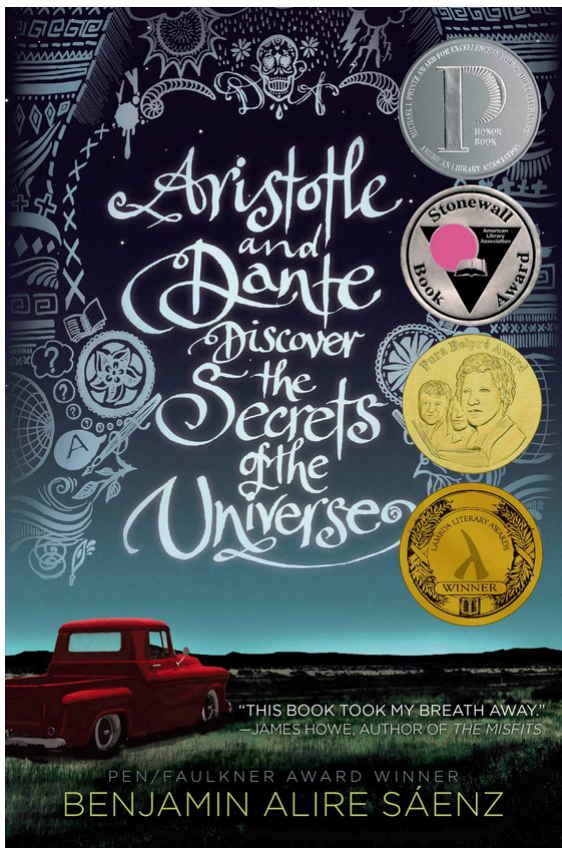




Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe

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LGBTQ+ Romance, Coming of Age

What originally made you interested in reading/watching/playing this media? How did you hear about it or come across it?

I had no idea this book even existed until we had to choose a book for reading and it was one of the two that caught my eye, I ended up choosing it and I even bought the second book which I will review later on. I wanted to read it originally because of the design, it looked the most interesting of them and then after I did some digging I found it would be a pretty good story for me to read.

Is it part of a series? If so, what series is it?

I wouldn't say it's a series, It just has a sequel after it.

What is this media about? Make sure to give enough interesting details without spoiling too much!

It follows the world of the main character Aristotle as he tries to figure out who he is. Its a bit hard to say much without spoiling it but he gets introduced to this other main character who we see a lot of named Dante and it ends up following their journey as playful young men into their growing up and figuring out themselves.

Who are the main characters? What makes them interesting or unique?

Aristotle Mendoza and Dante Quintana, they're both very similar but insanely different, Ari is more of a stand alone guy who doesn't know how to express himself, whereas Dante has this seemingly amazing life, he can do whatever he wants such as drawing and art, but they both realized that they aren't that different after all and have similar lives when you see them deeper.

Does this media remind you of anything else you've read/watched/played?

It doesn't really remind me of much of anything I've read previously but it reminds me of a few songs like Smalltown Boy by Bronski Beat and I Want To Hold Your Hand by The Beatles.

What type of person might enjoy this media? For example, this book is for someone who likes Percy Jackson, someone who enjoys getting scared, someone who likes a challenge, etc.

I would say queer kids or anyone who is trying to find ways to express themselves, anyone struggling and really I think it would be a good book for anyone who likes anything because I usually do not like coming of ages but this one actually was very attention grabbing and felt like me, that might just be because I relate a lot to the main character but I could just secretly like them and had only read bad ones previously. Overall just anyone with a liking to LGBTQ+ things or romances.

Did you like this media? Would you recommend it to others? Why or why not?

I adored this book, I would read it 100 times over and reread it again for the first time... just hopefully without the tears this time. I would recommend it to absolutely anyone who was into that and would be looking for a book to read, I already have got a few of my friends to read it and we all loved it.

Do you like the cover? Does it convey what the media is about?

The cover is a little confusing at first but it has small depictions of things that happen in the story so if you looked at it long enough you could figure out a good gist of things if you analyzed it. After reading it though it makes complete and perfect sense to the book itself.

Do you have any last thoughts about this media that you would like to include in your review?

Please read it, I beg whoever is reading this and if anyone asks for book recommendations, please read it, it was amazing and keep in mind it is set in the late 80's so there is I believe one or two words that should not be said nowadays.