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Editorial Review

From School Library Journal

Grade 9 Up—A witty and highly entertaining exploration of love, friendship, and misunderstanding. Like *Nick & Norah's Infinite Playlist* (Knopf, 2006), the story is told from alternating points of view and is about teens living in Manhattan. Gorgeous Naomi and her best friend, the equally gorgeous and gay Ely, have been neighbors and soul mates since childhood, and in order to protect their relationship, they have created a list of people who are absolutely off limits for kissing. The list is meant to be "insurance against a Naomi and Ely breakup," but when Ely kisses Naomi's boyfriend Bruce the Second, it sets off a chain of events that causes a major rift in their longstanding relationship. As the story progresses, Naomi comes to realize that the true reason she is so upset with Ely is not so much that he is romantically involved with her former boyfriend as it is that she has finally acknowledged that things are never going to turn out the way she has envisioned them. Major and minor characters begin new relationships and redefine old ones. The themes of sexual exploration and sexual identity, as well as strong language, which is entirely appropriate for the characters and setting, make this a book for older teens, who will love the oh-so-hip music and pop-culture references. They will also love the main characters, who are smart and sophisticated college freshmen, but also very fallible, and will empathize with their confusion as they attempt to sort out their relationships and themselves.—*Kathleen E. Gruver, Burlington County Library, Westampton, NJ*

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NYU freshmen Naomi and Ely have been BFF's since the cradle. Their friendship has even survived an affair between Naomi's dad and one of Ely's moms. But all that changes when Ely impetuously kisses Bruce, Naomi's boyfriend. When Bruce decides he wants to be with Ely, Naomi is forced to confront the romantic feelings she's always had for her best friend, despite their shared preference for boys. Naomi's chapters are littered with icons that are more distracting than engaging, but teens will be burning the CD playlists swapped between characters even before the book ends. Told in a chorus of first-person voices, including Naomi and Ely as well as friends who are forced to choose sides, this loquacious relationship tale will date quickly, but that won't keep the authors' legions of fans from wanting it yesterday. What is timeless is Ely's hard won epiphany: "Things that matter are not easy . . . Saying you're friends is easy. Being friends is not." Hubert, Jennifer

About the Author

Rachel Cohn's novels include *Gingerbread, Shrimp, Cupcake*, and *Pop Princess*. She lives and writes wherever she can find an outlet for her laptop.

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