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BOOK RESUME: NORMAL PEOPLE

BOOK SYNOPSIS

Connell and Marianne grew up in the same small town, but the similarities end there. At school, Connell is popular and well liked, while Marianne is a loner. But when the two strike up a conversation—awkward but electrifying—something life changing begins.

A year later, they're both studying at Trinity College in Dublin. Marianne has found her feet in a new social world while Connell hangs at the sidelines, shy and uncertain. Throughout their years at university, Marianne and Connell circle one another, straying toward other people and possibilities but always magnetically, irresistibly drawn back together. And as she veers into self-destruction and he begins to search for meaning elsewhere, each must confront how far they are willing to go to save the other.

Normal People is the story of mutual fascination, friendship, and love. It takes us from that first conversation to the years beyond, in the company of two people who try to stay apart but find that they can't.

REVIEWS AND PRAISE

"A future classic." —*The Guardian*

"*Normal People* is a nuanced and flinty love story about two young people who 'get' each other, despite class differences and the interference of their own vigorous personal demons."—Maureen Corrigan, NPR's *Fresh Air*

"[Rooney's] two carefully observed and gentle comedies of manners . . . are tender portraits of Irish college students. . . . Remarkably precise—she captures meticulously the way a generation raised on social data thinks and talks." —*New York Review of Books*

"Funny and intellectually agile . . . [combines] deft social observation—especially of shifts of power between individuals and groups—with acute feeling." —*Harper's Magazine*

AWARDS AND ACCOLADES

- Winner of the 2018 Costa Book Award for Novel
- Winner of the 2018 An Post Irish Book Awards Novel of the Year
- Winner of the 2019 British Book Awards Overall Book of the Year and Fiction Book of the Year

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- Named One of the Best Books of the Year by: *The New York Times*, *The New York Times Book Review*, *Oprah Daily*, *Time*, *NPR*, *The Washington Post*, *The Paris Review*

RESPONSE TO CHALLENGES

- [Outlander and Normal People among 58 books 'banned' by Florida's Walton County](#) (2022)

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