

The Fault In Our Stars

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Plot of the story

Hazel Grace Lancaster is a 17-year-old girl from Indiana who lives with cancer. Her parents are worried that she might be depressed because she spends a lot of time in bed, barely goes out and constantly thinks about the death. That’s why they decide to send her to a support group for people with cancer. In one of the meetings, she catches the eye of Augustus Waters, a friend of Isaac who’s also part of the group. Augustus introduced himself and told the group he also had cancer but he managed to recover. After the meeting ended, Augustus approaches Hazel and they start a conversation where he tells her she looks just like Natalie Portman from V for Vendetta. That same day, Augustus invites Hazel to come over and watch V for Vendetta together. Hazel also shares her obsession with one certain book called An Imperial Affliction. They agree to read each other’s favourite book so Augustus recommends The Price of Dawn. Hazel explains the book and many reasons why she likes the book so much. It’s about a girl named Anna who has cancer. She also tells that the book has a very sudden ending and she doesn’t like the fact that she would probably never find out what actually happened to Anna. The author, Peter van Houten, moved to Amsterdam after he published An Imperial Affliction. Hazel used to have a little bit of hope for a sequel but after 10 years she gave up and accepted that she would never found out what happened to the main characters. After about a week, Augustus tells Hazel that he sent an e-mail to the assistant of Peter van Houten who wrote that there will not come a sequel of An Imperial Affliction. Hazel is very disappointed and decides to write him back and askes many questions about the book. Shortly after, she receives a response with him inviting her to come over if she’s ever in Amsterdam because he says he can only answer those questions in person. The next day Augustus invites Hazel on a picnic. After a small conversation about nearly everything what has to do with the Netherlands, Augustus tells Hazel he was allowed to make a wish as he was once a cancer patient. The foundation agreed with his wish; taking Hazel with him to Amsterdam to visit Peter van Houten. As they arrive at van Houten’s place, he is definitely not the person Hazel hoped he would be. He is a mean-spirited drunk person who cannot answer any of Hazel’s questions. His assistant apologizes for his behaviour and proposed to visit the Anne Frank house without Peter. When they arrived all the way up in the museum, Augustus and Hazel kissed. The following day, Augustus tells Hazel that back in Indiana, he had a body scan which revealed his cancer has returned and spread everywhere. They return back to Indiana with the horrible feelings of fear and distress. Hazel's feelings for Augustus were now stronger than before and she realizes that she and Augustus don't have much time left together. Augustus dies eight days later. And Hazel was incredibly surprised to find van Houten at the funeral. He answered a few of Hazel’s questions and explains that Augustus wanted him at the funeral so he and Hazel could meet again. Hazel also finds out that Anna was the name of van Houten’s daughter. An Imperial Affliction was his literary attempt at moving on.

main characters

**Hazel Grace Lancaster** is a sweet and caring person. She enjoys reading books which is also one of the only hobbies she has. She tries to stay away from as many people as possible because she’s afraid she’ll hurt them when she dies. That’s also one of the main reasons she doesn’t have many friends, even though her parents send her to the support group but she ends up really close with Isaac and Augustus.



**Augustus Walters** is a funny and cool boy and he definitely wants to emphasize his ego at first but after a short conversation with Hazel about his past with cancer he also shows a sensitive side and even later in the story he becomes a real gentleman. He really likes to play computer games and he likes to read science fiction. That’s why he recommended The Price of Dawn to Hazel.

Most important thing the main character has to do and about the titel

This book doesn’t really have like a certain goal to be reached by the main character. It’s mainly just a story about two people falling in love in different circumstances than most of the people. They both have a unique story about their illness and Hazel’s last goal is to meet Peter van Houten and ask him about the plot of the story so in my opinion that’s the most important thing the main character has to do.

I think that this book has a very special and unique title. The title actually tells the literal definition of cancer; there’s a fault in their cells (“stars”) which resulted in cancer.

who tells the story and what issues did I come across

The story is told from Hazel’s point of view. That’s why you really know how she feels in certain situations and how she feels about the people around her. You can also see her slowly falling in love with Augustus and the special way they connect. There are many relatable situations in this book especially because the story could be true. Also, the emotions and reactions of the characters are very true to the ones outside of this book so you can really imagine how the characters feel. For instance, Augustus tells Hazel his cancer has returned and spread everywhere so he won’t be able to recover this time. Hazel reacted very emotionally. The author wrote everything with many details so it was a beautiful story to read.

my favourite part of the book

I guess that my favourite part of the book was during their stay in Amsterdam. Firstly I was very surprised that the author chose Amsterdam as Peter van Houten’s home because The Netherlands is such a small country so you would almost say that we're not very interesting to write about. However, John Green perfectly described the canal houses and cosy cafés based in Amsterdam which made me very pleased. They also visited the Anne Frank museum and other familiar places. This part of the book contains many conversations between the two main characters as well which I like very much because, as I said before, the author’s writing is just amazing.

why would i recommend this book

I can simply say that this book is just brilliant. I love the way the readers really get to know the characters. The writing is definitely amazing, especially because John Green uses difficult words and complex sentences and I think that’s one of the main reasons I like this book so much. It also has a bit of romance which I like and just the story about a girl fighting for her life because she has cancer and still getting the chance to make her dream come true is just beautiful.

how much time passes in the story

Actually, not much time passes in the story. They met in March and the story ends in July so about 4 months. You get closely involved in their lives and you almost experience every day that has been described in the book so that's probably why 4 months is all the story takes.

do you think the writer wants to ‘teach’ his readers a certain lesson?

I definitely think that the book contains a certain lesson for maybe people who know other people with cancer or maybe have it themselves. The main thing about the book is that Hazel and Augustus enjoy their lives as much as they can and keep doing the things other people would do as well and don’t wait until they die. They really wanted to go to Amsterdam so they went, they did the things they really wanted to do and I think that’s an important message to the people who are in the same situation and expect not to have all the time of the world anymore.