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"The perfect love story to kick-start your summer reading."--Seventeen.com

Like his name, Gray is dark and stormy. Dylan, a girl who is seemingly unable to settle down, is the exact opposite: full of light and life. On the outside, they seem like an unlikely couple. But looks can be deceiving, and besides, opposites attract. What starts as friendship turns into admiration, respect, and caring, until finally these two lone souls find that they are truly in love with each other. But staying in love is never as easy as falling in love. If Dylan and Gray want their love to last, they're going to have to work at it . . .

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From Reader Review First Comes Love for online ebook

Eunice says

I had the impression that this was an emotional book when I first saw the blurb. But turns out it was actually the opposite. Because not long after I started reading the book I find myself laughing with the characters. It was actually a fun, sweet and highly amusing read. And although that may sound like this is just an ordinary light and fluffy read this book never lacks the depth most emotional books carries. It was delivered in a way that would make you think and understand life lessons and insights easily without having to feel and encounter intense or sad emotions. And Katie Kacvinsky really did an amazing job in doing that.

The characters in this book are just really remarkable. I adore Gray and Dylan. They're both relatable and genuine characters. Dylan is a very interesting girl. She's fun, does a lot of random things, and could be really weird and crazy most of the time but in a really good and refreshing way. Gray was a very real and lovable character. His problems and the emotional baggage he carries forced him to close himself to other people. He built up walls around himself and kept people at arm's length and thought that he would never need anyone. Not until he met Dylan and his walls started coming down.

Although this was narrated in both povs of Gray and Dylan, I think the story focused more in Gray's development and growth and how upon meeting Dylan everything started to change in him. His pov, even with all those things I describe about him that would make you think he's an emotional or fragile kid, was actually very fun to read. I had a lot of laughs with his thoughts and idea and I just love the realness and honesty with it. Here are some of Gray's lines I really loved:

"First I thought she was crazy. Now I'm crazy about her."

"She smirks as she applies some Chap Stick to her lips. I'm jealous of Chap Stick."

"We slump down on the leather couch and contemplate what to get my mom. Well, she contemplates what to get my mom. I contemplate kissing her."

"I turn the light off and catch my trophies out of the corner of my eye and I think of all the award I would give to her. Best Kisser. Best Lips. Best Everything."

It was amazing to see the story of these two different people unfold. How they first met, how their relationship grew from companionship, to friendship then lovers. How both their characters and personalities developed through each other, how they discovered things and how their take and perspective in life changed after meeting each other. Kate Kacvinsky wrote it in a way that is just so utterly endearing and so natural with the right mix of humor and fun.

Their love story didn't come easy, there were ups and downs too especially coming from their differences and different goals in life but through with that they were able to realize what they really wanted, what to do with their feeling, decide and take chances and make everything work. The ending felt like a bit cut short for me or maybe it's just me wanting more. But really, I wouldn't mind if this was longer. I would be more than happy to see more of Gray and Dylan's story.

To conclude, this was such a fun, sweet but also really insightful read. I laughed a lot with Gray and Dylan

and was touched by their relationship and how they overcome problems through the help of each other. And yes, of course I swoon a lot with them too, there were some pretty hot moments actually here that I, of course, devoured. And just to tease you, I'll leave you a quote from one of those moments:

"I take a step toward her and reach out to take the warm, damp washcloth from her hand. It has smears of makeup all over it. I stare down at her soft lips, puffy from all the scrubbing, and hesitantly run my thumb across them. I feel Dylan shudder when I touch her. Or maybe it's me. I hold her face in my hand and look in her eyes and she offers me the smallest grin, and that's all I need. My eyes fall back to her lips. They look warm and soft and inviting..."

So there it is, if you want more of swoon-worthy and hot moments I recommend you start reading this now! LOL! Read this! :D

This review is also posted at Book Overdose

Joy (Cheery?Reads) says

Wow. This was so awesome. I love everything about it and I just can't pick one quote to share. The whole book itself is a memorable quote. It made me laugh, cry and fall in love with it all over again.

This is one hell of a book and Dylan is one crazy, lovable character. She has all these eccentric and insane ideas. She is full of life and is literally living life to the fullest. She is like a hurricane that tosses you inside out and upside down. She is like the sun that shines so bright you have to shield your eyes. But she stays. You remember her for all her quirkiness because she refuses to be normal. She outshines and she stand out.

