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Synopsis

Recommended in John Green's Book Giving Guide for the Holidays 2015 Devon Tennyson wouldn't change a thing. She's happy silently crushing on best friend Cas, and blissfully ignoring the future after high school. But the universe has other plans. It delivers Devon's cousin Foster, an unrepentant social outlier with a surprising talent, and the obnoxiously superior and maddeningly attractive jock, Ezra, right where she doesn't want them--first into her P.E. class and then into every other aspect of her life. With wit, heart, and humor to spare, *First & Then* is a contemporary novel about falling in love--with the unexpected boy, with a new brother, and with yourself.

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Customer Reviews

I almost missed out on this beautiful story. I read the sample and didn't think it was too interesting, but after going back and reading the reviews, I decided to give it another chance and I'm so glad that I did. The entire story is beautifully written, the characters are amazing, and each and every one of them show growth from start to finish. The story wasn't overly dramatic and there were no forced plot lines, it was totally character driven and wonderful in every respect. Emma Mills will make you

laugh, cry and feel inspired from this gem of a story. It's a touching must read and I didn't want it to end.

I read this book in one sitting. It's a very cute story but it definitely contains more than you'd expect from it. It's a story that portrays a teenager struggling with life as she knows it and learning how to grow as a person. It portrays how our actions and the actions of others can impact everything and everyone around us. This book portrays what you may call touchy subjects in a very subtle way, yet it's strong enough that you can still recognize it. Family relations is a very big part of this book and in my perspective it is portrayed in a way that complicated matters seem understandable. Personally, I identified with the book because my family is a little too alike the main character's family. I think a lot of people might relate to the book in more ways than one; whether that is with Devon's experiences, Foster's charming yet odd personality or any of the other characters interesting ways of being, I believe anyone can find something to relate in this book.

I pre-ordered this book, but then when it came I procrastinated actually reading it. I think I was deterred by the length-- it was shorter than I'd anticipated-- but everything that needed to happen to make this a full-fledged story did. This was one of the best contemporaries I've read, not just recently but in general. Pros: I really loved the characters and the romance. There was good character development despite the length. The pacing was just right, no slow parts. Cons: I'm sure there were negatives but I really can't think of any right now (maybe some of the background characters could be fleshed out better??). It's just a really nice lighthearted read--perfect for a book-hangover or a book slump!

Devon Tennyson is sarcastic. That's all we really know about her. Also, she doesn't think too highly of herself and has a penchant for Jane Austen novels. So when her parents decide to take in their godson, Foster, because his own parents are going through things, Devon is initially annoyed to have Foster constantly around. But when Foster displays prime football skillz, it impresses one of the star players and their coach, and they're vying for him to be on the football team as the team's kicker. Like Cait said, this is a football YA. Like, football is a really huge thing in this town. The football players are given divine treatment. Okay, I get it. I like football. I watch the Super Bowl every year. I'm a Patriots fan. You know, the like. But there's all these statistics and centimeters and "if he kicks the ball too high through the goalpost, it'll be a foul, etc." Where I got all: "???" Devon also has a crush on her lifelong best friend, Cas. Not that I get the infatuation. He flirts with every girl

inexistence and displays Grade-A gross tendencies. Ezra, on the other hand, is cute. Ezra is so cute. Gimme him immediately. I love him. He's already mine. He's one of the star football players. He's socially awkward and he and Devon are awkward together all through the beginning. The romance isn't rushed. There's no automatic instalove. I love the relationship he has with Foster as well. Ezra treats him like a little brother and my heart is too fragile. I wanted them to kiss more, but at the same time, I loved it?!?! Devon's pregnant friend, Marabelle, is fiercely annoying. Okay, so you're pregnant, right? Why are you always at school parties? Are you not tired? She acts like she's literally the hottest thing around and she's pregnant and like, "Go home." But, if anything, that's something exceptionally minor. My only problem, I felt the novel was rushed around the end. There was an accident, a quick apology, and a few kisses. I would've preferred something more solid, but that's just me. Nonetheless, I enjoyed 95% of the novel and the cover is gorgeous. An obvious recommend.

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