

*The Fault in Our Stars*

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*The Fault in Our Stars: A tragic love story*

The captivating novel, *The Fault in Our Stars*, written by John Green, is able to keep its audience engaged. It is a riveting, fast-paced read that will have you hooked. It involves Hazel who was diagnosed with lung cancer at a very young age, eventually became depressed and also a homebody, so her mom recommended that she start going to support groups.

Hazel met the beautiful, cunning, and intellectual boy named Augustus Waters, who had cancer in his leg which resulted in the amputation of half of his limb, and that is why he was frequenting the meetings. Augustus and Hazel's relationship evolved into an epic love story, with tragedy, loss, romance, adventures, and grief. These teenagers can make anyone believe in true love with their own story. Instantaneously, they fall madly in love with each other. When Augustus says "Oh, I wouldn't mind, Hazel Grace. It would be a privilege to have my heart broken by you," he expresses his desire to have Hazel own his heart, even if it meant she would break it. This line is everything that a person falling in love needs to hear from their significant other. It shows just how much the other person loves them.

The simple way Hazel and Augustus express their love for each other is by saying “okay?” “Okay.” Even though they do say, “I love you” this has more meaning to them. They can say it in place of I love you; they can say it when they are happy, or even when they are sad. The memories shared between the star-crossed lovers will stimulate smiles and tears and maybe even both at the same time!

Green’s book teaches us to hold on to what we have when we have it through his well-developed characters Augustus and Hazel Grace. This theme is displayed when Augustus and Hazel fall in love after meeting in their cancer support group.

Throughout the duration of the novel, Green writes with a wide range of vocabulary. Green’s style of writing makes this book a gratifying read, but it is the heartbreaking plot makes this story a page-turner.

A plot twist that occurs in *The Fault in Our Stars* is when Augustus and Hazel travel the lengthy distance to Amsterdam to find out the finale to their mutually favorite book, *An Imperial Affliction*. However, when they get there they recognize that their favorite author is a vulgar, desolate, but above all, drunken man. He doesn’t care for his two ill fans, and insisted he had never thought of an ending for the book. They return back home after one of the biggest letdowns, and Augustus promises a disappointed Hazel that he will write her the epilogue she deserves. This action showed the extent of Augustus’ love for Hazel, because he was willing to try and give her an ending to the book, which is a simple yet big gesture for Hazel.

The title, *The Fault in Our Stars*, has a huge significance because it means that the problem is in our luck or fate, not in us. The title is even mentioned in the novel by Peter Van Houten to Augustus and Hazel Grace.

Green made his name with some of his other works such as *Looking for Alaska*, *An Abundance of Katherines*, or *Paper Towns*. He is a New York Times best selling author and has also attained many awards such as The Printz Medal, Printz Honor, and the Edgar Award. He currently has a Twitter, Tumblr, YouTube channel, and his own website where he frequently answers questions from readers.

I think that people of all ages and genders will find that this was a great read and worth every bit of their time that it took! This book is able to make you take time to appreciate and cherish the small things in life all around you. It shows to its readers that life can be short, but even then, you can make it amazing.