



## *THE SUN IS ALSO A STAR* BY NICOLA YOON

Realistic fiction, romance  
Ages 14 to older  
Love at first sight

Two main characters whose fates are going in directions they don't want. Two characters who randomly meet. Two characters who fall in love.

The *Sun is also a Star* follows Natasha, the daughter of Jamaican immigrants to the US and Daniel, the son of Korean immigrants. Natasha's family will be deported at midnight, while Daniel will be forced to attend a college and have a future he doesn't want. But when the two meet, they realize that they themselves can make their futures. The entire book takes place in the duration of one day, save for one flash-forward at the end and a few flashbacks in the middle.

The *Sun is also a Star* is a captivating and emotional, sometimes even informative, book. There are so many things I like about this book, including the writing. The book is written from the perspectives of science nerd Natasha and poet Daniel, as well as side characters that appear only once or twice in the story. These one to two page snapshots snapped me out of the book and made me realize that everyone else around us has a story too. What everyone else around us does affects us in many ways. Additionally, the book has short factual interludes that inform the reader of history behind things that happen in the book. This was very clever and answered many of my doubts.

Something this book does really well is document the history of and the status of immigrants in the United States. Natasha is Black, and Daniel is Korean, and I feel that both parts are written accurately and believably. Both of the main characters also have a nice dynamic, as one always knows what to say to the other. The dialogue in the book is always witty, and it always got me thinking, especially this one quote: "If people who were actually born here had to prove they were worthy enough to live in America, this would be a much less populated country."

I would recommend this book to anyone and everyone. However, if you don't believe in romance or love at first sight, then this book may end up being exasperating and not much of a fun read. Anyone who is a fan of any books by Becky Albertalli or *They Both Die at the End* by Adam Silvera would like this book. 9/10.

