between Two Skies.**

**O'Sullivan, Joanne (author).**

Apr. 2017. 272p. Candlewick, hardcover, \$16.99 ([9780763690342](https://www.amazon.com/dp/9780763690342)). Grades 7-12. [REVIEW](#). First published February 15, 2017 (*Booklist*).

Sixteen-year-old Evangeline Riley has a rich and contented life. Tiny Bayou Perdu, a shrimping and fishing town in Louisiana, offers all she needs: best friends, family, salt air, gumbo, and pure peace when she's on the water. During a local festival, she meets Tru, a Vietnamese boy she can't get out of her mind; but shortly thereafter, Hurricane Katrina forces evacuation. Chaos and destruction push them away, as the Rileys seek refuge with an aunt in Atlanta. There Evangeline feels lost and restless, craving home and the familiar, while her family struggles to rebuild their lives. When she and Tru discover they attend the same high school with other Katrina "refugees," they forge an unbreakable bond. However, life remains unstable for them both, and when Evangeline's family is given a FEMA trailer back home, not everyone in the Riley family wants to return. O'Sullivan's debut novel excels in its expressive language and the use of place: a colorful home, a city that contrasts with the one Evangeline lost, and the aftermath of the storm that destroyed almost everything she holds dear. Told in a strong, purposeful voice filled with controlled emotion and hope, the impact of Katrina on families is as compelling as Evangeline's drive to regain her sense of self and belonging.— *Jeanne Fredriksen*



## Booklist Editors Recommend

Titles similar to *Between Two Skies*

- *Hurricane Song*
- *Ninth Ward*
- *Color Blind*