



***Henry Hamlet's Heart* by Rhiannon Wilde**

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*Age Range: 14 and up

Grade Range: 9+

BOOK SYNOPSIS

This smart and charming queer YA rom-com about falling for your best friend will win the hearts of fans of Adam Silvera and Becky Albertalli.

Henry Hamlet doesn't know what he wants after school ends. It's his last semester of high school, and all he's sure of is his uncanny ability to make situations awkward. Luckily, he can always hide behind his enigmatic best friend, Len. They've been friends since forever, but Len is mysterious and Henry is clumsy, and Len is a heartthrob and Henry is a neurotic mess. Somehow it's always worked.

That is, until Henry falls in love. Hard. How do you date your best friend?

From an exciting debut author comes a passionate story of growing up, letting go, and learning how to love.

REVIEWS AND PRAISE

★“More than an affecting romance, this is a character-driven literary novel that features authentic, multidimensional characters whose speech isn't exactly Shakespearean, but Wilde proves to be especially good at dialogue, with a gift for witty banter that rings true and helps define character. Set in Australia, this superb first novel proves the universality of love.”—*Booklist*, **starred review**

“This is the best friends-to-lovers romance my cold cynical heart needed. Henry and his first love feelings are a cuteness overload. Full of humor, sincerity, and excellent music, this is one of my new favorite coming-of-age stories.”—Melissa Taylor, E. Shaver, Bookseller, Savannah, GA, **November/December 2022 Kids' Indie Next List**

“The exact book I wish I'd had when I was young. What a beautiful read.”—Shannon Molloy, author of *Fourteen*

“This sweet queer best friends fall in love story is perfect for fans of Becky Albertalli.” —*School Library Journal*

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“Wilde deftly captures classic adolescent boys’ dialogue, while Henry’s constant, occasionally heartbreaking self-doubt is mitigated by his endearing and at times hilariously overwrought internal narrative in this sincere romance.”—*Publishers Weekly*

“The developing romance becomes the driving force, but there’s also friendship, school stress, and family drama. Henry’s narration captures the range of emotions that come with new love, evolving identity, and anxieties about being on the cusp of adulthood.”—*Kirkus Reviews*

“Complete with grand romantic gestures . . . , this otherwise understated novel will delight romance fans, particularly those of Benjamin Alire Sáenz’s *Aristotle & Dante* books.”—*The Bulletin for the Center of Children’s Books*

“Henry Hamlet wholly and truly has my heart. This book is an absolutely perfect laugh-out-loud, cry-in-bed, best-friends-to-lovers queer romance that you absolutely need to pick up. Rhiannon Wilde's debut is stunning and I can't wait to share it with everyone I know.”—Kassie King, *The Novel Neighbor*, Webster Groves, MO

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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.

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