



Title: Highly Illogical Behavior

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BOOK RESUME: HIGHLY ILLOGICAL BEHAVIOR

BOOK SYNOPSIS

From a Printz and Morris Award-winning author comes a quirky story of coming-of-age, coming out, friendship, love...and agoraphobia.

Sixteen-year-old Solomon has agoraphobia. He hasn't left his house in 3 years. Ambitious Lisa is desperate to get into a top-tier psychology program. And so when Lisa learns about Solomon, she decides to befriend him, cure him, and then write about it for her college application. To earn Solomon's trust, she introduces him to her boyfriend Clark, and starts to reveal her own secrets. But what started as an experiment leads to a real friendship, with all three growing close. But when the truth comes out, what erupts could destroy them all. Funny and heartwarming, *Highly Illogical Behavior* is a fascinating exploration of what makes us tick, and how the connections between us may be the most important things of all.

REVIEWS AND PRAISE

★ "Solomon's descriptions of his anxiety are achingly real..Readers will easily come to care about these bright, wonderfully nerdy, flawed characters."
—*Kirkus Reviews*, starred review

★ "Printz Award-winner Whaley (*Where Things Come Back*) again tackles heavy, heady topics with a light touch, populating his perceptive and quick-witted story with endearing, believably flawed teens."—*Publishers Weekly*, starred review

★ "The alternating narratives capture the perspective of the bright, witty, and decidedly quirky protagonists...A logical choice for Whaley's fans, Trekkies, and sensitive readers of all stripes."—*School Library Journal*, starred review

"At a time when young adult literature is actively picking away at the stigma of mental illness, Whaley carves off a healthy chunk with style, sensitivity and humor. . . . ELECTRIFYING."—*The New York Times Book Review*

"Tender and funny."—*People Magazine*, Summer's Best Books of 2016

"Raw, funny, and unforgettable."—*Buzzfeed*

"A charming, heartwarming, and profound affirmation of the importance of connection."—*The Huffington Post*

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“John Corey Whaley has never disappointed us before, and he carries on that tradition with his funny, heartfelt, and oh-so-JCW-style *Highly Illogical Behavior*.”—*Bustle*

AWARDS AND ACCOLADES

- A Lambda Literary Award Finalist
- A YALSA Best Fiction for Young Adults selection
- A CCBC Choices selection
- A *School Library Journal* Best Book of the Year selection
- An NPR Best Book of the Year selection
- A Bustle Best Book for the Year selection
- A Mashable Best Book of the Year selection
- A Chicago Public Library Best Teen Fiction selection
- A Paste Magazine Best YA Book of the Year selection
- A Florida Teens Read selection
- An Illinois Abraham Lincoln High School Book Award selection
- An Indiana Eliot Rosewater High School Book Award selection
- A Louisiana Teen Readers' Choice Award selection
- A Maryland Black-Eyed Susan Book Award selection
- A New Jersey Garden State Teen Book Award selection
- An Oklahoma Sequoyah Book Award selection
- A Rhode Island Teen Book Award selection
- A Tennessee Volunteer State Book Award selection
- A Texas TAYSHAS Reading List selection

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