Gray is such a wonderful and great guy. He shuts himself off from the world and life itself. He lets each day passes by as it is until he meets crazy Dylan. He is stubborn and determined. He is sweet and adoring. I love his devotion and the depth of love he has for Dylan. He knows what he wants and how he feels. He holds on to it and doesn't let go. He is like thunder and lighting and the moon that orbits around the earth. His chemistry, attraction and love with Dylan are undeniable and like dynamites. It blows up in your face and leaves you breathless, wanting for more.

First Comes Love is truly memorable and a keepsake. The ending left me dreamy and imaginative. It was a perfect end and start of a new beginning. Katie, you are awesome and I look forward to reading more of your writings.

This is one of my favorite quotes. For those who have read this book, you know where it is.

But I know who I love. And I'm figuring out that might be enough to live for."

Natasha says

Wow, I am the first one to review this book, UMMM no pressure. LOL.

Dylan and Gray are very strong characters! This book has so much great life advice in it. Kudos to Katie for

such a great imagination and writing ability. I love how Dylan "suffers from creative outbursts!" :) One paragraph from this book really stuck with me and I relate to it so much in my own life.

" I think everyone's caught up in these tiny narrow minded-minded worlds and they're deluded enough to think their world exists in the center of the universe. Relationships only happen when it's convenient. You have to walk on eggshells for people because that's about how strong they are these days. And you can't confront people, because if you do, that brittle shell of confidence will crack. So we all become passive cowards that carry a fake smile wherever we go because God forbid you let your guard down long enough for people to see your life isn't perfect. That you have a few flaws. Because who wants to see that."

Who can't relate to that!

Although I understand why, I felt like Dylan was being selfish for choosing seeing the world & self discovery over her love for Gray. First off I think she is pretty well self discovered. And second she can do both. It isn't fair for her nor Gray to just let go when they have such a perfect love!

Katie is a new author, this is her second book. However she writes like she has been doing it FOREVER! I really really like her mind, her stories, the way she tells them pulls you in and sucks you up! I hope we get much more from you Katie! Thanks for the HONOR to review your book! Wish it came out sooner.

♥Rachel♥ says

3.5 Stars

Dylan is a free spirit looking for anything new to experience, and relishing the random in life. Noticing what others overlook, like Gray. She is intrigued by him, notices him even though he does his best to blend in, and this is what makes him stand out even more to Dylan.

Gray, appropriately named, is in a cloud still reeling from the loss of his twin sister, he goes about life trying to keep everything and everyone out. If he stays numb, he won't get hurt. That is until Dylan forces her way into his life, much to Gray's annoyance. His first impression of her is: awkward, bizarre, and disheveled. She doesn't care what people think, she was born with a "*judgment proof shield*." Gradually, Gray's feelings change from annoyed to fascinated. Dylan opens life up to Gray again, getting him to look at the world again, and open up about his sister. He starts to remember the good things and celebrate her life instead of remembering the pain, and this is exactly what he needs to heal. Soon Gray looks at Dylan with fresh eyes and falls hard. But can anyone hold down the free spirit that is Dylan?

While I did enjoy this story, there was something I felt that was lacking. At the heart of the issue is Dylan. For some reason I didn't connect with her character, she felt a little contrived, and I had a hard time feeling she could be an actual person. I had no such problems with Gray. Even though he was moody and prickly at first, you could easily see why. I felt for him, I *got* him, and when he opened up and let Dylan in, I was in love! Dylan's words: "*I don't let myself get attached to people, but Gray does. That's why he hardly lets anyone in.*" Every quote that I was swooning over was from his head, his POV. Let me tease you with one:

I stare down at her soft lips, puffy from all the scrubbing, and hesitantly run my thumb across them. I feel Dylan shudder when I touch her. Or maybe it's me. I hold her face in my hand and look in her eyes

and she offers me the smallest grin, and that's all I need. My eyes fall back to her lips. They look warm and soft and inviting. My heart is pounding. I close my eyes and lean down and press my lips against hers.

Even with my issues with Dylan, the writing in this story was beautiful, unique, and moving. Ms. Kacvinsky's descriptions were almost poetic without being over the top. She clearly has talent, and I would like to pick up more of her work in the future. I must say something about the cover, because that's what initially drew me into reading this story. Isn't it the most swoon-worthy thing you ever saw?! *sigh*

You will find this review and more at The Readers Den.

