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Editorial Review

Amazon.com Review

An Amazon Best Book of the Month, March 2013: While *Eleanor & Park* is technically classified as YA lit and has a cutesy cover, don't let the stigma of "books for teens" fool or deter you. It is written *about* teens, sure, but the themes are so universal that anyone who survived high school will relate to the lives of the two protagonists. Eleanor is the new girl in town and her wild red hair and patchwork outfits are not helping her blend in. She ends up sitting next to Park on the bus, whose tendencies towards comic books don't jibe with the rest of his family's love of sports. They sit in awkward silence every day until Park notices that Eleanor is reading his comics over his shoulder; he begins to slide them closer to her side of the seat and thus begins their love story. Their relationship grows gradually--making each other mixed tapes (it is 1986 after all) and discussing *X-Men* characters--until they both find themselves looking forward to the bus ride more than any other part of the day. Things aren't easy: Eleanor is bullied at school and then goes home to a threatening family situation; Park's parents do not approve of Eleanor's awkward ways. Ultimately, though, this is a book about two people who just really, really like each other and who believe that they can overcome any obstacle standing in the way of their happiness. It's a gem of a book. --*Caley Anderson*

From [Booklist](#)

Starred Review Right from the start of this tender debut, readers can almost hear the clock winding down on Eleanor and Park. After a less than auspicious start, the pair quietly builds a relationship while riding the bus to school every day, wordlessly sharing comics and eventually music on the commute. Their worlds couldn't be more different. Park's family is idyllic: his Vietnam vet father and Korean immigrant mother are genuinely loving. Meanwhile, Eleanor and her younger siblings live in poverty under the constant threat of Richie, their abusive and controlling stepfather, while their mother inexplicably caters to his whims. The couple's personal battles are also dark mirror images. Park struggles with the realities of falling for the school outcast; in one of the more subtle explorations of race and the other in recent YA fiction, he clashes with his father over the definition of manhood. Eleanor's fight is much more external, learning to trust her feelings about Park and navigating the sexual threat in Richie's watchful gaze. In rapidly alternating narrative voices, Eleanor and Park try to express their all-consuming love. You make me feel like a cannibal, Eleanor says. The pure, fear-laced, yet steadily maturing relationship they develop is urgent, moving, and, of course, heartbreakin, too. Grades 9-12. --Courtney Jones

Review

"This sexy, smart, tender romance thrums with punk rock and true love."

-- **Gayle Forman, bestselling author of *If I Stay***

"Funny, hopeful, foulmouthed, sexy, and tear-jerking, this winning romance will captivate teen and adult readers alike."—**Kirkus Reviews (starred review)**

"*Eleanor & Park* is a breathless, achingly good read about love and outsiders."

—**Stephanie Perkins, author of *Anna and the French Kiss* and *Lola and the Boy Next Door***

“The pure, fear-laced, yet steadily maturing relationship Eleanor and Park develop is urgent and breathtaking and, of course, heartbreaking, too.”—***Booklist* (starred review)**

“Sweet, gritty, and affecting . . . Rainbow Rowell has written an unforgettable story about two misfits in love. This debut will find its way into your heart and stay there.”

--**Courtney Summers, author of *This Is Not a Test* and *Cracked Up to Be***

“Rowell keeps things surprising, and the solution maintains the novel’s delicate balance of light and dark.”

—***Publishers Weekly* (starred review)**

“In her rare and surprising exploration of young misfit love, Rowell shows us the beauty in the broken.”—**Stewart Lewis, author of *You Have Seven Messages***

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