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Sixteen-year-old Delaney Delgado knows miracles aren't real—if they were, her kid sister wouldn't be dead. So when the image of baby Jesus appears on a Babybel cheese wheel, she's not buying the idea that God's got a dairy obsession. Soon, religious signs begin turning up all over Del's hometown, tiny Clemency, Texas. Overnight, news vans fill the streets and religious pilgrims start searching for God in the discount aisle of the grocery store.

Hell-bent on proving the so-called miracles are fake, Del convinces her best friend, Gabe, to help her find the truth. While Gabe's willing to play detective, as a preacher's son he's more interested in finding evidence that supports the miracles. But when the whole town becomes caught up in religious fervor and even the late-night talk show hosts have stopped laughing and started to believe, finding the truth might cause more trouble than Del can handle. This novel is neither pro nor anti-religion, and will appeal to fans of contemporary YA novels that explore deep themes with an element of humor. The voice and characters are funny, strong, and full of heart. This is a book for anyone who loved *Saved!*

## **Cheesus Was Here Details**

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### Stacey says

This book is amazing. It's the story of a girl trapped between the miracle she'd wished for and the "miracles" currently going on in her town. There are a lot of secrets, some of which you never see coming. No spoilers, but man... there's one I NEVER would have guessed and it completely broke my heart.

The major secret -- the one behind the miracles -- really leaves you thinking about what could and should be okay. How good intentions mixed with desperation can make you do things you never imagined.

The ending left me wanting more of Del and Gabe and the rest of the characters of Clemency, Texas.

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### Zippergirl says

What a dear sweet odd little book. It had me at miracle food and I couldn't put it down. The angst strikes a universal note and the resolution mirrors the real world--no facile wrap-up.

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### Addie Thorley says

This book is the perfect combination of hilarious and heartbreaking. Del's blunt, snarky narration had me laughing out loud almost every chapter, but at the same time, her pain was so tangible and relatable, I keenly felt her inner hurt and struggle and just wanted to give her a hug. I absolutely adored Gabe (he totally showed up in one of my dreams while I was reading!) The miracles and the mystery surrounding them were fun and engaging, as was the setting. Clemency was so vibrant and fully realized it felt like a character all its own, and I absolutely loved all of the kooky people populating this tiny town. Davis' writing is snappy and dripping with voice, making this book an utter delight from start to finish. Highly recommended!

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### Rachel Solomon says

CHEESUS WAS HERE is a special kind of book, one that makes you laugh, cry, and think deeply. The premise caught my attention right away: a town overwhelmed by religious fervor after the face of baby Jesus appears on a cheese wheel, and the girl determined to prove this "miracle" isn't, as everyone else believes, a sign from God.

I was fortunate enough to read an early version of J.C. Davis's debut, and I fell in love with its charm and cleverness. This book is OOZING with voice, and the best part is that it feels effortless. Davis has an eye for details; her characterization of this tiny Texas town feels spot-on. Characters, dialogue, setting - every detail is perfection.

Del is a protagonist you just want to envelop in a hug. She's hurting so much, but she doesn't quite know how to manage her grief. Every character feels fully fleshed out. Though it would have been an easy path to take, there are no stereotypes here, which is extremely refreshing.

CHEESUS WAS HERE expertly mixes humor and heartbreak, and it's one of the most unique 2017 debuts I've read. I can't wait until this is out in the world!

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### **Patricia says**

A wonderful debut about faith, grief, love and life, JC Davis covers so much ground in this debut novel -and manages it beautifully. Delaney Delgado is the perfect protagonist - skeptical, funny, and hurting far more than she lets on. The family relationships are well drawn and the complexity of her friendship/crush with Gabe feels just right. The descriptions of small town are spot-on.

Funny, smart, with great dialogue, memorable characters, and a smart premise, this is a must read.