Pearl Angeli says

"When your world's become one person, how do you prepare to let her go? How do you get over someone you know you'll never forget?"

Before I started this book, I was really excited because everyone seems to like it, most especially my friends on Goodreads. Seeing the synopsis and the sweet reviews, I told myself that this book must be really good because it definitely sounds right up my alley. Unfortunately after reading it, I realized that it's completely different than what I was expecting, and sad to say... the book was not for me.

I love the fact that the author was able to come up with such a sweet and innocent romantic concept in this book. **Katie Kacvinsky** was able to hit such notes that entail an emotionally-driven love story. The concept was fairly well done and the writing style was also beautiful.

I think my main problem with the book was the **characters**. I was having a hard time liking them. **Gray** was a grumpy and a bit of a snobby guy at first- which did not make a great impression. For me, first impressions last and well, it definitely applied to me when his character was introduced. **Dylan**, on the other hand, fell a little over-the-top. I can't seem to find her interesting at all despite the descriptions the author put into her. She was high-spirited, animated, and bubbly but for some reasons, I could not genuinely like her and get invested with her. I also think she was weird in a worrying way. Who in their actual mind will give names to everything? Like her car, plants, and even her freckles?

She tells me she names everything. Even her freckles. She turns her arm over and introduces me to two freckles close to each other on her forearm, Blake and Stacey. She claims they got in a fight with a third freckle, Meredith, farther up her arm near her elbow. I don't encourage the conversation any further.

Well, I also won't encourage myself to entertain these thoughts any further as well. Lol.

I also think the book was **too descriptive**. It lacked some movement. Also, there were some parts that are quite **unrealistic**, like how they started going out together even if they've just met like, few hours ago? And also how their conversation went deep in an emotional level after few minutes of talking during their first date.

Anyway, this book really has lots of potentials to make me feel drawn. I like the ending. I think it was sweet. But like I said, it was just not for me. As thoughtful as the story appeared to be, it just didn't get me.

Raing: 2 Stars

(This book was recommended to me by my sweet gorgeous friend AJ. Thank you, AJ! :) Check out her beautiful REVIEW on this book, guys!

Zemira (Kylo Ren fangirl) Warner says

Oh, wow. This story is something else. Something I've never read before. Really special.

The blurb doesn't begin to describe how awesome Gray and Dylan are.

These characters! I love them! They are so real! I could gush about them for ages.

Oh, this lovely, lovely book! It was so wise and quotable! If I persuade only one person to read this book I'd be so happy.

That cover is misleading and distracting. Don't get me wrong, I like it but it doesn't really show Gray and Dylan as they really are. Something like the cover of by Simone Elkeles only with Gray's cap and Dylan's baggy jeans.

Our heroes- Gray and Dylan go to the local community college. Gray is a loner and as he said, numb to the world. That all changes when he sees Dylan taking pictures of two geckos 'talking' (aww :D). She sees Gray is acting defensive and decides to help him come out from his shell. What she didn't expect is falling in love with him.

Eight months ago Gray's twin sister, Amanda died and since then his family hasn't been living a full life. They never talk about Amanda or to each other. Gray avoided his friends and eventually they all stopped coming around and gives up his scholarship to play college baseball.

Dylan wears baggy jeans and carries her camera with her everywhere. She is a free spirit and does a different thing every day. Every day is a new challenge and she convinces Gray to loosen up and join her adventure and road trips. She eventually helps him heal and he finally confronts his parents. Even though his sister is dead, he is still alive and deserves attention.

And now I found out there's a sequel! I had no idea! Hope it's as good as First Comes Love.

Check out this review and much more over at YA Fanatic.

Rachel Maniacup says

This book is recommended to me by AJ, my ever loving sister, and I want to thank her for being my greatest source of great books.^^

This book is a beautiful story that when you started reading, you'll be glued to the pages. It is a story of two people who are completely opposite in most every way.

The girl, Dylan is a smart, free-spirited, outgoing, open, and adventurous person. And I just love her! She's so cute and funny in a quite simple way that makes her unique and extraordinary.

The boy,Gray on the other hand is a typical loner,snarky,closed off,mysterious,distant guy who prefers to be alone.

Their story starts when Dylan went to Phoenix for the summer. She then met Gray(thanks for the geckos,hehe) and Gray suddenly became her tour guide,haha!

