

Love, Rosie

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Love, Rosie is a novel written entirely in an epistolary structure (letters, emails, notes, instant messaging, etc.). It tells the story of two best friends, Rosie and Alex, throughout the years as they deal with love, deaths, fights, careers, and more. Rosie and Alex grew up together in Dublin, Ireland, and have been close ever since kindergarten. When Alex's family moves to Boston just as the two start to develop romantic feelings for one another, the two friends are devastated, but they promise to keep in touch. They both arrange to attend college in the U.S. so they can be together once again. Alex goes to Harvard University, and Rosie to Boston College. At least, that was the plan. Something unexpected happens, and Rosie is forced to stay in Dublin to become a single mother while Alex goes on to pursue a medical degree.

Though the two lead entirely different lives, their relationship stays strong. They find new careers, meet different people, go through multiple failed marriages, raising a child, all the while trying to suppress the little voices in their heads that wonder whether they could ever be more than just friends.

Love, Rosie was an overall enjoyable, albeit long, read. The characters were very real and sympathetic, but I sometimes found myself frustrated with their miscommunication. I also thought that they took way too long to realize they had feelings for one another, but it did seem realistic to me. This is a novel targeted towards older female teens or women, but any gender could read it if they'd like to. It's an endearing novel about friendship, love, and missed opportunities, and I'd recommend it to anyone that likes realistic fiction novels.

Recommended Books:

P.S. I Love You by Cecelia Ahern

First Comes Love by Emily Giffin

One Day by David Nicholls

Attachments by Rainbow Rowell