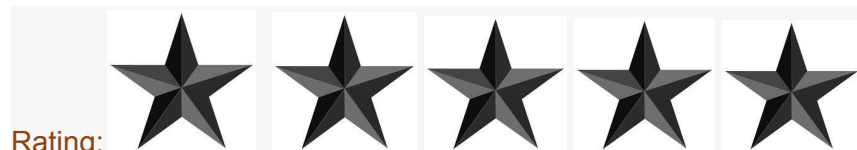


Book Review: The Fault in Our Stars

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Title: The Fault in Our Stars

Author: John Green

Genre: YA fiction

Review: This brutally honest novel really throws life into perspective. Hazel, the main character, is a teenage girl with cancer. To her, life is pretty crummy at the moment and her mom is constantly nagging her to get a social life. Hindered by her oxygen tanks and carts (her lungs suck at being lungs), Hazel often loses herself in books in her bedroom to escape reality. That is, until she meets Augustus.

Augustus is unlike anyone she has ever met. He understands how she feels, being a cancer survivor himself. He's witty, loves literature and quickly befriends Hazel. Both Hazel and Augustus are characters you just want to connect with (okay, maybe not the whole having-cancer part, but you know what I mean). Green truly brings his characters to life. You grow fond of them. You want to talk to them. You want to meet them. Okay...getting off track here...back to the review.

As much as I loved the book, I have to admit that the theme was rather heavy if you think about it. The fact is, everyone dies. Death is inevitable. Also, reality can really hurt the soul too. Augustus decides to spend his genie Foundation wish-gift on him and Hazel. Thanks to the organization, they are able to travel to Europe and are given the chance to meet the elusive

author of "An Imperial Affliction", Hazel's favorite book in the world. *****spoiler alert***** It turns out the author wasn't the man Hazel had painted him to be--he was just a grumpy, rude person who turned them away from the door.

Having the book narrated from the point of view of a dying person (Hazel) is really eye-opening to me. I mean, she doesn't treat the whole I'm-dying-at-such-a-young-age thing too seriously. She uses sarcasm. Actually, quite a bit of sarcasm and irony in her narration. But there are also several scenes where you see the "serious" side of Hazel. The part of Hazel where it shows that she's only just a teenage girl. And it's during those scenes you just want to give her a hug simply *be* there for her. Well, I guess Augustus already has the part taken care of.

Favorite quotes: "The world wasn't made for us. We were made for the world"

Likes:

- *beautiful writing--John Green's eloquence is inimitable

- *So many life lessons you can learn from this novel

- * a lot of unexpected twist and turns

Dislikes:

- ***spoiler alert***

- * Augustus Waters, why do you have to die????