Paper Towns

John Green

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Quentin "Q" Jacobsen and Margo Roth Spigelman have been neighbors since they were nine. They were friends until they started high school, where Margo became one of the most popular girls at school and "Q" just became another regular guy who crushed on Margo. They spent almost the entire high school year without acknowledging each other until the week before graduation. Margo shows up in Quentin's bedroom window at night and takes him for a crazy and wild adventure. It seems as if Margo has gone on adventures like this, but Q obviously hasn't. This adventure included vandalizing, breaking into SeaWorld, and getting revenge on multiple bullies and traitors.

After this night ended, Margo went missing. Private investigators were hired, and missing posters were taped everywhere. Quentin and some of his friends embark on a crazy journey to try to find Margo.

This novel is one of my favorite books I've ever read. It was a beautiful coming-of-age book full of adventure, love, and thrills. John Green was able to put into words the millions of emotions and feelings of a teenager. He was also able to capture the complicated personality of Margo, who is basically the mystery girl in the book. No one knows what she feels or who she truly is inside. She's always just went with the flow. I think this was a beautiful book because it encourages readers to always seek adventure. I learned to never stop looking for the beautiful things in life from John Green. Not only was this book a mystery, it was also a novel about friendship and love.

I recommend this book for readers from ages 12-15. I would definitely buy this book for a friend. This book is perfect for anyone looking for an adventurous romance novel.

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Eleanor and Park by Rainbow Rowell

Holding Up the Universe by Jennifer Niven

Every Last Word by Tamara Ireland Stone

Everyday by David Levithan

Anatomy of a Misfit by Andrea Portes