When Dylan found out the reason why Gray is a cynical guy, it intrigued her more than she had set herself a goal..to help him and bring out the best in him. And while she does,they become friends and their friendship grows into a romantic relationship..a sweet amazing chemistry you thought would never happen between them,you couldn't help but swoon,especially when Gray was already the one swooning over Dylan and falling crazy in love with her.

So far,Dylan and Gray are the best characters I've ever read in a love story I guess I liked the most,because theirs is a story you wouldn't want to end.

This is my first book of Katie Kacvinsky and I'm sure It won't be my last. Her writing is well written and unique,I didn't expect that this NA contemporary is as good as Colleen Hoover's *Maybe Someday*.

So to those of you who are looking for a cute,realistic love stories, I highly recommend you this unforgettable and remarkable book!^^

Jenny says

“It's amazing how far you're willing to go when someone believes in you”

I was hesitant to start this book,because there are very few NA books which I have really *liked*. So thank you Aj for recommending this to me because I wouldn't have picked it had you not mentioned about this wonderful book ^^

This book is beautifully written.*First Comes Love* is a story about Gary,who lives in his own world and doesn't let himself get attached to anyone after he lost his sister.And Dylan is complete opposite.She is funny,crazy;as in literally,cute, and full of life.

Both characters are opposite in every way,still they become friends and starts their journey by becoming friends,visiting different places,doing crazy things, and falling in love.

This book is from both Dylan and Gary's POV, and I really enjoyed it.I started liking Gary more after he met Dylan, because he changed a lot and actually started enjoying his life,his thoughts were really interesting to read.

“I'd rather fail miserably pursuing my dreams than succeed at something I have to settle for”

Dylan's POV was filled with crazy thoughts,but I also liked her a lot.That girl could never think like a normal person.She didn't want to settle.She was optimistic about everything.I loved the way she wanted to live her life;travelling to different places,getting to know other people, and she also loved everyone.

“First I thought she was crazy. Now I'm crazy about her.”

I really liked how from being friends, they both started falling in love with each other, it was so cute! There were also some funny scenes in which they both did crazy things. I enjoyed reading this book!

The story was simple yet beautiful and was filled with so many emotions that I just had to love it. It had been a long time since I read any book with only romance, and I am glad that I picked this because this is a kind of book which can lift up your mood and make you smile with so many cute moments!

I loved the book, though the ending seemed okay to me, hence the 4 star rating.

Daiane says

Actual rating: 3.5 stars

'Life is a story. We can make it a Harlequin romance, a mystery, a memoir. We can make it pamphlet-size or an ongoing series.

"I want mine to be exceptional"

This book is about the development of a relationship between two people who are completely opposites. Gray is this grumpy depressive guy who just wants to be left alone. One day, he meets Dylan, a overly energetic girl who is really pushy and likes to live life at its fullest.

"My theory is everybody sucks. So, my conclusion is I don't need anybody."

Most parts of the book is from his POV. I was actually glad for this as even though he has this don't-get-near-me vibe, he is really believable. We get to know his life, his dramas, his feelings. I could feel how alive he was, his happiness, his sadness, his love.

If you only focus on the things you leave behind, you'll never go anywhere."

On the other hand, we got some of Dylan's POV. At first I really liked her. She liked to study people, help them and she felt happy doing this. I was almost getting my popcorn.

Then I noticed I liked her from Gray's POV. It was like he put her in an altar and I got to the conclusion that he was the best person there. He saw her as this hero who makes he want to do better things to the world.

She can't seriously think I want to be her friend. I give off all the warm welcomes of a Keep Out sign.

Dylan was the right person to help Gray. I really enjoyed reading as he came out of his seclusion and started to live again. She always had great messages and advice to give. Sometimes she was so random that all I could think is "Okay, she should stop with her drugs..." After a while these messages started to come out forced. She looked like she read too many great books with great messages that she was spreading those knowledge to the world without being in contest. Maybe she should just put her messages in a book, sell it and go live her life. Maybe that is what the author did. Go figure...

The first thing I notice about people are their eyes. It gives them away. You can tell how alive they are. How genuine. How deep they feel and how much they wonder. Kim's eyes are dull and glazed over like they're empty, like she doesn't really see people. She just sees herself.

People try so hard to be accepted, they turn into a walking stereotype. They're pathetically easy to predict. They're insecure and try to mask it with whatever product corporate America is currently marketing. And they always let you down.