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### **Vikki says**

This story slowly wrapped its way around my heart and squeezed. Delaney's family fell apart soon after her sister Clare died of cancer. It is a year later and her dad abandoned the family and left town, rarely calling and her mom is a zombie, only leaving her room to work night shift at a local grocery store. Delaney takes a job at the local gas station/convenience store in her small town of Clemency, Texas to help make ends meet. When a cheese wheel from her work appears to have the image of the baby Jesus (dubbed Baby Cheesus) on it, the rival churches competing for congregates in a small town and small business looking to make a profit take advantage of this "miracle" and other religious images that start spontaneously appearing around town with the claims of miraculous healing associated with them. Offended by the religious people telling her and her mother "it is a shame Baby Cheesus wasn't around a year ago or Clare may still be with us" and skeptical of the convenient appearance of multiple "miracles" in such a short period of time in a small town, Delaney openly questions whether these "miracles" are actually hoaxes and starts investigating people she suspects of having the most to gain by creating these religious images. This puts her on the receiving end of a small town's wrath at possibly screwing up the town's only chance at fame and profit and forces her to confront her grief that she has been avoiding dealing with for almost a year. Heartbreaking and thought-provoking, this book makes you question if Delaney is in the right for questioning the suspicious appearances of these "miracles" or if she is being driven by her anger at God for her sister's death and destruction of her family. Delaney and her best friend, Gabe's friendship which added humor and warmth to this book and my own questioning on whether these "miracles" are real made me invested in this book. I highly recommend this book to anyone who loves young adult books or anyone looking for their next good read.

I gave this book 4 out of 5 stars on Goodreads.

I received an advanced readers copy of this book from the author for review consideration.

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### **McCall Hoyle says**

I love everything about CHEESUS WAS HERE. The cover is eye-catching. The story deals with serious situations in a frequently quirky and fun way. And the main character, sixteen-year-old Delaney Delgado, has a YA voice that rings true. I absolutely cannot wait until April for this release so that I can add it to my classroom library and share it with my students.

### **Jared Reck says**

All the things I love in a book--funny, quirky, heart-wrenching, and spot-on voice. I loved Del's voice from the opening pages, amidst an absurd situation in a nowhere town, and I loved it even more by the end, as she's coming to terms with much deeper issues of loss and belief and making choices for her future. Great read.

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### **Sara says**

I was fortunate to read an ARC of this book. Smart, sharp, and sensitive. A book about belief and miracles and grief. So good. Bonus: I'll be reminded of Del every time I eat a Babybel (which is often).

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### **Gerardo Delgadillo says**

I received an ARC in exchange for an honest review.

4 1/2 stars.

CHEESUS WAS HERE addresses an eternal debate--Are miracles real? That's what skeptic Delaney Delgado must figure out when a co-worker finds the image of baby Jesus carved in a cheese wheel. That, along with some other mysterious miracles popping out all over her tiny Texas town. Del is on a quest to disprove the miracles, but her search has many obstacles: Preachers, the media, out-of-towners, her classmates--even her best friend Gabe.

Great writing and pacing make CHEESUS WAS HERE a must read.

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### **Julia says**

Ich hätte nicht gedacht, dass ich es noch so gern haben würde xD Cheesus was here war gar nicht, was ich erwartet habe und die ganze Thematik mit Religion und Glauben hat mich anfang etwas abgeschreckt. Aber es funktioniert. Erstaunlich gut sogar und nachdem ich mich erst eingefunden habe, habe ich die Abwechslung zu anderen Jugendbüchern genossen. Ich denke nicht, dass die Figuren mir im Gedächtnis bleiben werden, im Grunde hatten sie nichts an sich, dass sie hervorhebt, aber wieso auch nicht? Das tut dem Buch keinen Abbruch, es lässt sich dennoch gut lesen

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### **Katie Nelson says**

A beautiful story about family, friendship, and finding your own truth!

Del is still reeling from her younger sister's death, almost a year ago. Her family is in pieces, and Del is

barely functioning at all. When the image of baby Jesus is found on a cheese wheel purchased at the small convenience store where she works, Del must decide what, if anything, she believes in anymore.

I fell in love with Del from the first page. She is snarky and funny and so full of heart. I ached for her as she struggled to make sense of her sister's death and hold herself together. I loved her fierce loyalty to her friends and her love of her family, in spite of their dysfunction. The mystery unfolded and I found myself completely drawn in, wanting to know more about the miracles in Clemency, Texas. This was a great story, full of heart and depth and humor!

