

The Fault in Our Stars

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It takes a really good book to get my attention and suck me in to it, and I can definitely tell you that *The Fault in Our Stars* immediately grabbed my attention, and kept it. Before reading *The Fault in Our Stars*, I was not familiar with the author John Green but the word “wow” should do a good job summing it up on what I think of his writing now. Hazel, a 16 year old girl who had been diagnosed with cancer, meets a guy named Augustus at a cancer support group; who she happens to fall in love with. Typical love story? Not necessarily. Although Augustus doesn’t have cancer; Hazel’s cancer is terminal. However a new drug has given her a little longer to live – an uncertain amount of time. Hazel was an extremely avid reader, as it helped with her depression. As the two of them began to spend more and more time together, Hazel shared her love for reading and shared her love about one of her favorite books; *An Imperial Affection*. Hazel was drawn to the book and to the characters because she it was so relatable to her and her life living with cancer. This book becomes the basis of the relationship between Hazel and Augustus. They both end up bonding over the book, and became very eager to know the end of the book – due to the author ending the book without providing conclusions on what happened, and what happened to the characters. Because of the suspense of not knowing what happened at the end, Hazel and Augustus decide to venture out and find the books author so they could get some answers. The couple flies to Amsterdam to talk with the author in person, while on the trip Augustus tells Hazel some absolutely heart breaking news, where then the two spend their last month’s together.

One of the best things about this book is how descriptive and genuine the characters seemed to be; almost like I knew them personally, like I could just picture them in my mind. The author used great imagery. The characters were strong, they were real, and they had an attitude that was relatable. This is nothing short of a sad and emotional love story; I should have come prepared with a box of tissues before reading it.

There isn’t anything about this book that I didn’t like, but I could see some people not liking it because of how heartbreaking it is; so fair warning, be prepared to shed some tears. I believe this book would be great either way; as a gift or from a library. *The Fault in Our Stars* seems appropriate from young teens, all the way to elders; boys and girls. Some similar books I would recommend; *The Perks of Being a Wallflower*, *Looking for Alaska*, and *Before I Fall*.