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This collection of short stories will take you on a journey, touching on heartache, joy, loss, and love. Spanning from childhood to old age, the characters in this book all have one thing in common, an overwhelming desire to find happiness and live an empowered life. It's about the fire that makes you unstoppable on the journey to get what you want. It is permeated with the drive to make the most of opportunities and situations, and to empower yourself to take an active role in your destiny. It is what these short stories and poems all share, even if they are all so very different. At the core of this book is the inherent passion to live a better, happier, and more magical life.

## **Shoot Down the Wendy Bird: A Collection of Short Stories & Poetry Details**

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# **From Reader Review Shoot Down the Wendy Bird: A Collection of Short Stories & Poetry for online ebook**

## **Amanda says**

Brilliant stories that left me wanting more! I related to so many of the characters. She definitely got the feelings of anxiety exactly right. Some of the stories I was so sad was so short ?? I was like wait nooo don't be over. Crap, you're over. Highly recommend this book!

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## **Dylan says**

I'm usually not a fan of short story collections so I was already nervous going into this and on top of that layer of nervousness, it added yet ANOTHER layer of being nervous because Julie is a good friend of mine (how awkward would it be if I didn't like my friend's book?).

I'm VERY happy to say that this is one of my favorite books of the year. I connected with almost every one of these stories and cried three times.

I recommend this highly. Go get it.

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## **Ola Quinn says**

An incredible read made of many incredible shorter reads.

Julie Zantopolous is able to grab your attention with a couple of words and make you feel part of the story in few lines. If her stories, every single one of them, were the beginning of an entire novel I'd read it and probably I wouldn't be able to put it down.

I actually wasn't able to put down Shoot Down The Wendy Bird to be honest, I kept telling myself "one more story and then you go sleep" \*132 hours later...\* "just one more...".

When a book touches you only with its introduction you know it's gonna be good: the acknowledgments and the premise alone are both already so good, inspiring and endearing that I got teary eyes. I almost never cry with books.

The whole collection is truly a special little gem.

It touches so many different topics keeping an underlying "never give up" kind of theme that is truly so inspiring and empowering in the best way possible.

Other themes explored in this are grief, mental illnesses - great reps btw -, self loathing and self care, fear, love, abusive relationships and simply life with all the good, bad and evil.

Julie's writing and storytelling are beautiful and flowy.

She has this awesome ability to depict all the feelings in such a real way that you can actually feel them yourself; she can show how complicated easy things can be and vice versa, creating plot twists even in the shortest stories.

This is a book you can read in one sitting or one story at time depending on your tastes, I promise that the experience will be great in any case.

It will make you think, you'll relate to many stories, feelings and characters, it will make you cry, it will make you hope and dream, it will make you uncomfortable (one of the stories, *The Other*, truly made me feel scared and anxious which is something that rarely books can do to me - that is probably one of my favorite stories in this collection). Put it simply it will give you ALL THE FEELS, and it's amazing.

A new favorite of life, will always have its place into my heart.

\*\*\*AFTER REREADING IT\*\*\*

today I went to reread one or two stories... well I ended up rereading the whole thing in few hours, with even stronger emotions and good crying session and I wanna say that **I loved it even more than the 1st time?**

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### **Donald Lail says**

omg that just happened.....

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### **Amanda Stelter says**

I absolutely love this. So much. I love Julie's writing so much. It's so easy to read and there's so much depth to each story. I am not really one for short stories but this just dragged me in and I couldn't stop thinking about all the stories when I took a break from it to work. It was just so good! Great job, Julie. I can't wait for more from you.

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### **Lucy says**

This book by Julie Zantopoulos was an amazing book filled with characters both real and imaginary that are faced with emotions and situations that we all face in our lives. As the reader I was able to connect with the laughter, the sadness, the anger and even the confusions that each story describes. Please read more...  
<http://lmadridweb.wix.com/lucysjar>

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### **Chelsea (chelseadolling reads) says**

It's always scary to agree to read a book written by a friend, but fuck I am SO glad to have read this. This was an absolutely beautiful collection of stories and I cried THREE TIMES reading this. I CRIED OVER SHORT STORIES. That just goes to show how much honesty and how much of herself Julie put into this collection. My heart!

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### **Amber James (ambitiousbibliophile) says**

This was the first short story collection I've willingly read and OMG was it AMAZING. Finishing this absolutely made me want to pick up other flash fiction and poetry and give it a shot! I cannot WAIT to meet Julie, get my book signed and last but not least, get my hands on her future works.

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### **Brittany Filopanti says**

When I found out the Julie from Pages and Pens on YouTube published a book, I knew I needed to have it. Not only is she one of my favorite BookTubers, but she is from Delco, which is right near my home town! This collection was absolutely heart wrenching and amazing. I read this in one sitting at work and it has changed my whole day. Pink Hydrangea and A Short Walk Home are my absolute favorite. I can feel the feels throughout this whole collection, but most definitely with these two. I will be reading everything that Julie publishes for sure! Easiest 5 out of 5 stars by far!

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### **Jennifer LeBlanc says**

I thoroughly enjoyed this collection of flash fiction and poetry. ?

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### **Shannon Quinn says**

Short story collections and I have had a pretty bad relationship in the past, but I wanted to support an indie author and one of my favorite YouTubers, so I decided to pick this collection up. Most of the previous short stories I have read are either not enough for me to get the least bit invested in the story, or they just start to interest me and then are done, leaving me unsatisfied. This collection was neither of those things. It truly felt like I was a fly on the wall, seeing small snippets of people's lives. Some stories were just a few moments out of one day in a person's life, others covered much longer spans of time. I really loved the writing and ALL of them had me interested/invested within a few sentences. While I want to know more, I do not feel unsatisfied with how any of the stories ended.

There was not one single story that I did not enjoy, but a few of my favorites were He Walked on Water, Night Terrors, Collateral Damage, and The Other. My overwhelming top favorite in the book was The Short Walk Home (all three parts).

I only have two regrets: that I read it all at once and now it is done, and that it was not longer so I could enjoy even more stories. I read a LOT, so I very rarely keep books once I have read them, or else I would currently be on my fifth or sixth storage unit to store them all, but I am definitely keeping this one. It is going nowhere! I can only hope that there is more to come in the future, as I will snap it up in a heartbeat.

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### **Jessica says**

Beautiful

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### **Casey (caseydillabooks) says**

I enjoyed this collection of flash fiction and poetry from indie author and youtuber Julie Zantopoulos. The stories vary in that they all follow different characters and scenarios, yet they have a cohesive voice and style of reflecting on important, emotional moments in a person's (especially a woman's) life. Julie has a particular talent for building tension toward big reveals, and so in few words her stories can pack a big emotional punch. The pieces I found most poignant were those that reflected on grief and regret, although the collection does capture a range of emotions from youth to old age. I'd recommend it for a quick but thought- and feels-provoking read.

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### **Eefa says**

“Life doesn’t slow for the timid,  
It doesn’t bend to the bruised.”

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### **Latasha (Latashasbookworld) says**

This collection of flash fiction and poetry will put a smile on your face to reaching for tissues to wipe the tears. I highly recommend this book if your looking for a read that will give you all the feels.

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