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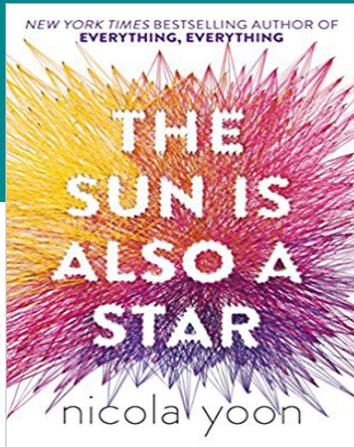
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Book Review

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Rating

Excellent

Level

Young Adult

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348

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When Daniel meets Natasha, he's convinced it's love at first sight, but Natasha isn't so sure. With her family due to be deported back to Jamaica the next day, logical, hard facts-loving Natasha is hoping for a miracle, even though she doesn't believe in miracles. The two immediately hit it off, but Natasha is very different from the romantic, poetry-loving Daniel. In the midst of Natasha's meetings with immigration officers and lawyers and Daniel's interview with a Yale college alumnus, the two part ways and then, somehow, find each other again. Is it fate? As the day unfolds, Daniel and Natasha spend every possible moment together, and as they learn more about each other, they begin to change for the better. Daniel begins to consider that he does not need to become what his parents want him to become, and Natasha realizes she wants to find a passion. In the end, Natasha is not able to stop her family's deportation, but ten years later, Natasha and Daniel coincidentally meet again.

The Sun is Also a Star will have the reader questioning if they believe in fate, love at first sight, and "meant to be." Though the whole premise of the story is based on a series of coincidences, Nicola Yoon's beautiful and personal narrative weaves a believable account. The point of view switches between the main characters, making the story flow easily and allowing the reader to understand both Daniel's and Natasha's differing worldviews. Nicola Yoon also includes short, beautifully wrought musings from the point of view of minor characters, a delicious addition that helps the reader realize the impact one action can have on a myriad of events and people. This is, indeed, another "love at first sight" story, but Yoon's twists and turns and loveable characters make this story stand out from other worn and cliched insta-love tropes. Heart-wrenching, vulnerable, beautiful, and honest, The Sun is Also a Star tells a well-executed story of two star-crossed lovers who have everything against them but are determined to find happiness.

*Contains mild sexual content.