

*Something Like Fate*

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In this novel, Lani and Erin are soul sisters ever since they were in the same car accident and Erin saved Lani's life. However they are polar opposites about everything from favorite ice cream flavors to the types of boys they are interested in. Being interested in fate, the two best friends read their weekly horoscope and believe that whatever it says is true and will happen to them in the future. Erin starts dating Jason; a smart, funny, friendly, and perfect guy. But when Lani and Jason meet, they have an instant connection. When Lani and Erin go to get their fortunes read, Lani's says that something will tear her and Erin apart. She suspects the source may be Jason, so she puts aside the feelings for him that she starts to have. When Erin goes away to summer camp, Jason breaks up with her and admits to Lani that he likes her. Lani believes that he is the guy that she has been looking for and that fate brought them together through Erin. However, Lani is hesitant to date Jason because she does not want to take the risk of losing her best friend. After all, she owes Erin her life. Lani is torn with what to do- go for the boy who is perfect for her, or continue being friends with her soul sister?

The book has an interesting plot and is very realistic. Colasanti makes it feel like Lani's dilemma is the reader's problem. Teens can easily connect to the book. It is an easy read and realistic. It seems like Susane could have interviewed a teenager about their life and have written about it!

However, the novel becomes a little cheesy at times. The writing style is similar to that of a teenager who does not know what they are doing. There is too much dialogue and not enough descriptive passages. It often gets boring and is not well written at all. I would not recommend it, but if I had to, I suggest that teenage girls between the ages of 12 and 17 read it because it is a story involving love and best friends. Males and anyone out of the age group would most likely find it boring and not worth taking the time to read it. It is a happy story, but a boring one as well.