Turtles all the way down literature and summary

Writer: John Green

*number of chapters:*

* 24

*Main characters: (hoofdpersonen)*

1. **Aza Holmes:**

* She’s a sixteen years old girl
* She’s a girl with compulsive thoughts, she has a lot of fears
* She has a disorder
* She lives alone with her mother
* Her father is death
* Aza is compulsively engaged with her body: with calories, bacteria and other organisms that can threaten her life

1. **Daisy Ramirez:**

* Aza's best friend, a cheerful flapuit (and daredevil)

1. **Davis Pickett:**

* A former friend of Aza, a son of a wealthy entrepreneur

1. **Mrs. Holmes:**

* Aza's mother, a math teacher

*Supporting characters :(bijfiguren)*

1. **Mychal Turner**:

* A classmate of Aza and Daisy;

1. **Dr. Karen Singh**:

* the doctor (psychiatrist) who has Aza under treatment

1. **Noah Pickett**:

* Davis' 13-year-old brother

1. **Russell Pickett**:

* The father of Davis, a wealthy entrepreneur, the CEO and owner of Pickett Engineering (Not exactly an empathetic father)

1. **Lyle**:

* the pickettd's security officer;

1. Malik Moore:

* the picketts' private zoologist

1. **Rosa:**

* the house manager of the Picketts

1. **Holly:**

* a waitress in Applebee's cafeteria

1. **Frances Oliver:**

* a curator of an exhibition space.

*Narrator in the book (verteller)*

* The narrator in this book is an I-storyteller.

Sometimes creates a I-storyteller an unreliable perspective.

The narrator is the sixteen-year-old Aza Holmes.

**One of the chapters is narrated by Aza as she writes about herself in the second person ('you') (chapter 20): it therefore seems as if she is looking at herself from a distance.**

*Storyline (verhaallijn) :*

* Will Aza be able to learn to live with herself (and with others like Davis Pickett)?

*Place of the story:*

* The city of Indianapolis, the capital of the US state of Indiana.
* In that city Aza lives on one side of the river (on the side where the 'ordinary' citizens live) and Davis lives on the other side (where the villas are located).

*Time:*

* 2015-2020.
* Internet exist , mobile phone and contacts that are made through those modern media.
* There are a few flashbacks, especially when Aza recalls her childhood.
* The story is told chronologically.

*Action:*

* This book has a lot of action
* That action usually has to do with the encounters (ontmoetingen) between Aza and her friend Daisy and Aza's boyfriend, Davis.

*Themes:*

1. **Mental Illness**

* *A principal theme in this book is mental illness.*
* The main character, Aza, struggles with OCD which makes a substantial impact on her life. She has all these thoughts in her head which make life difficult; indeed, she really tries to be the very best person she can be, but it is so difficult when you have to battle with your own thoughts.

1. **Love**

* In this book, both the main character and the main character's best friend develop relationships.
* Davis and Aza become closer and closer, while Daisy develops a relationship with Mychal.
* In the book, you can read about young love and the struggles that come with it.

1. **Friendship**

* Friendship is a major theme in this book, especially the friendship between Aza and Daisy.
* Daisy struggles with being Aza's best friend due to Aza's condition, which Daisy finds difficult to deal with. Therefore, Daisy writes fan fiction based on Aza.
* Which eventually will end up in hurting Aza's feelings and them having a fight. This book teaches young adults about friendship and difficulties within it.

Summary of the book

This story Is about Aza, a sixteen year old.

Aza is the main character in this book and she’s also the teller in this book.

The story is really about living with mental illness and is very personal to the writer himself.

Aza struggles with, among others, OCD, which can be very difficult living with.

Aza did not think she was going to pursue this adventure, but there is so much money involved and se has become a little detective.

She tries to find the fugitive billionaire Russel Pickett, since there is a hundred thousand dollar reward.

Aza has a best friend; her name is Daisy, Daisy the most fearless person Aza knows.

Daisy really wants to investigate in this case. So, together, they do.

Luckily they know Davis, Russel Pickett's son.

Aza and Davis starts a relationship.

Davis does not want Aza to find his dad; therefore, he gives Aza a hundred thousand dollars.

Aza is afraid her illness will never get better and does not believe she can have a functioning relationship with Davis.

Aza is trying her very best in life, but it is difficult. She is trying to be the perfect girl; a good daughter, a good student, a good friend, but it is hard. She has so many thoughts, too many, and it can be difficult living with them.

Aza realizes that Daisy has been writing Star Wars fan fiction based on Aza and her illness, and they get into a fight.

Aza gets involved in a car accident due to this fight and spends several weeks in the hospital.