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All the Ways the World can End

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All the Ways the World Can End by Abby Sher is the emotional story of a girl who has many phobias, including the cancer that is killing her father. As Eleanor battles her fears and fights for her father’s life, she tries to find love, makes mistakes, and ultimately discovers herself. True friends, family, and her own determination keep her afloat in this scary world.

All the Ways the World Can End has a compelling story, but also falls short in many ways. Eleanor is a unique character, but at times her motivations and reactions are unclear. Her quirks have no explanation and it can be hard to relate to her. Some subplots of the book also seem unnecessary and inappropriate for the intended audience. While it is a beautiful story of a girl learning to cope with the fact that the cancer will claim her father’s life, it isn’t the best book for young adults who may be uncomfortable reading LGBT and sexual themes.

*Contains mild sexual content.