It wasn't only in cheerfulness that they were different. While Gray had this ball of feelings exploding and making him alive, Dylan couldn't make me feel anything. She judges others about how their eyes looked empty, how they are consumed by society and that in the end, they are like empty shells. But with her analyzing everything, there were not a lot of feelings there. It was like SHE was the empty shell.

In my baggy jeans and messy hair, I know I don't fit into this plastic palace. But I don't want to fit in. That's when no one notices you. You leave a longer impression when you're brave enough to stand out.

I think she tried really hard to look like she wasn't trying hard. She tried to be someone who doesn't care about appearances but she tried too much to be labeled as someone like that.

I fell in love with a desert boy with blue eyes

The "like/love" came too fast. Too subtle on Gray's part, as I don't know what the heck was happening with Dylan even though I was reading her mind. It was almost an insta-love. She passes from the insane girl to the most interesting person in the world in a time space of 2 days.

All in all it was still a good book. It was still inspiring full of creative questions and messages and it made me laugh. Maybe I would have liked it more if I had only read Gray's POV. And maybe my friends will want to have my head (sorry Aj!) but I think it just wasn't for me.

Aj the Ravenous Reader says

Sorry for the long review/s lately. I seem to have a lot of things to say these days. Good thing for you, there's this reading process called skimming. Lol!

This is about the story of two people, one trying to blend in but who just seems to stand out more in the attempt and one who effortlessly stands out because of being very different and how these two people who don't seem to matter much find a way to matter so much to each other.

Before this, it's been quite long since I've read an NA novel. TBH, I've been avoiding them because a lot of those I've read (although are good) seem to exhaust me or depress me or make me cry. In other words, a lot of them are tropes.

Admittedly, you'll find NA tropes here but they are surprisingly good that they don't really come off as

tropes. You're allowed to hurt me if I used the word tr...trite one more time.

Yes, it's told in alternating POVs of Gray and Dylan (just like in most NAs) but they narrate their stories in easy, simple language without attempting to torture your emotions or punish your brains. It's actually a lot of fun reading their POVs because one is downright sarcastic and the other is just weirdly cute and funny.

Yes, eyes are inevitably described here but not in that super detailed recurring annoying way.

Yes, the heroine is pretty (like any NA heroine) but Dylan here isn't the perfect, gorgeous, sexy heroine type. She's more the lanky but cute, annoying type whose weirdness overshadowed her looks, who looked ordinary and odd from a distance but still exudes a striking quality. She's got freckled nose, crooked teeth, wears baggy pants and still manages to look pretty and there's no transformation, guys. There isn't! She's carefree and free-spirited and finds beauty everywhere and have so much appreciation for life and she reminds me so much of a favorite character, Stargirl. Best of all, she is entirely independent and knows what she wants in life. Too good to be true? Well, life is full of surprising possibilities, isn't it?

"Why bother asking somebody permission to be yourself?"

Yes, the hero is handsome (like any NA hero) but Gray isn't the smoking hot, alpha male type. He's more of the quiet and cute who doesn't really know it type and who prefers to keep his profile low by not wearing shirts buttoned down halfway to reveal hairy muscled chest. He wears plain shirts, jeans and flip flops, yes flip flops (setting is Phoenix in summer).

You don't hear me say this often but I ship Gray and Dylan! <3 Here's how I picture them. Lol!

Yes, there are bed scenes (just like in any NA novel) but from a scale of one to five, five being pornographic and one being sweet, I'd say those in here are somewhere between one to two. Even their first time is so cute. ^^ I can't help but laugh.

"Should I just throw myself at her? Should I undress myself or let her do it?..."

And look at that yellow book cover with a cactus. That's perfect! The one I read was that with black cover with the boy and the girl about to kiss and I didn't like it one bit. I wouldn't have given it a second glance had Weng not recommended this to me. So thank you, my friend.

For a New Adult, this truly deserves five stars. Highly recommended for anyone looking for a refreshing NA read! <3

Donita Luz says

"You're never going to experience anything if you wait around for perfect conditions. Look at the sky, Gray. It's gorgeous. It's perfect right now, and you're miss-ing it."

I felt like those words were directed to me.

Remember that time in college when you have to review for an exam, that you start highlighting important things in your book, only you ended up highlighting **ALMOST** every paragraph, sentence there is, because you're worried that you might miss something important? Something that might help you later on? Yeah, that was exactly what I felt when I was reading Love comes first. **I felt the need to remember and absorb everything for life references later on.**

Weird?

