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Meet Cute

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Like a sprinkler makes rainbows on a sunny day, explore the creations of over a dozen authors exploring the idea of young love. From statistical experiments for high school projects to futuristic government agencies on the harm of ended love, readers’ imaginations will flourish with the intricate, sweet, and highly emotional plots contained within these pages. Modern love stories dominate the content, focusing on technology, STEM, apps, and LGBTQ+ relationships. The publishers obviously selected the stories for the unity of modern love, even futuristic love. Many of these tales focus on the intersection of heavy life events with love and attraction—cyberbullying, anxiety, depression, death, discrimination, and poverty are among the issues addressed. The most common question tackled in this book, though, is whether love at first sight really happens.

The cover lithely illustrates the diversity found within the pages of Meet Cute. Boy meets boy. Girl meets girl. Boy meets girl. Girl meets girl who used to be a boy. Black, white, brown—all combinations connect in the short stories. The subtitle “some people are destined to meet” invites the modern teen to consider the mythical destiny of love. While it’s notable that each author’s name is on the cover, title page, and table of content, it’s an organizational shame that there isn’t an editor to link with the book. Fourteen names on a page or cover can make each author invisible, and virtually bury the volume from the public’s view. Traditionally, in a multi-author book, either an editor is listed or the top three most recognized authors are noted. However, this is a forward-thinking, equality-focused approach to acknowledgement.

*Contains mild sexual content, mild violence, and severe language.