



**Title:** Naomi and Ely's No Kiss List: A Novel

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(Recommended by School Library Journal)

## BOOK RESUME: NAOMI & ELY'S NO KISS LIST

### BOOK SYNOPSIS

Naomi and Ely are best friends. Inseparable since childhood. Naomi is straight. Ely is gay. Naomi dates guys who she claims to like. They're okay, but she likes Ely more.

To protect their feelings, Naomi and Ely created a No Kiss List—a list of people neither of them is allowed to kiss under any circumstances. Naomi's latest boyfriend Bruce isn't on that list. But he probably should have been. Because when Ely kisses Bruce, it breaks Naomi's heart. The result? A rift of universal proportions. Can these best friends come together again, or will this be end of Naomi and Ely: the Institution?

Told in alternating voices using an array of emoticons and symbols by co-authors Rachel Cohn and David Levithan, *Naomi and Ely's No Kiss List* is the ultimate offbeat story about leaving room for every kind of love.

### REVIEWS AND PRAISE

"Told from multiple points of view, the funny, fast-paced chapters explore Naomi and Ely's friendship and falling out, with plenty of pop-culture references, club scenes, and sardonic observations about life in general. But underneath the humor is a serious story about the nature of romantic love and the ability of a friendship to endure." —Cooperative Children's Book Center (CCBC)

"A brilliant tour-de-force—funny, sweet, sly and sexy." —*Kirkus Reviews*

"Readers will laugh at the fun turns of phrase . . . and appreciate the clever duplication of . . . which plays into the book's ideas about soul mates, or lack thereof." —*Publishers Weekly*

### AWARDS AND ACCOLADES

- NOMINEE 2008 - ALA Quick Pick for Reluctant Readers
- NOMINEE 2008 - ALA the Best of the Best Books for Young Adults
- WINNER - Cooperative Children's Book Center Choices
- WINNER - New York Public Library Books for the Teen Age
- WINNER - ALA Rainbow Project Bibliography

### MEDIA AND RESOURCES

[National Coalition Against Censorship Article with David Levithan](#)

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