

SYNOPSIS

The novel *Cage of Stars* was written by Jacquelyn Mitchard, this novel is actually told us about learning how to forgive someone. The main character, Veronica Swan, a twelve years old girl who is living an ideal life in her small community until the tragedy strikes her family. The plot of this novel starts when Veronica's two younger sisters, Ruthie and Becky, are brutally murdered by the neighbor, named Scott Early. Scott is later diagnosed as a schizophrenic and ends up only spending a short time in a mental hospital, for almost 4 years. Then, through times her parents find the strength to forgive Scott and forget the tragic even, Veronica cannot do the same. Veronica feels guilty toward her younger sisters and her parents and she keeps blaming herself for years.

Years later, she sets out alone to avenge her younger sisters' deaths, dropping her identity and changing her name into Rachel Byrd. Veronica continues her adolescence phase and adulthood with her own emotion and anger toward the murderer. In the process of getting closer to the murderer, Veronica becomes a babysitter for Scott's infant daughter and her plans for the revenge begins, but as she closes to Scott, Veronica then, discovers the true meaning of forgiveness before she makes a decision that will change her life forever.

Jacquelyn Mitchard, the author of the novel *Cage of Stars*, has an amazing way of showing Veronica's character. Jacquelyn Mitchard shows the true feelings of an individual who has gone through such a tragic event and struggles with the feelings of vengeance and forgiving.