

Every Day

David Levithan

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David Levithan's *Every Day* is a wonderful romance and fiction novel for young adults. The story begins when the main character, a person who identifies as A, finds himself in the body of Justin. This is nothing new for A; it is the only thing he's ever known his whole life - go to sleep in one body, wake up in another, and don't let anyone see that anything's different. Immediately, A accesses Justin's memories to figure out who he is today; it's part of his everyday routine. He uses the body's memories to go about his day as close to how Justin would, as possible, but that all changes when he meets one person.

Her name is Rhiannon. Rhiannon is Justin's girlfriend and upon meeting her, A immediately takes a liking to her. He accesses Justin's memory and sees that Justin does not treat her well. A knows that in order to keep her from suspecting anything, he should just treat her awfully like Justin would, but he can not bring himself to do it. He sees something in her and takes it upon himself to give her a memorable day, because a day is all he has. The next day, A wakes up in the body of Leslie Wong and she knows she must forget about Rhiannon because she is no longer part of her life, but something will not let her forget. Day after day, body after body, Rhiannon never leaves A's mind so it's no surprise that once A is in the body of a girl with a license and proximity to Rhiannon, she grasps the chance to go see her. A tries to pull this off once again days later in the body of Nathan Daldry and this time he gives Rhiannon a way to contact him. The next day, Rhiannon emails A saying his story from the night before does not check out and later A is forced to explain himself.

Along with this added difficulty, A now must deal with Nathan, the first person to realize something had happened to him. Nathan begins harassing A for answers through email and when he doesn't get any answers, he takes to the internet and calls for others who have had similar experiences to speak up as well. He also takes up the help of a man named Reverend Poole, who claims A is the devil. A begins to get worried but does not pay it much heed because now that Rhiannon knows the truth, he finally gets to spend time with her.

Except there's a problem now, Rhiannon believes there's no way for their relationship to work out. Every time they attempt to make it work, something happens that causes Rhiannon to be reminded of just how temporary A is. Throughout the book, A struggles to prove to Rhiannon that there is a way for them to be together, while at the same time struggling to keep his situation with Nathan from getting too out of hand. Levithan does a wonderful job of highlighting the different struggles every body A inhabits faces as well as A's own struggles and how they affect his perspective on life. He makes a point to show the importance of relationships between

people, as well as between your body and mind. I highly recommend checking this book out from your local library and reading it. I recommend this book for kids ages 12 and up.

Recommended Titles:

The Giver, Lois Lowry

Another Day, David Levithan

They Both Die at the End, Adam Silvera