

## **Paper Towns**

**John Green**

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Quentin is a senior at Winter Park High in Orlando, Florida. His best friends are Ben and Radar, and the three of them are average teenagers who are not popular and don't hang out with popular kids. However Quentin has had a crush on his neighbour, Margot, for several years. One day she climbs through his window at night and brings him on an adventure to get revenge on everyone who hurt her during high school, throwing a few stops in for Quentin to vent. The two fell in love, but Margot went missing the next day. She leaves a series of clues for Quentin to come find her. After only one night of bonding and learning about Margot, would Quentin know enough to find her?

The way Green sets up the novel make the story quite unpredictable which is an enjoyable aspect, which maintains the readers attention. In addition it is written in the ever popular stream of consciousness style that shared our main character Quentin's thoughts with as the whole time. It makes the novel a more fast paced easy read. The fact that the main characters complement each other makes the story a more enjoyable read. It was great to see how these entirely different people had so much in common because it made the novel more unique. The way they work with each other furthers the plot and makes these characters more dynamic, all of which contributes to a more exciting and enjoyable novel.

This book is very popular among my peers so I decided to try it out. While the novel was of a genre I don't particularly like, it had a pretty interesting story. It was a well written novel and I enjoyed the dynamic relationships between the characters. I also loved the descriptions of the settings and how they added to the story by setting the tone. It represents the ideal John Green novel.

I quite enjoyed reading this book, despite my usual experience with romance novels. I would definitely recommend this novel to other avid readers. The main audience of this novel would be late middle schoolers and early high schoolers. By age this would be around the ages 12-15. This would make a great gift for any John Green fan or fans of contemporary romance novels. This would also be a good read for any fans of coming-of-age novels, a genre gaining a lot of popularity among young adult readers today.

### **Recommended Titles:**

- An Abundance of Katherines – John Green
- Looking for Alaska – John Green
- Simon and the Homosapien's Agenda – Becky Alberti
- Fangirl – Rainbow Rowell
- I'll give you the sun – Jandy Nelson