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# **The Sun Is Also A Star (Yoon, Nicola)**



## Synopsis

The dazzling new novel from Nicola Yoon, the #1 New York Times bestselling author of *Everything, Everything* (in theaters now!), *Á* will have you falling in love with Natasha and Daniel as they fall in love with each other! Natasha: I<sup>Á</sup>â„¢m a girl who believes in science and facts. Not fate. Not destiny. Or dreams that will never come true. I<sup>Á</sup>â„¢m definitely not the kind of girl who meets a cute boy on a crowded New York City street and falls in love with him. Not when my family is twelve hours away from being deported to Jamaica. Falling in love with him won<sup>Á</sup>â„¢t be my story. Daniel: *Á* I<sup>Á</sup>â„¢ve always been the good son, the good student, living up to my parents<sup>Á</sup>â„¢ high expectations. Never the poet. Or the dreamer. But when I see her, I forget about all that. Something about Natasha makes me think that fate has something much more extraordinary in store<sup>Á</sup>â„¢ for both of us. The Universe: *Á* Every moment in our lives has brought us to this single moment. A million futures lie before us. Which one will come true? \*\*\*The #1 *Á* New York Times<sup>Á</sup> *Á* Bestseller<sup>Á</sup> *Á* A National Book Award<sup>Á</sup> *Á* FinalistA 2017 Michael L. Printz Honor BookA New York Times Notable BookA BuzzFeed Best YA Book of the YearA POPSUGAR Best Book of the YearA Publishers Weekly Best Book of the YearA Kirkus Reviews Best Book of the YearA Booklist Editor's ChoiceA New York Public Library Best Book for TeensAn Best Book of the YearRecipient of the John Steptoe New Talent AwardA Walter Award Honor Book"Beautifully crafted."--People Magazine"A book that is very much about the many factors that affect falling in love, as much as it is about the very act itself . . . fans of Yoon<sup>Á</sup>â„¢s first novel, *Everything Everything*, will find much to love<sup>Á</sup>â„¢ if not, more<sup>Á</sup>â„¢ in what is easily an even stronger follow up." <sup>Á</sup>â„¢Entertainment Weekly"Transcends the limits of YA as a human story about falling in love and seeking out our futures."<sup>Á</sup> *Á* <sup>Á</sup>â„¢POPSUGAR.com

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## Customer Reviews

An Best Book of November 2016: Over the course of a single day in New York City, two teenagers who have nothing in common randomly meet and fall in love. Now I know that sounds absurdly cliché, but somehow in Nicola Yoon's hands, it doesn't read that way. Natasha is a practical young woman trying to keep her family from being deported in a matter of hours. Daniel is a poet at heart, but on this day he is dutifully making good on his familial commitment to a college interview. The two are inexplicably drawn to each other and somehow their paths keep converging. The novel is told in alternating points of view, and one of the special touches of Yoon's book are the chapters narrated by people who are unintentionally part of Natasha and Daniel's story, mirroring our almost spooky interconnectedness. *The Sun Is Also a Star* is a thought-provoking story of possibility, fate, and the illogical beauty of love. --Seira Wilson, The Book Review

Gr 8 Up • It is Natasha's last day in New York City, where she has lived for 10 years. Her family, living as undocumented immigrants in a small Brooklyn apartment, are being deported to Jamaica after her father's arrest for drunk driving. Natasha is scouring the city for a chance to stay in the United States legally. She wants the normal teen existence of her peers. Meanwhile, poetic Daniel is on his way to an interview as part of his application process to Yale. He is under great pressure to get in because his parents (who emigrated from South Korea) are adamant that he become a doctor. Events slowly conspire to bring the two leads together. When Daniel and Natasha finally meet, he falls in love immediately and convinces her to join him for the day. They tell their stories in alternating chapters. Additional voices are integrated into the book as characters interact with them. Both relatable and profound, the bittersweet ending conveys a sense of hopefulness that will resonate with teens. VERDICT This wistful love story will be adored by fans of Rainbow Rowell's *Eleanor & Park* and by those who enjoyed the unique narrative structure of A.S. King's *Please Ignore Vera Dietz*. •Kristin Anderson, Columbus Metropolitan Library System, OH