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### **Joanne O'Sullivan says**

I dearly loved this sweet, poignant, laugh-out-loud funny book. Main character Delaney Delgado is going through a lot: her younger sister Claire died from cancer and ever since her family has been in tatters. Her feelings for her best friend Gabe (who has a lot of issues of his own) have also turned deeper, but she doesn't know how to tell him. And then her co-worker discovers what he believes to be the images of Jesus in a wheel of cheese and her whole town becomes convinced that miracles are taking place. J.C. Davis tackles the issues of faith, grief, guilt, secrets and truth with humor and heart. Such memorable characters, beautifully written.

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### **Karen • The Book Return says**

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Delany's family has recently fallen apart. Her younger sister has recently passed away from cancer. Her father leaves town. Her mother becomes a walking zombie. Then a picture of Baby Jesus appears on a cheese wheel at the convince store where Del works. It's not long before miracles start popping up all around town.

I went into this 'Cheesus was Here' not knowing what to expect. I knew that it was about a cheese wheel with the face of Baby Jesus on it. Other than that I wasn't really sure what to expect. Wow, 'Cheesus Was Here' did not disappoint. I loved pretty much everything about it.

It was very well written. The prose was very easy to read and painted a wonderful visual of what was happening. The smooth description and settings reminded me of John Green's writing.

The story was not only hilarious and definitely made me laugh out load but was also deep and meaningful. It approaches so many deep topics. The main one being what faith is exactly and what causes some to have it (even amongst tragedy) while others do not.

I really loved the character of Delany. She was funny and cranky but absolutely lovable. Her friend Gabe and her brother Emmet also came across as stereotypes (preacher's kid and jock) in the beginning but showed their depth later on.

The end did leave me hanging a bit but I understood that the author wanted us to make our own conclusions on what would happen with Delany, Gabe, Emmet, and the rest of the town. Maybe, we can hope for a second installment of CWH.

I recommend 'Cheesus Was Here' as an easy, fun, and complex read. It is easy to read, funny, and meaningful. I can't believe that this is J.C. Davis' debut novel. I can't wait to read her next one.

## Max Baker says

I don't like religion. It's not something that I really gel with; it honestly makes me really uncomfortable. I'm sure there's some deep seated reason for it, but whatever this isn't about that. This is about how, despite my aversion to religion, I love books that deal with belief. And *Cheesus Was Here* is all about belief. It's funny, it's impactful, and it's a really great read for really anyone.

It follows Delaney Delgado, a sixteen year old living in a small town when it's discovered that there's a supposed image of the baby Jesus on a cheese wheel. What happens afterward is a influx of miracles appearing all over town. Tourism explodes, church attendance explodes, and Del is suspicious. So she teams up with her bff Gabe to figure out if the suppose miracles are a mean prank or really divine intervention.

This book manages something that's nearly impossible to do. It manages to perfectly balance humor and sadness. You'll laugh at Del's snark and you'll cry at her low points. For an author, and a debut author to book, to achieve something so realistic and human is absolutely stunning. Del's emotional struggle is the heart of this book, because at its core this isn't a book about religious mania or religion in general, it's about a girl dealing with her family falling apart and everyone giving her empty words. Del is angry. She's sad and pissed and everything in between, and that's why this book succeeds as well as it does. Because Del's character is so pitch perfect for this story.

Sure, Del can be selfish, oblivious, even annoying at times. But, if she weren't she wouldn't be a human. Del may be selfish, but it's all apart of her journey and she grows from those feelings, like anyone in her position should.

Del is dealing with the aftermath of her sister dying of cancer. Her dad skipped out, her mom's a zombie, and her brother's both absent and reclusive. All that, combined with the fact she's the only one who doesn't seem to believe the miracles are miracles is enough to drive anyone insane. The crowds of people who tell her stop being critical and start believing in a god that Del feels abandoned her is almost suffocating. All anyone wants to do is milk the miracles for their own needs and ignore the harm they do.

And that's the message this book puts out. Doing something selfish, like lying, isn't the answer no matter how much good it seems to do. It doesn't do any.

*Cheesus Was Here* is a book you definitely need to add to your collections. I know I will.

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