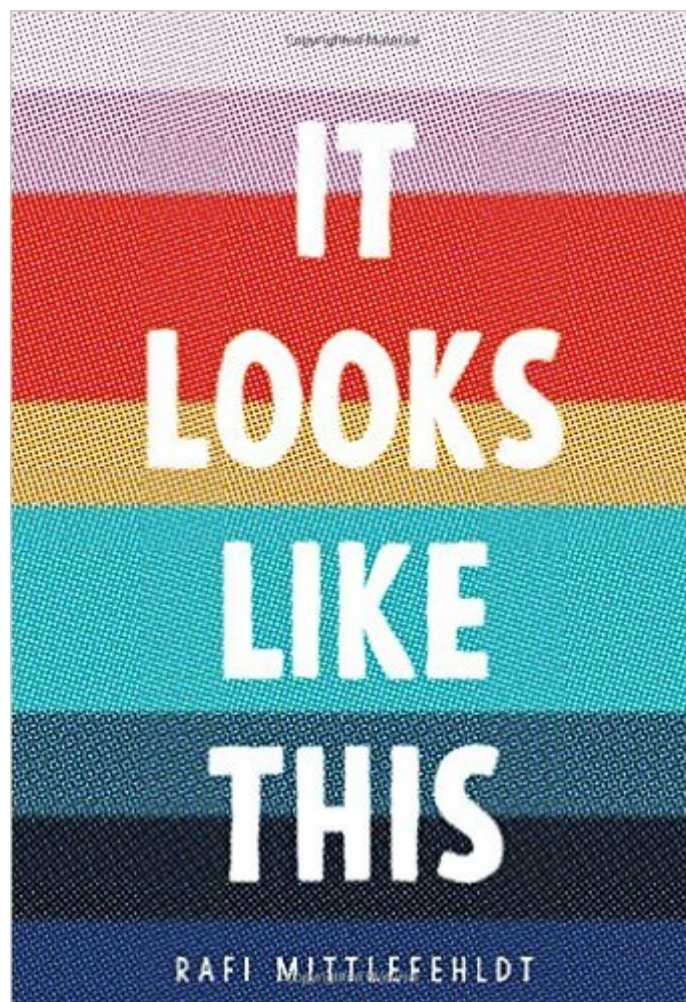


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It Looks Like This



Synopsis

In spare, understated prose heightened by a keen lyricism, a debut author will take your breath away. A new state, a new city, a new high school. Mike's father has already found a new evangelical church for the family to attend, even if Mike and his plainspoken little sister, Toby, don't want to go. Dad wants Mike to ditch art for sports, to toughen up, but there's something uneasy behind his demands. Then Mike meets Sean, the new kid, and "hey" becomes games of basketball, partnering on a French project, hanging out after school. A night at the beach. The fierce colors of sunrise. But Mike's father is always watching. And so is Victor from school, cell phone in hand. In guarded, Carveresque prose that propels you forward with a sense of stomach-dropping inevitability, Rafi Mittlefehldt tells a wrenching tale of first love and loss that exposes the undercurrents of a tidy suburban world. Heartbreaking and ultimately life-affirming, *It Looks Like This* is a novel of love and family and forgiveness—not just of others, but of yourself.

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Absolutely engrossing novel. Well written is putting it lightly. You will not want to put this down. Should literally be read by everyone from teenagers to grandparents. The world would be a better place!

This was wonderful. I don't want to go into specific details about the plot as I don't want to spoil the book for other readers, but it is a very thoughtful, moving novel and it is the type that will stick with you after a while. Technically a YA novel, but I think adults would enjoy it very much as well. While

not similar in style (I know some readers had issues with the lack of quotations around the dialogue, but I didn't even notice it), the book overall reminded me of the works of Paul Zindel or Norma Klein in that the author tackles some pretty intense subjects from a teens perspective, and it all still feels very authentic. The author also did a great job developing the characters. Can't wait to read more by him!

I'm very impressed with author Mittlefehldt's book. His writing style was one I do not see as often and it helped move the story along at a faster pace than other styles would have. Yet it was how he painted his characters that kept my attention and made me love reading every word. Mike, Sean, and Toby bring the story to life and Mr. Mittlefehldt made me care about each of them. Toby made me wish that everyone in the world could have a sister like her. In chapter 16 alone he tells a life story of discovery, pain, sadness, support, and love. He does so with simplicity and takes us through an emotional ride through time. When I had reached the end of the chapter I realized my teeth were clenched and my breath held. In this one chapter he tells a story that most need a whole book to tell. If you're looking for a unique look into coming out, love, compassion and hope; It Looks Like This.

I had a difficult time getting into this book. The author choose to tell readers what was taking place and honestly, my first thought was that it read like a journal from someone who could memorize what people said. The second thought was w feeling of being left down and disappointed that as a reader, the author didn't know how, or perhaps had little faith in getting me to come to the conclusion(s) he desired. However, once I got used to the odd style, I found this book to be a book with some valuable lessons packed away. It also showed what can happen when intolerance occurs. This book tackles a lot of big issues that I won't get into. All I will say is give this book a fighting chance. You just might surprise yourself.

I enjoyed author's writing style but the story is such a downer and depressing. Kind of a tough read.

A smart, sweet, stupendous read. Can't recommend it enough.

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