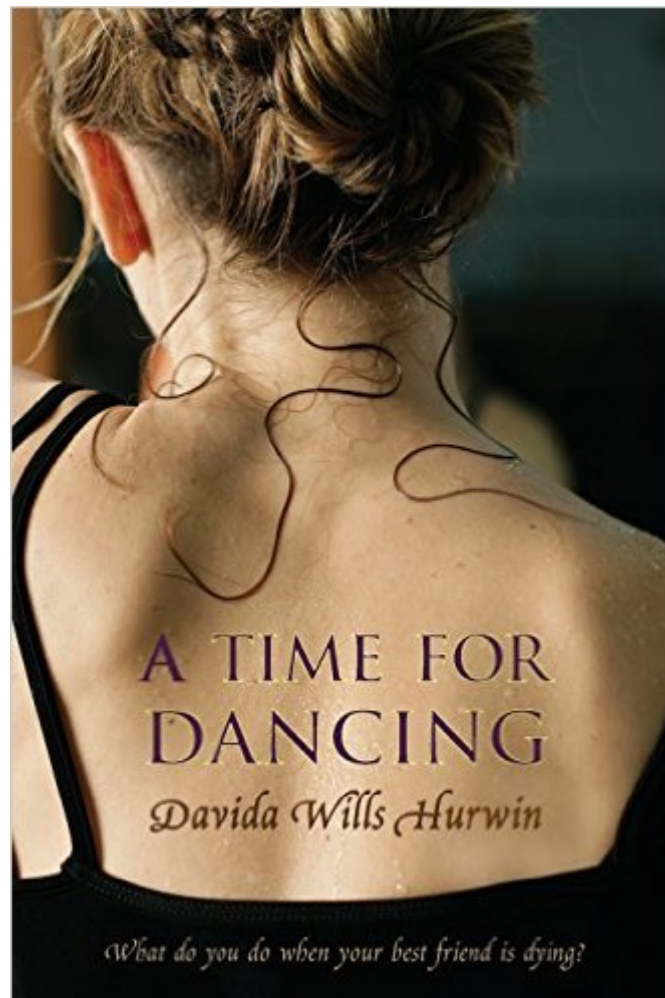


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# A Time For Dancing



## Synopsis

Sam and Jules - everyone knows that when you see one, the other can't be far behind. Best friends for more than half their lives, the two are practically inseparable. And in the summer before their last year of high school, Sam and Jules are certain that whatever the future brings - college or professional dance careers or both - they'll be ready for it, sharing the triumphs and facing the tears together. But nothing could have prepared them for Jules's sudden illness and the discovery of its cause - cancer. Sam tries to be a true friend, supporting Jules during the weeks of testing and doctors and treatments, but the horrifying pain and indignities that Jules suffers, and the feeling that she has lost control over her own life, force Jules to a place where even Sam cannot follow. Now both Jules and Sam must learn to accept the unacceptable - that Jules's cancer may not go away. How each, in her own way, comes to face the possibility of Jules's death, and learns to celebrate her life, makes for a searingly honest, unforgettable novel.

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## Customer Reviews

I bought this book for my 14 year old, because she loves dancing and she heard about it and wanted it. I picked it up to have a look and I just cried straight through the last 2/3 of the book. I had to skim some of it (it is a teenage read), but it's really quite good. There's a nice play back and forth between best friends: one lovely girl with cancer, and another equally lovely girl without cancer. The first has a very creditable relationship with her mother and family (a big part of the cry) and the other has an absolutely awful mother and an absent father. Both of their lives trickle down the drain pretty

realistically during a relentless year of chemotherapy. Altogether well done - though I didn't appreciate the insensitive woman doctor - no pediatric cancer doctor could possibly be that hard-edged. I think of my daughter sitting in her big chair and reading this book in one sitting, thinking about her own friends, and dancing, and trying to figure out what cancer is and why people die, and crying. Of course, she's a girl, and she'll really love it. Big recommendation to all the soft-hearted teenage girls out there.

A Time for Dancing was so wonderful, I could not stop crying even after I finished, this book touched my heart not like any other has. I felt that I knew both girls and had a connection with them since I too take ballet and the strange thing is one of my dance teachers name is Linda and I have a good friend named Julie. This was a very hard book to read in the fact that you knew what was going to happen, but when and how it was going to end. I think Davida Wills Hurwin is one of the best authors I've read, thank you for writing and publishing this book, it truly was amazing and inspirational...I'm looking forward to sequel....I hope it is as good as this one.....I would totally think everyone should read this book, it should be a novel for english classes everywhere...all I can say is WOW!!!!

I picked up this book at the library a few years ago, and I was hooked after only a few pages. Now, I have my own copy and have read it over a dozen times. This novel is about two high-school seniors, Samantha and Juliana (Sam and Jules). Their future holds great plans for college and dancing, but when Julie is diagnosed with cancer, their world is shattered. Both girls' lives change for the worse as they try to cope with all that Julie goes through. Hurwin is an excellent writer, and I cry every time I read the ending. The characters are so well-formed that I often must remind myself that they are only fictional. As I am a junior in high school, I can relate to almost every scene. I recommend this book for anyone in grades 6-12 looking for an awesome read to remember.

This is the story of two teenage girls, Sam and Jules who have grown inseparable over the years. When Jules discovers she has cancer, not only does her world turn upside down but so does her best friend's. Davida Hurwin takes you through a whirl of contradictory emotions; anger, sorrow and grief. I am a sophomore in high school and this was recommended as a quick and easy but wonderful read. It took me only about two hours to get through it. Captivating, I recommend this for all ages.

I didn't love this book. I wanted to like this book but I couldn't get over all of the whining. The characters were kind of annoying and hard to enjoy at times. I guess it is realistic in that they are like people and not perfect but I kept hoping for a change in the writing and the attitudes presented.

Saw the movie before I actually read the book I love the book more now. Jules and Sam relationship is amazing and how they cope when one of them gets sick. They still go through the ups and downs or being a teenage girl.

I LOVE THIS BOOK!! IT WAS JUST WONDERFUL!! I couldn't put this book down for the life of me. It was a extremely well written book. Great for teens. I related to this book so well. I really say that you should read this book and then the sequel "The Further You Run" I enjoyed it more than the original book, but read this one first! BUY IT NOW YOU WILL NOT REGRET IT!

This was one of the most realistic looks at the raw emotion surrounding a child with terminal illness that I've read. I loved that we got to see the decline of a lovable character both through her eyes and her best friend's.

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