

## Clap When You Land Book Review

*Clap When You Land* by Elizabeth Acevedo is a book about two sisters from two very different worlds. Camino lives in the Dominican Republic with her aunt mostly. Her mom died, and her dad only visits in the summer months. Meanwhile, Yahaira lives in New York City with her mom and dad for most of the year, but her dad leaves in the summer. Both sisters have no idea the other exists until the plane their father is in crashes, and they find out there are no survivors. This book is about complicated family relationships, new beginnings, and life-changing events that need to be learned to adapt to.

Going into this book, I had very high hopes because I read this author's other book, *The Poet X*, and enjoyed it, and I have got to say, it lived up to the other book and maybe even surpassed it. I loved both characters in this book and the settings in both that the author created. I also think that I enjoyed this book because, like *The Poet X*, there were great realistic relationships between the characters. My favorite relationship in this book by far was the relationship between the sisters. In the beginning, it was awkward and very complicated, as to be expected, but as time went on and they began to talk more and their relationship grew. They became sisters with each other's backs and were there for each other through a tough time. It was beautiful to read about two completely different people with totally different backgrounds coming together and forming a friendship. Another reason why the relationship and watching it unfold was so fascinating was that the author wrote it to switch the perspective between them. They both see situations in very different ways. It is fascinating to understand it from their point of view, but then work through them, come to understand each other, and eventually develop a relationship. Overall, this was a fantastic story of loss and making the best out of difficult situations.