First Comes Love is light and refreshing read. There are reasons why contemporary romance is one of my least genres. Cliche, if I must say, but Katie Kacvinsky, completely caught me off guard. This is my first from her, although I have her other book, Awaken, on my TBR for like forever. If I ever had any doubt reading that book it's gone now. **Katie's writing is lyrical, intense and simply mesmerizing. It's one of the reasons why I couldn't stop reading, I actually devoured it in one sitting!**

Gray is a mysterious, anti-social, aloof person who gives out a go-away sign vibe anywhere he goes, ironically, this was the same reason why he somehow caught the attention of **Dylan**. Dylan who's a complete opposite of him. Dylan who live life to the fullest and Dylan who always see the best in people, a complete opposite of him who is just going on the day, living, just by the mere fact of existing, his way of guarding his heart if you ask me. Dylan is the most random person Gray have ever met and the least person he expected to **change** his life, for the better. And no, I'm not exaggerating.

Ever heard of the right love at the wrong time? Because that's exactly what this book is about if you ask me. Some may say this is too cheesy, hell, I would probably say the same thing, before... but this book just taught me quite a few things about love and relationship I've never had the pleasure of experiencing. **Love comes first made me realize just how close-minded I was when it comes to relationship.** I gave practical advises, I could see a way out right away, **I thought I was being practical and realist, when in truth, I was being insensitive.** I know now that it wasn't the best way to do it. That sometimes, we don't only have to put ourselves on their shoes, but we also need to live their life to fully understand them.

I didn't know if I made the book justice with this review, but all I can say is, this book is a bucket of overflowing feels. Hopeless romantic people will definitely love this book but realistic and practical people may find this overly cheesy for their taste. I'm inbetween, you see, depends on my mood, :) For me, the experience is exhilarating and refreshing and I love it!

Thank you so much to my friends for encouraging me to read this book despite my tendencies to shy away from contemporary romance! <3

Check out their reviews here:

Aj the Ravenous Reader

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Kyra says

Rating: *4 stars!*

A perfectly imperfect love story.

FULL review here:

<https://deardariamorgendorffer.wordpress.com/2015/07/13/review-first-comes-love-by-mary-esther-koenig/>

Marla Mei says

4.5 stars

First Comes Love is the book that you can never pass up. (Of course you can, but I tell you, you shan't!!!) It will sweep you off your feet and ignite those dormant butterflies in your stomach. Now, as the cynic that I am, I do find it hard to believe that I actually said that, but yep I just did. Usually, this kind of story would've earned interminable insults from me for being too far-fetched but with First Comes Love, it was just different. Maybe it was the author's writing, the plot development, the characterization or maybe just everything about it. This book has simply enraptured me just from its very first pages and I couldn't put it down no matter how heavy my eyelids already were. I swear almost half of my copy of this book has been highlighted!!!!

Though the story was about a boy and a girl who fell in love, I wouldn't consider this as purely romance. The relationship between Gray and Dylan started out as acquaintanceship with Gray seemingly reluctant at first with the the quirkiness Dylan shows. Gray has built walls around himself after his twin sister died but then he meets Dylan, the girl who reminds him of the sister he lost. And being with her reminds him of who he was before - happy, spirited and full of life. Dylan was the very last person Gray thought he'd be interested in. But Dylan was just so vibrant and altruistic and carefree that it got impossible for him to spend a day without her.

“First I thought she was crazy. Now I'm crazy about her.”

The only flaw I did see was the fact that somehow, a person like Dylan can never be real. First, she's a wanderer, a vagabond. Is it just really easy for her parents to let their 17-year old daughter hop from one place to the next? Don't they care for their daughter at all? Second, how it was very easy for Dylan to just leave Gray for her desire to see the world and discover herself. She says that if they are really meant to be together, then fate will bring them back together again. But can't Dylan see? It was fate that brought them together in the first place. It's already brought them together. Why still test fate when it has already done it's

job? I do believe in fate but I just don't really see what Dylan did happening in real life. Why let go of someone when it's already in front of you? Maybe she's just really different, is all. Which brings us back again as to how Dylan can't be real.

So you see, the only reason I didn't fully give this a five-star rating was because of Dylan but all in all, this was still a great read.

