

You Have a Match

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Sixteen-year-old Abby has been struggling. The recent death of her grandfather caused her to not care about school, and her grades dropped. This led her parents to really start monitoring her schoolwork. She barely has time to do anything but study. At least she has her two best friends, Leo and Connie...although, things have been awkward ever since the B.E.I (Big Embarrassing Incident) with Leo. She also has her camera, Kitty, to relax her, as she is an avid photographer.

When Abby signs up for a DNA service, she finds out she has a secret sister- a popular health-influencer on Instagram named Savannah Tully. It's very hard to believe they are sisters because Savvy is perfect in every way and is only a year and a half older than Abby herself. The two meet up, unbeknownst to their parents, and plan to go to summer camp together to figure out why Savannah was put up for adoption. The only problem is, Savvy is totally a buzz kill. Plus, Leo is the camp's co-chef, making the growing tension between him and Abby strengthen. How will she make it through this summer without accidentally ruining her relationship with her Savannah, or confessing her love for Leo and destroying their friendship?

This book is very similar to *The Parent Trap*, which makes it instantly familiar. It is heart-warming, portraying the ups and downs of relationships with siblings, parents, friendships and dating. The characters are all genuine and by the end of the book, have all grown so much. My favorite part of the book was the diversity in characters and the family component. Abby's struggle with how her parents view her and feeling like she is not good enough is very relatable. It was also a realistic representation of "friends to lovers," as Abby is hesitant to show her feelings toward Leo.

Some parts of *You Have a Match* are corny, like the idea of Savvy being a "wealthy influencer" and the cheesy dialogue and actions, such as Mickey loving the Harry Potter and Disney franchises. I also disliked the random attempt at a love triangle between Abby, Leo, and Fin that was quickly forgotten by the end of the novel. Overall, I enjoyed the read and thought it was very sweet. If you like charming family storylines and light reads, this book is perfect. I recommend readers ages thirteen and up.

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Tweet Cute by Emma Lord

Yes No Maybe So by Becky Albertalli

Far From the Tree by Robin Benway

What If It's Us by Becky Albertalli and Adam Silvera

