

## The Sun Is Also a Star By Nicola Yoon

## **Questions and Topics for Discussion**

- 1. Do you believe in love at first sight?
- 2. "There's a Japanese phrase that I like: koi no yokan. It doesn't mean love at first sight. It's closer to love at second sight. It's the feeling when you meet someone that you're going to fall in love with them. Maybe you don't love them right away, but it's inevitable that you will." After reading this phrase, what do you think about the idea of love at second sight?
- 3. In the book, Daniel is faced with the choice of chasing a career that promises job security and financial stability, or chasing his passion in a field (poetry) that does not hold those same promises. Which "chase" do you think is more important?
- 4. What pressures do young people face when choosing colleges, majors, career paths, etc.? Where do those pressures come from?
- 5. Do you consider yourself left-brained (logical, math, science) or right-brained (creative, art, writing)?
- 6. Do you believe one day can change someone's life?
- 7. Are the people we encounter in everyday life a cashier, a cab driver, a security guard random acts that happen in the universe or is it fate/destiny?
- 8. Have you ever discussed someone's culture with them? What kind of things did you learn?
- 9. After he tells Natasha to wait outside his father's store, Daniel talks about how every person should be born with "a Do-Over, a Rain Check, a Take-Backsie, a Get-Out-Of-Jail-Free Card." Do you wish the same thing, or do you think every moment, even the bad ones, happen for a reason?
- 10. Do you think Natasha and Daniel ended up together forever after the end of the book?
- 11. Do you believe opposites attract?

- 12. Who was your favorite "background character" in the book? (Irene, Donald Christiansen, the conductor, the waitress, Hannah Winter, attorney Jeremy Fitzgerald, Joe, or someone else) Why?
- 13. What was your favorite part of *The Sun Is Also a Star*?

## **About the Author**

Nicola Yoon is the #1 NYT bestselling author of *Everything, Everything*, which is now a major motion picture, and *The Sun Is Also a Star*, a National Book Award finalist, Michael L. Printz Honor Book and Coretta Scott King New Talent Award winner. She grew up in Jamaica and Brooklyn, and lives in Los Angeles with her family.



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