And oh! Check out some of these quotes that made my heart hurt and the reason why my whole copy of this book is now almost full of highlights:

"I couldn't sleep," she confesses.

"Why not?" I ask.

She smiles at me. It's this sweet, innocent smile, and it makes my heart stammer.

"You didn't kiss me today," she says. "And I wanted you to."

Cheesy but <333.

"Most people hold their fantasies out of reach, as if their desires are a mountain they could never summit. They settle for living at the base of the mountain instead. There aren't as many obstacles, or avalanches, or unexpected delays. But they'll never be able to see the view from the top."

Roger that.

"But pain's like water. It finds a way to push through any seal. There's no way to stop it. Sometimes you have to let yourself sink inside of it before you can learn how to swim to the surface."

SO. DEEP.

There are more so just read the book!!!!

Masooma says

He is cold but she is hot. She is illogical and irrational while he analyzes logic and counts reasons. He's a snail basking in the shades but she is a rabbit hopping hither and thither. He has a pessimist outlook but she is an optimist. He's Gray and she is Dylan. Where Gray is a slow song more precisely Why not me. She's a fast song like Tik Tok

She thinks he's a challenge, turns out he is interesting. He thinks she's weird, turns out she is as unique as a fingerprint. Both are opposites, both complement each other, are compatible and fix each other like pieces of a puzzle. Hence, they find themselves dancing along to the tune of love. But while Dylan is a bird with soaring wings and Gray is a solitary bird, comfy in the bars of permanency, can these two love birds strive

and thrive together?

First Comes Love offers the dual POVs of Dylan and Gray. Dylan's narrative is full of simple truths and philosophies. Whereas, Gray's account abounds in loss and lust. While there is little offered in the fields of differing styles, the contents of the two POVs are definitely different.

The writing is a casual, conversational one with less dialogues and more narration of 'What we are doing' and 'How is everything'. This makes the writing a bit monotonous and at times, due to this, I felt like I was zoning out.

Additionally, the writer also offers to tour her readers around Phoenix and LA. But, I think, love stories aren't really my cup of tea so I wasn't really enjoying it to the max. Nonetheless, for any person who loves romance/New Adult, this maybe a good read because it offers good chemistry, developed characters, sightseeing, photography and lots of music.

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Kathe L says

Mann, what can I say about this one? That it was exactly what I needed and that's why it deserves 5 stars? But then, how can I give it this rating if it isn't perfect and I wanted **more** from that end? I was confused for days, only to decide that I would write the review first and then decide on the rating haha

What can I say about **Dylan**, this girl that completely stole me? At first, I was certain she was a dream. I mean, how can someone be like this? But then, people always try to be a Dylan, daily. So, I wasn't crazy in my admiration of her. She is fierce, determined, compassionate, crazy, wants to travel the world, does the most crazy things and still, manages to be awesome in all of this, not caring with what people think of her (*bonus points for that*).

In theory, we all want to be carefree, spontaneous and adventurous, but we have life in our way and Dylan doesn't care about that. She wants to meet new people, new places and new cultures.

"I think about the people I'm going to meet. Where I'm going to end up," I say, and zoom in on a pink and white striped rock wall that looks like a candy cane.

"Wouldn't it be nice to know?" he asks. "I take the picture and hop off the car. "I love not knowing. My entire life has been predictable," I say. "I just want to imagine it for a while."

And we have, on the other hand, a damaged boy that Dylan wants to "fix".

Gray has faced something terrible in his life and because of that, he is miserable and depressive. When Dylan arrives, things start to change and it is fantastic to see them. Like, someone changing your life so much, to the best. He gets to know her completely and so does she; they are amazing people that you learn to love with all their qualities and imperfections.

They were a bit too wise, for my liking. It usually **never** bothers me, but in this one... I don't know. I wanted them to do mistakes, to act like teenagers, because they are, and we do not know all the answers, like Dylan. But that's a personal thing - I do like characters best that do a lot of weird and wrong things. Don't be

mistaken, this is a book that's def a *you should read it* book!

The end? I thought it was... Okay? But I really wanted it to be something that would surprise me a lot, in a good way. But I still liked this a lot. I laughed, swooned, and learned a lot about life, something I'm usually not comfortable with doing but with this book, I liked learning things. It made me happy to see how I could relate with Dylan - it was refreshing. **If I could give an award to a book, it would be this one.** The award to the book that surprised me the most and that made me appreciate life to the fullest.
