

## **At the Edge of the Universe**

**Shaun David Hutchinson**

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Ozzie and Tommy have been in love since forever and they've known each other even longer than that. Though that all changes when Tommy vanishes without a trace, but Ozzie is the only one who even remembers Tommy's existence. Ozzie is intent to get his boyfriend back and face the struggles of senior year. Ozzie may face more trouble than he thought when he finds out the universe is shrinking.

Hutchinson's book, *At the Edge of the Universe*, is a coming of age story with a supernatural twist. All his characters are a part of the LGBTQ community. I'm glad that they were represented in this book. They too faced struggles like everyday people, which can be seen in Ozzie's life, along with many of the other characters. Many readers will relate to Ozzie's troubles with family and friends, as well as college, and life in general. All the characters in this book had their own passions, flaws, and their own struggles. That made them all the better. I get to see how different people cope with their trauma and problems. I learned a few important life lessons about choices and moving on, along with some cool things about physics. I also deeply appreciated the author including numbers to the Suicide Prevention Hotline and the Trevor Project to help those who need it.

Readers will have to watch out for the strong language, sex, violence, self-harm, abuse, and drugs present in the story. Some readers may find Hutchinson's book to be too long, but you might miss out on the twists and turns of the story. *At the Edge of the Universe* may contain many negative elements, but I enjoyed the story despite them. For these reasons, I would suggest this book to anyone 14 years or older. The book would make a great gift for fans of LGBTQ stories and/or coming of age stories.

### **Recommended Titles:**

*We are the Ants* by Shaun David Hutchinson

*Violent Ends* by Shaun David Hutchinson

*The Five Stages of Andrew Brawley* by Shaun David Hutchinson

*The Apocalypse of Elena Mendoza* by Shaun David Hutchinson