



[Only Mostly Devastated](#) by Sophie Gonzales

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BOOK SYNOPSIS

Will Tavares is the dream summer fling—he's fun, affectionate, kind—but just when Ollie thinks he's found his Happily Ever After, summer vacation ends and Will stops texting Ollie back. Now Ollie is one prince short of his fairytale ending, and to complicate the fairytale further, a family emergency sees Ollie uprooted and enrolled at a new school across the country. Which he minds a little less when he realizes it's the same school Will goes to...except Ollie finds that the sweet, comfortably queer guy he knew from summer isn't the same one attending Collinswood High. This Will is a class clown, closeted—and, to be honest, a bit of a jerk.

Ollie has no intention of pining after a guy who clearly isn't ready for a relationship, especially since this new, bro-y jock version of Will seems to go from hot to cold every other week. But then Will starts "coincidentally" popping up in every area of Ollie's life, from music class to the lunch table, and Ollie finds his resolve weakening.

The last time he gave Will his heart, Will handed it back to him trampled and battered. Ollie would have to be an idiot to trust him with it again.

REVIEWS AND PRAISE

"Only Mostly Devastated is the kind of book I wish existed when my kids were younger—a charming, funny, laugh-out-loud teen romance that reminds all readers love comes in a multitude of flavors, and they are ALL sweet." —Jodi Picoult, *New York Times*–bestselling author of *Small Great Things* and *A Spark of Light*

"A delightful, heartwarming, heartrending story about family, love, friendship, and living your most authentic life. I couldn't put it down." —*New York Times*–bestselling author Sandhya Menon

"A queer YA romance that just got everything right at every turn was enough to break through the firm brick wall that has become my being and make all the feelings flood through." —*BookRiot*

"Sweet and earnest.... A worthwhile romance for any collection." —[Booklist](#)

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“Gonzales turns in a witty, smart, credible, and irreverent contemporary romance that handles all these elements skillfully and with heart.... The power of this fun *Grease* retelling is that it normalizes the spectrum of sexual orientations. Recommended for all teens.” —[School Library Journal](#)

“Heartfelt and charming, *Only Mostly Devastated* is a touching and delightful YA contemporary romance. Highly recommend for fans of Nicola Yoon, *Simon vs. the Homo Sapiens Agenda*, and *Sick Kids In Love*.” —*YA Books Central*

“A delight! This heartfelt, queer update on *Grease* features a diverse cast of teen characters and a charmingly earnest protagonist in Ollie. Gonzales handily balances lively banter with somber issues, and the compelling will they/won't they storyline warmly illustrates a timeless truth: love is love is love.” —Jenn Bennett, author of *Alex, Approximately*

“There can never be enough queer stories about romance—and when they are told with this much heart, humor and a swoon worthy story line, you never want them to end.” —Angelo Surmelis, author of *The Dangerous Art of Blending In*

“Irresistibly cute, hilariously sweet, this book warmed my heart with its characters and love story” —Mason Deaver, author of the national bestseller *I Wish You All the Best*

“Oh my gosh, *Only Mostly Devastated* is SO GREAT! Funny and sweet and super gay, fans of *Simon vs. the Homo Sapiens Agenda* are going to be all over it. It's totally swoon-worthy!” —Cale Dietrich, author of *The Love Interest*

“Outrageously funny and terribly sweet, *Only Mostly Devastated* will tug at your heartstrings until they break, then weave you new ones made of pure gold.” —K. Ancrum, author of *The Wicker King*

“Wry but earnest, sweet but irreverent, heartbreaking but hopeful. With wit and authenticity, *Only Mostly Devastated* tells the story of what happens to a summer romance after summer is over. You'll be rooting for Ollie and his messy, wonderful friends from the first page to the last.” —Hannah Capin, author of *The Dead Queens Club* and *Foul Is Fair*

“With razor-sharp wit, masterful comedic timing, and heaps of heart, these hilarious, lovable, heartbreakingly real characters make *Only Mostly Devastated* an instant hit and Sophie Gonzales one YA author to watch.” —Julia Lynn Rubin, author of *Burro Hills*

“Narrator Ollie is deeply sympathetic.... Gonzales...gets most U.S. details right in this *Grease* reboot, creating an inclusive cast and giving weight to many parts of Ollie's multifaceted life.” —[Publishers Weekly](#)

AWARDS AND ACCOLADES

- A 2021 Rainbow Book List Selection
- A 2021 Southern Book Prize finalist
- A Goodreads Choice Awards 2020 finalist
- A Junior Library Guild Gold Standard Selection
- An Indie Next Pick

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*A NOTE ON AGE RANGES

A publisher-suggested age range covers the gamut of readers that publishers envision using the book, whether for independent reading, family sharing, group study, or in other ways. Educators have the best sense of the appropriate age range for the diverse learners they work with and understand these ranges vary depending on a book's intended use.