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# Been Here All Along

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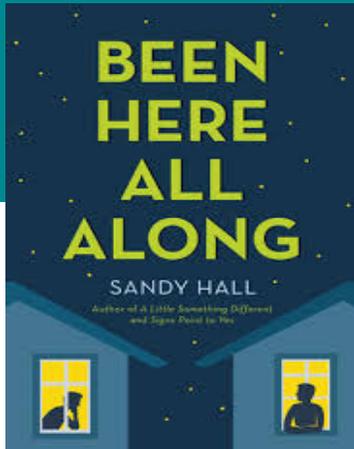
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## Book Review

### Been Here All Along

#### Author

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#### Rating

Excellent

#### Level

Young Adult

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214

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Gideon is just trying to focus on doing well in high school, staying involved, and getting into a good college. Falling in love with his best friend/next-door-neighbor was not going to help his focus. Kyle is already dating the beautiful head cheerleader Ruby, and Gideon has never thought about if he's gay or not before. He tries to shut down his feelings before something catastrophic happens. Kyle is doing relatively well in life—he's got a great girlfriend and an awesome best friend. But when Ruby and Gideon both start acting weird around him, Kyle knows something is up, but he can't figure out what. And why does he keep feeling weird around Gideon, almost like he's developing feelings for him? Through many mishaps, misunderstandings, and drunken revelations, Kyle and Gideon realize that love has been there all along for them, and they're willing to work for it.

This is a pretty cute romance about two best friends who slowly come to terms with the fact that they've been in love with each other for a long time. It's a nice look at a homosexual romance, one where there's relatively little drama centering around their sexuality and more drama focused on the actual relationship and development thereof. Gideon's parents are very accepting of him when he comes out, and Kyle is established as bisexual when the book begins. While there's nothing wrong with this book necessarily, there's nothing really outstanding about it either. It's fluff, but pretty well-written fluff. Teen romance fans will get a kick out of the humorous situations and blushing, bashful declarations of love. All in all, a good book for those who want a more unconventional romance.

\*Moderate language, mild sexual content, and some underage drinking.