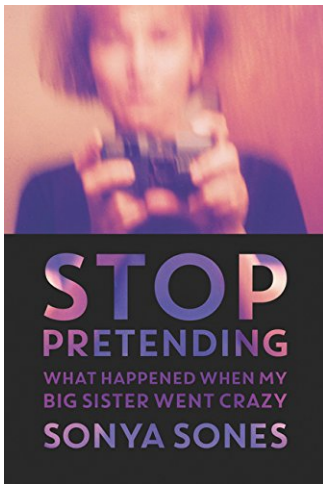


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Description:

The subtitle of *Stop Pretending* says it all: "What Happened When My Big Sister Went Crazy." In a sequence of short, intense poems based on the author's own experiences, a 13-year-old girl suffers through her shifting feelings about her sibling's mental illness. She recalls the terror of the Christmas Eve when Sister was suddenly transformed into a stranger; the horror of visiting Sister in the hospital and finding her rocking on all fours; the fear that her friends will find out; her own worry that she, too, may lose her mind; and her wistful memories of Sister as she was before. More complex emotions are also explored, such as her irrational suspicion that Sister may be deliberately acting crazy, as poignantly expressed in the title poem: "Stop pretending./ Right this minute./ Don't you tell me/ you don't know me./ Stop this crazy act/ and show me/ that you haven't changed./ Stop pretending/ you're deranged." Gradually, as Sister begins to recover, the girl is able to find hope and again take

pleasure in her own life. Blank verse is perfect for a story with such heightened emotion, and is a format that has been used with great success in other fine novels for teens, notably the Newbery-award winning , by Karen Hesse, and Robert Cormier's boyhood memoir, . Teen readers may even be so inspired as to try their own hand at this challenging but satisfying form. (Ages 10 and older) --*Patty Campbell* --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

From School Library Journal Grade 6-9-An unpretentious, accessible book that could provide entry points for a discussion about mental illness-its stigma, its realities, and its affect on family members. Based on the journals Sones wrote at the age of 13 when her 19-year-old sister was hospitalized due to manic depression, the simply crafted but deeply felt poems reflect her thoughts, fears, hopes, and dreams during that troubling time. In one poem, the narrator fears that "If I stay/any longer/than an hour,/ I'll see that my eyes/have turned into her eyes,/my lips/have turned into her lips, ." She dreads having her friends learn of her sister's illness. "If I told them that my sister's nuts,/they might act sympathetic,/but behind my back/would everyone laugh?" and wonders what she could have done to prevent the breakdown. All of the emotions and feelings are here, the tightness in the teen's chest when thinking about her sibling in the hospital, her grocery list of adjectives for mental illness, and the honest truth in the collection's smallest poem, "I don't want to see you./I dread it./There./I've said it." An insightful author's note and brief list of organizations are included.

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Stop Pretending book. Read 576 reviews from the world's largest community for readers. Continuously in print for nearly two decades, this groundbreaking ... Goodreads helps you keep track of books you want to read. Start by marking "Stop Pretending: What Happened When My Big Sister Went Crazy" as Want to Read: Want to Read saving... Want to Read. Stop Pretending: What Happened When My Big Sister Went Crazy (1999) is a novel in verse by Sonya Sones. The free-verse novel follows Cookie, a thirteen-year-old girl, whose older sister is hospitalized on Christmas Eve when she has an intense breakdown that is eventually diagnosed as manic depression. The novel is loosely based on Sones's own journals from her childhood, when her own sister went through the same treatment. This book, STOP PRETENDING: WHAT HAPPED WHEN My BIG SISTER WENT CRAZY, was on a required reading list for a course I took in Young Adult Literature. I could not put it down. On Christmas Eve, "A wild-eyed Jewish girl wearing only a nightgown," rushes out of the house to go to Midnight Mass. She is in the midst of a nervous breakdown. After this, she is institutionalized, but life must go on for the family. Told through the poems of the younger sister, 13 year-old Cookie, this novel is based upon real life events of the author. In her poems, in which we have the unfolding of the story My whole family -- My sister's Christmas eve breakdown -- Three A.M. that same night -- Near dawn -- Hospitalized -- Questions -- Thin skin -- New Year's eve -- What it's like -- I wonder -- Midnight swing -- Paper doll -- In the morning - - Breakfast time -- Nothing has changed -- Wondering through the halls at school -- In art class -- Instead of studying during study hall -- At lunch -- Thoughts during English class -- First flight -- What would happen if -- Since sister's been sick -- Snapshot -- Found and. Lost -- Things would be different -- The phone lines -- My sup

What we do. Every page goes through several hundred of perfecting techniques; in live mode. Quite the same Wikipedia. Just better. Great Wikipedia has got greater. . Leo. Newton. Brights. The novel is loosely based on Sones's own journals from her childhood, when her own sister went through the same treatment. References. ^ Stop Pretending at Fantastic Fiction. External links. Author's web site. Basis of this page is in Wikipedia. Text is available under the CC BY-SA 3.0 Unported License. When and how long does the family usually go to visit Cookie's sister at the hospital? a. Sunday for 4 hours b. Saturday for 1 hour c. Sunday for 1 hour d. Monday for 2 hours. c. Sunday for 1 hour. What song does Cookie tell Dr. Saunders that her father sings in a high voice? a. Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star b. Dear Little Buttercup c. Mary Had a Little Lamb d. I'm a Little Tea-Pot. What Disney character does Sister compare herself to? a. Ariel from The Little Mermaid b. Jasmine from Aladdin c. Belle from The Beauty and the Beast d. Alice from Alice in Wonderland. d. Alice from Alice in Wonderland. How long had Audrey Becker's mother been missing before she was found face down in the pond? a. two days b. one week c. two weeks d. five days. Read Stop Pretending by Sonya Sones with a free trial. Read unlimited* books and audiobooks on the web, iPad, iPhone and Android. A girls sister goes crazy on Christmas and she doesnt know why she is mad because her sister has forgotten her name and her sister acts like she doesnt know her which makes her mad. df6b_kelseyc. Stop Pretending: What Happened When My Sister Went Crazy was an okay book in my opinion. It pretty much went straight to the point. There would be a lot of things I would change though. My sister's christmas eve breakdown. One day she was my big sister, so normal and well-behaved, the next she was a stranger rushing out the door to Midnight Mass, a wild-eyed Jewish girl wearing only a nightgown. One day he was my dad, so calm and quiet and. 15/212. I'm thinking about when I was five, when my sister tried to convince me that I was adopted. She pointed out that no one else in our family had green eyes, no one else had such big ears, or such wavy brown hair and olive skin. She said I must be part Italian and started calling me Cookachini. At the time, my parents had to show me my birth certificate just to get me to stop bawling. You didn't look crazy at all back then. I wish you could be eight again. Found and lost.