Nicola Yoon is receiving rave reviews for her second novel, *The Sun Is Also a Star*. While I liked it, I

am still firmly picking Everything Everything as my favorite novel by this author. This novel moves between two narrators: Daniel and Natasha. Daniel is a Korean immigrant who is struggling with his parents' expectations that he go to Yale and become a doctor. Natasha and her family are illegals being deported to Jamaica immediately unless they can find some last minute assistance to allow them to remain in the United States. These two teenagers meet and have only a day together, yet both fall in love. I wanted Natasha and Daniel to have a happily ever after, for Daniel to be able to forge his own path, for Natasha's family to be allowed to remain in the United States. This book was a very quick read, but in some ways I feel like the short chapters and speed of the story prevented me from being totally invested in Natasha and Daniel. Yoon's ending is also a bit unbelievable, which may bother some readers, but which I enjoyed a lot. This is a good second novel from a talented author. I had such high expectations after Everything Everything, I'm not sure anything could live up to that for me.

This book felt like a YA version of November 9 to me. Where he only has a day to make her fall for him. In Colleen Hoover's November 9, the story is more widespread. I enjoyed that book more, but this I felt covered more important topics that should be touched on in the literature world. See below. Still, I love the story line, the back and forth between the characters, the vast difference between them, but also the similarities. Natasha and Daniel are two completely different people from two different races. By a chance meeting, then another, the insta-love begins. They decide to put the idea of love to a scientific test to see if he can make her fall for him in the only day they have. Coincidences continue to line up, and Natasha refuses to believe in "fate" or a "higher power" or that "everything happens for a reason". But when push comes to shove, when is enough, enough? Daniel opens her eyes to thoughts she would normally shrug off, to considering beliefs she would typically scoff at. NOTE: This book discusses topics like history & science, race, faith, loneliness, suicide... So while the insta-love factor is there, it wasn't making me run away from the story like they usually do. The Sun is Also a Star is a beautiful tale of two people pushing the boundaries, not just of race, but of beliefs. That two people with open minds can still love each other completely because of those differences.

i enjoyed the way its written...she actually spends time giving details about the different side characters like backgrounds or future info which i really really enjoyed...honestly i would have given this book 4 stars if not for all the religious profanity...its unneeded and offensive...i read this for a book club, normally would have put it down after seeing that stuff...but like i said the story is fun, the

characters interesting, and the writing style different...much better story than her other novel "Everything Everything" (also read for book club)so if the profanity isn't a big deal to you i would recommend it...

Do you believe in love at first sight? Do things in the universe align in a specific way? How does one's decision today impact the decision that someone else may make based on your actions?A powerful story of destiny and love at first sight. The characters are well developed and it is eloquently addresses the concepts of expectations and bias. Daniel struggles between doing what he wants and what is expected. Clearly a likable character that struggles to migrate from his Korean culture to his new American desires. Natasha, an illegal immigrant, is a feisty, level headed girl who believes in the power of logic not destiny. The author expertly intertwines various stories throughout expertly connecting them through fate. A light story that looks at some serious topics in a meaningful way.

i love this book with all of my heart!!!!the story!!!!i absolutely love Nicola's writing.i definitely recommend her first book as well; Everything Everything.i got it the day of release (makes shopping so much easier through !) and the packaging was great. no damage what so ever.

Recently read Everything, Everything and knew that I wanted to read everything by Nicola Yoon.This book deals with so many themes: cultural identity, race, family, immigration, religion, etc. The book takes place over about 14 hours and the two characters meet and fall in love in that time. I think some reviewers will dislike the "insta-love" aspect of this book, but them falling in love so quickly is the entire point of the story. Can two people be meant to be? Is there such a thing as fate (as opposed to just a bunch of coincidences that lead to a particular outcome)? Natasha doesn't believe in fate. Daniel does, and he's willing to pursue her until she believes it too. One of my favorite parts of the book is when Yoon talks about "multiverses" and how there might be a universe that exists for every possible outcome. And so when Daniel and Natasha meet there are couple of moments when they think they're having deja vu, as if those universes are colliding together.I also love that Yoon is always so creative with her narrative style and pulls us into the stories of secondary and minor characters in addition to the two leads.And yay, representation for all the interracial couples out there that don't often get their stories told!

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