

You Have a Match

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In Emma Lord's contemporary take on your classic Parent Trap scenario, sisters Abby and Savannah find each other through a DNA testing kit. Abby, a grounded and talented photographer, can't figure out how she could ever be related to Savannah, a seemingly shallow rich kid whose life is as perfect as it is plastic. When Abby ends up at the same camp as her sister, she's a little hesitant, but soon grows to understand her. The two's relationship takes center stage as they go from strangers to sisters.

I loved seeing how the characters grew into family. They're both very well written and have their own lives outside of each other's perspectives, so seeing the point where these lives meet was very satisfying. Abby's a very thought out character and it's easy to see how her life influences a lot of her actions. I was a little put off by Savannah at first, but Lord really developed her into a much more relatable character. The side romances were sweet and I appreciate how there wasn't too much emphasis on them, but still thought behind them. I'm not that big of a fan of Lord's writing style, but it grew on me the more I read.

You Have a Match makes a great gift for teenagers in middle school and high school. It's a sweet story about family and coming of age, and it has something that'll appeal to everyone. It's a light read, but the story is so lovely that you'll definitely reread it.

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