



# BOOK RESUME: LOOKING FOR ALASKA

## BOOK SYNOPSIS

Miles Halter is fascinated by famous last words—and tired of his safe life at home. He leaves for boarding school to seek what the dying poet François Rabelais called the “Great Perhaps.” Much awaits Miles at Culver Creek, including Alaska Young, who will pull Miles into her labyrinth and catapult him into the Great Perhaps.

*Looking for Alaska* brilliantly chronicles the indelible impact one life can have on another. A modern classic, this stunning debut marked #1 bestselling author John Green’s arrival as a groundbreaking new voice in contemporary fiction.

**Title:** Looking for Alaska

**Author:** John Green

**Imprint:** Dutton

**Publisher:** Penguin Young Readers

**On sale date:** March 3, 2005

**ISBN:** 9780525475064 and 9780142402511

**Format:** Hardcover and Paperback

**Age Range\*:** 14 and up

**Grade Range:** Gr 10 Up

## REVIEWS AND PRAISE

### **A *New York Times* Bestseller**

“A gem of modern literature.” —*Guardian*

★ “What sings and soars in this gorgeously told tale is Green’s mastery of language and the sweet, rough edges of Pudge’s voice.” —Kirkus

★ “Alive with sweet, self-deprecating humor.” —*SLJ*

“Funny, sad, inspiring, and always compelling.” —*Bookpage*

“The spirit of Holden Caulfield lives on.” —*Kliatt*

“Stunning conclusion . . . one worthy of a book this good.” —*Philadelphia Inquirer*

“What sets this novel apart is the brilliant, insightful, suffering but enduring voice of Miles Halter.” —*Chicago Tribune*

## AWARDS AND ACCOLADES

- Winner of the Michael L. Printz Award
- A Los Angeles Times Book Prize Finalist
- Pacific Northwest Library Association Young Reader's Choice Award
- Abraham Lincoln High School Book Award
- Eliot Rosewater Indiana High School Book Award
- Iowa High School Book Award
- Garden State Teen Book Award
- Volunteer State Book Award
- Vermont Green Mountain Book Award
- 2006 YALSA Best Fiction for Young Adults Selection
- NPR 100 Best-Ever Teen Novels Selection
- TIME Magazine, 100 Best YA Books of All Time

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- A PBS, The Great American Read Selection
- An ALA Best Book for Young Adults, Top 10
- An ALA Quick Pick for Reluctant Readers
- A *Booklist* Editors' Choice selection
- A *Kirkus* Best Book of the Year
- An *SLJ* Best Book of the Year
- A Chicago Public Library Best of the Best
- A New York Public Library Book for the Teen Age

#### **MEDIA AND RESOURCES**

- [Educator Guide](#)
- [John Green New York Times interview around Banned Books](#)
- [AMERICAN CACOPHONY: LANGUAGES, LITERATURES, AND CENSORSHIP "Literature Is Not a Cold, Dead Place": An Interview with John Green](#)
- ["Author John Green speaks out against school board candidate's push to ban his novel in his hometown," TODAY, September 13, 2022](#)
- ["John Green fights back against banning of Looking for Alaska," The Guardian, April 26, 2016](#)
- ["Looking for Alaska pulled from Sumner Country Classrooms," NCAC.org, May 15, 2012](#)

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