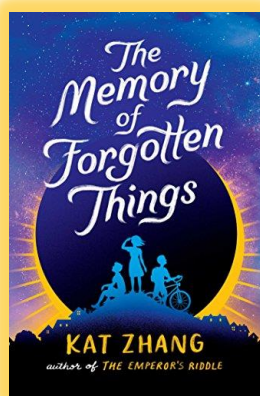


Booklist Review

Books For Youth - Fiction - General Fiction



The Memory of Forgotten Things.

Zhang, Kat (author).

May 2018. 288p. Aladdin, hardcover, \$17.99 ([9781481478656](#)).

Grades 4-7.

REVIEW. First published March 15, 2018 (*Booklist*).

Near the end of seventh grade, Sophia is assigned to a group project about solar eclipses with DJ (a quiet artist) and Luke (a known delinquent). When Sophia and DJ

discover they were born on the same day as the last solar eclipse, they also realize they've both been experiencing inexplicable memories. For Sophia, these are vivid recollections of her mother, whose death precludes them from being possible. During their research, Sophia fixates on the theory of parallel worlds: worlds where her mother doesn't die, DJ's beloved stepdad exists, and Luke's older sister isn't killed in a car accident. Sophia convinces DJ and Luke that under the right conditions, like the upcoming eclipse, they can cross to parallel worlds where things are better. The adage about the grass being greener is hard at work in this novel, as is the possibility of parallel worlds. With unwavering hope and focus, and new friendships with unlikely peers, the novel is entertaining and sweet. A similar exploration of grief is found in Christopher Edge's *The Many Worlds of Albie Bright* (2017). — *Jeanne Fredriksen*



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Editors

Recommend

Titles similar to *The Memory of Forgotten Things*

- *The Remarkable Journey of Charlie Price*
- *The Many Worlds of Albie Bright*