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A heartrending, bold novel in verse about family, identity, and forgiveness

Mira is just beginning her senior year of high school when she discovers her father with his male lover. Her world–and everything she thought she knew about her family–is shattered instantly. Unable to comprehend the lies, betrayal, and secrets that–unbeknownst to Mira–have come to define and keep intact her family's existence, Mira distances herself from her sister and closest friends as a means of coping. But her father's sexual orientation isn't all he's kept hidden. A shocking health scare brings to light his battle with HIV. As Mira struggles to make sense of the many fractures in her family's fabric and redefine her wavering sense of self, she must find a way to reconnect with her dad–while there is still time.

Told in raw, exposed free verse, *Skyscraping* reminds us that there is no one way to be a family.

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*" Skyscraping is brilliant, sharp and bright. A stellar story. Jensen has written a powerful tale about love and loss, a story that will stick with readers long after they've reached the end. Her poetry is vivid, tangible, and visceral. She's a rising star with a breathtaking debut. This is a novel made of star stuff."—****Skila Brown****, author of Caminar*

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