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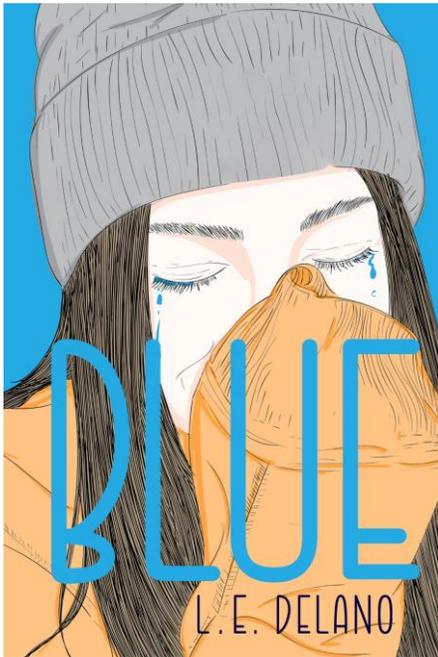
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BLUE

A teen learns the importance of perspective and living your life in forward motion in this introspective Contemporary YA novel by L.E. DeLano, author of TRAVELER and DREAMER.



Blue's older brother was involved in a car accident that killed the father of her classmate, Maya Rodriguez. Now Maya has returned to school determined to make Blue's life a living hell in the aftermath. To add to the misery, Blue has a demanding mother, a father who's never around, a drama-addicted best friend, and a secretive new guy who's determined to make Blue his own personal cheer-up project.

When Maya's taunts finally push Blue to retaliate, they find themselves in afterschool detention, forced into a project meant to foster cooperation and civility. Blue learns about Maya—and her own sense of privilege—while secrets are revealed that cast a new perspective on everything in Blue's world.

Praise for Blue:

2021 SCBWI SPARK Award Winner * 2021-22 Reader Views Reviewers Choice Gold Medal YA Fiction * 2021-22 Reader Views Kids Teen/YA Book of the Year * 2021-22 Reader Views Reviewers Choice Grand Prize in Fiction - Bronze Award Winner * 2021 NYC Big Book Award Distinguished Favorite in Young Adult Fiction * 2021 Independent Press Award Distinguished Favorite – Teen

"Overall: 10.00 out of 10. DeLano has an excellent ear for teens' idiomatic speech . . . This is a fast-paced novel focused more on feelings and the social world of teens . . . An easy read for its intended audience." - **BookLife Prize by Publisher's Weekly**

"Blue highlights the importance of what happens when one bad decision alters the course of a life. High school readers will relate to the mental health struggles Blue goes through. This book is an easy read and ends on a light note with a positive message despite the difficult events." - **Danielle Corrao for the Pennsylvania School Librarians Association (PSLA) Lit Review**

"Blue by L.E. DeLano is an intense and completely engrossing YA novel about perspective . . . a must read for teens and anyone else who enjoys a great fictional story." - **Paige Lovitt for Reader Views Kids**

L.E. DeLano lives and writes in Pennsylvania with two hilarious kids and two ridiculous cats.

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