



[\*You Know Me Well\*](#) by Nina LaCour and David Levithan

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\*Age Range: 13-18 (Suggested by Publisher)

Grade Range: Gr 9 Up (Recommended by *School Library Journal*)

## BOOK SYNOPSIS

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*You Know Me Well* is a deeply honest story about navigating the joys and heartaches of first love, one truth at a time.

Who knows you well? Your best friend? Your boyfriend or girlfriend? A stranger you meet on a crazy night? No one, really?

Mark and Kate have sat next to each other for an entire year, but have never spoken. For whatever reason, their paths outside of class have never crossed.

That is until Kate spots Mark miles away from home, out in the city for a wild, unexpected night. Kate is lost, having just run away from a chance to finally meet the girl she has been in love with from afar. Mark, meanwhile, is in love with his best friend Ryan, who may or may not feel the same way.

When Kate and Mark meet up, little do they know how important they will become to each other -- and how, in a very short time, they will know each other better than any of the people who are supposed to know them more.

Told in alternating points of view by Nina LaCour, author of *Watch Over Me*, *We Are Okay*, *Hold Still*, and *The Disenchantments*, and David Levithan, author of *Every Day* and co-author of *Nick and Norah's Infinite Playlist* (with Rachel Cohn) and *Will Grayson, Will Grayson* (with John Green).

## REVIEWS AND PRAISE

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"*You Know Me Well* perfectly encapsulates those fraught, end-all-be-all feelings of high-school romance and graduation. The raw emotion of this novel will delight fans of Rainbow Rowell and John Green." -[BookPage](#)

"Both authors excel at writing smart, funny, and realistic dialogue. These are characters to whom readers will relate and want to get to know." -[School Library Journal](#)

"...incisively explore(s) the excitement and costs of change, and the importance of friends in figuring out what to keep and what to jettison." -[Publishers Weekly](#)

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"The pacing and voices of LaCour's and Levithan's alternating points of view are on point, keeping this sweet...tale moving gladly forward." -[Kirkus Review](#)

"Often subtle and always absorbing examination of fraught relationships...popular authors LaCour and Levithan tell their heartfelt story seamlessly in chapters that alternate between Mark's and Kate's respective points of view and invite readers' emotional engagement with these two empathetic teens." -[Booklist](#)

"A perfect read for the bolter in all of us... LaCour and Levithan join together to give an honest view of the anxious teenage psyche." -*Romantic Times*

"Two powerful forces in YA lit team up to tell one unique story in *You Know Me Well*." -*Bustle*

"Teens, queer or straight, are often dramatic and unsure of themselves, and by moving its characters beyond the coming-out trope and giving them other questions to focus on, this book gives them room to be." -*Horn Book Review*

"LaCour and Levithan are both dab hands at utopian romance." -*The Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books*

"Nina LaCour and David Levithan are two of the best YA authors working right now, and this story is further proof. This fun, sweet novel beautifully captures the power of romantic and platonic love alike." -*Seventeen Magazine*

"Few literary titles have been able to portray adult romance as honestly and believably as LaCour and Levithan manage to in this irresistible teenage tale. I can only hope this isn't the last we hear from Kate and Mark." -Edge Media

"Levithan and LaCour beautifully capture what it's like to have a romance against the backdrop of the cool grey city of love. There is something about this place that renders everything full of magic." -[Forever Young Adult](#)

"A sweet, hopeful story about finding the courage to live your truth — whatever it may be. And of course, it's a story about the friends who guide us through it all." -*Bustle's Beach Reads*

## AWARDS AND ACCOLADES

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**A Publishers Weekly Staff Pick for Best Summer Book of 2016!**

**A Bustle Summer 2016 YA Summer Reading Guide Pick!**

**A PopSugar Best Book of June**

**A New York Daily News Summer Pick for Teens**

**A Seventeen Magazine Best YA Book of 2016**

## MEDIA AND RESOURCES

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Add link to discussion guide, author interviews, blog posts, or any additional resources that provide useful context about the book.

- [Publisher's Weekly Author Q&A](#)
- [Pop Sugar: "How Author Nina LaCour Hopes to Inspire LGBTQ+ Youth Through Her Stories"](#)
- [EW Cover Reveal and Excerpt](#)
- [Forward: "What the Jewish author behind one of America's most banned books has to say about censorship today"](#)

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- [Independent: “David Levithan interview: The US author on leading the way in LGBT fiction for young adults”](#)
- [The Washington Post: “Standing Up to the New Censorship”](#)

### **\*A NOTE ON AGE RANGES**

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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.

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