

Book Review: The Fault in Our Stars

“You don’t get to choose if you get hurt in this world... but you do have some say in who hurts you. I like my choices.” - John Green, author of *The Fault in Our Stars*

While there have been countless books on teenagers falling in love, *The Fault in Our Stars* adds in an extra element; both of John Green's characters have cancer. *The Fault in Our Stars* is a poignant and heart wrenching novel about a tragic love story between two young adolescents. Hazel Grace Lancaster is a 16-year-old cancer patient who is forced by her parents to attend a support group, where she meets and subsequently falls in love with Augustus Waters, another cancer patient.

Exploring their newfound friendship, the two teenagers embark on a roller coaster ride of emotions while in search of the author of their favourite book in Amsterdam, which ultimately brings them even closer. Later on, they realise they have developed romantic feelings toward one another and decide to take their relationship to the next level.

The cast from *The Fault in Our Stars*, the 2014 movie adapted from John Green's young-adult bestseller, also believe that the book is definitely a worthwhile read and an amazing story. "I think I'll always cry when I see this movie." says star Shailene Woodley, who plays Hazel. Nat Wolff, who plays Isaac, Gus' sardonically witty blind best friend, also enjoyed this masterpiece. "At the end of the movie, I was really shaken," he says. "At the end of the book, I was crying, and at the end of the movie I was crying, so it's hard not to say it was sad."

Written so beautifully your heart and emotions melt, you will feel a part of their families, their triumphs, and their losses. World renowned author John Green breaks your heart in the best possible way, and makes you cry, laugh, and smile throughout this beautiful novel. If you enjoy young adult books, full of witty humour and heartbreaking events, this book is perfect for you.

If you don't want to read *The Fault in Our Stars* for any of these reasons, read it simply because it is a beautiful book with beautiful writing. It teaches you that life doesn't have to be perfect to love it. It is a one of a kind novel that will leave you feeling a mix of many different emotions.

Every single person I know who read this book fell in love with it, and it is easy to see why. It is one of those books you can't put down, yet you never want to finish. It's warm, light-hearted and deals with a sensitive topic like cancer in such a subtle way that you feel it's just one of life's many problems. Even though it's a very serious matter, Hazel and Gus teach you that you cannot let an illness such as cancer affect your love for life.