

***Blue Sky July* by Nia Wyn**

Summary

“My heart has reshaped a thousand broken pieces, and for every moment I still want to heal him there are a thousand when I know he’s perfect, exactly as he is.”

This book will challenge your heart and change your views.

Set between the summers of 1998 and 2005 in Cardiff, *Blue Sky July* is the true story of Nia, whose son Joe suffers a devastating brain injury. Through her intimate day-by-day musings, the book explores the impact of the tragedy on Nia’s home life, love life, friendships and connection to the world, as the most extraordinary relationship unfolds between herself and Joe.

Lyrical, inspiring and utterly compelling, Nia Wyn’s powerful yet acutely sensitive account of her experiences will make an indelible impression on all who read it. A testament to the power of a mother’s unconditional love for her son, *Blue Sky July* is a book that deserves to be read by everyone.

About the author

Originally from North Wales, Nia Wyn has worked as a journalist in Wales and London. She now lives in Cardiff with her nine-year-old son, Joe, where she is studying for an MA in Creative Writing.

Questions

1. Explore the concept of journey or journeys in *Blue Sky July*?
2. The title of this book has the word sky in it – how does the writer use sky in the novel to convey emotion?
3. How are the themes of light and shadow significant in this book, and what do they represent?
4. In what way are miracles to be understood in relation to *Blue Sky July*?
5. Did this book challenge your heart or change your views? If so, why?