

## LoveReading4kids Reader reviews of Because You'll Never Meet Me by Leah Thomas

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**Humaira Kauser, age 17**

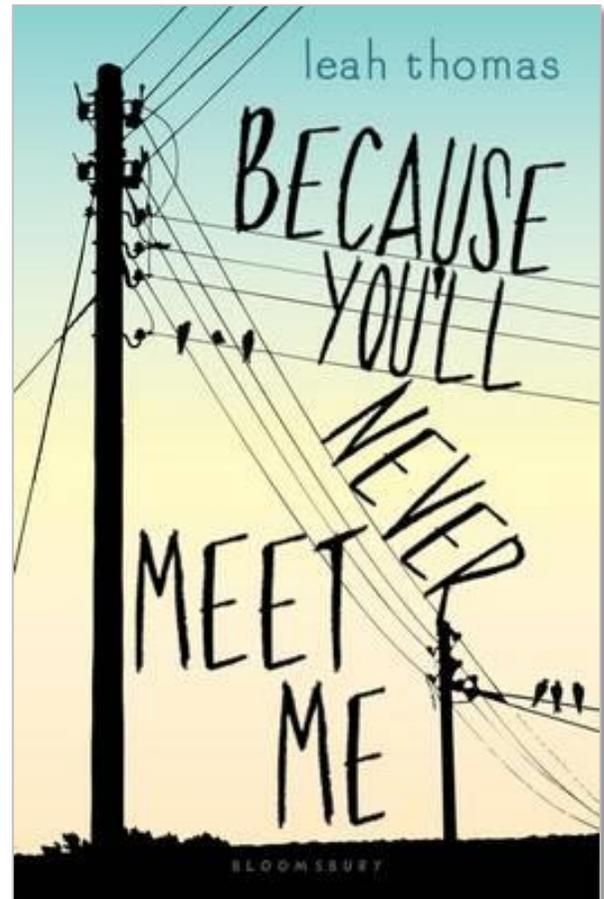
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*This book is truly astonishing. I love how the two main characters, Ollie and Moritz, are so complex and so extraordinary, yet so different. They're both unlike any characters I have read about (which is quite a lot). I adore Ollie but I have a soft spot for Moritz.*

*I like the idea that the chapters alternate back and forth through letters addressed to one another. There's a strong sense of character and it's easy to recognise who is speaking. My only problem is that if you are a slow reader and take a while to*

*read, it can be confusing at first to know who is speaking- ideally the chapters should have been titled with names of the speakers just to clear up confusion.*

*This book has got me thinking though. What would you do if you were in the position of Ollie, who is 'allergic' to electricity? I keep imagining scenarios in which I try to image not using anything electrical and I think that the world is so advanced in technology it's almost impossible to think about life without basic electricity.*



**Maisie Sadler, age 13**

*A brilliant book.*

*I really enjoyed reading 'Because You'll Never Meet Me'. I liked the way it was written - as letters from Ollie and Moritz. It's a realistic story's and indicates how the boy's lives would have been with their unique issues. Liz was a very typical young girl as well and I believe most people would feel the same things she felt about Ollie. Including that fact she thought Ollie was selfish unfortunately both of them had a point and Liz had the right to feel that.*

*I thought at the beginning the chapters dragged on a bit but as the book progress it became a gripping read. **I would defiantly recommend 'Because You'll Never Meet Me' and I believe the author has written a brilliant book!***

**Rebekah Marsh, age 12**

***'Because You'll Never Meet Me' is a brilliant book and I would recommend it to everyone. It shows how the bond of friendship can lift anybody's spirits.***

*The way it is written in letters lets you see the emotions of both Ollie and Moritz- it lets you make their mistakes with them and learn their lessons with them. 'Because You'll Never Meet Me' shows how strong friendship can be because they stick by each other through thick and thin. I love how Moritz gradually learns to trust Ollie and therefore, slowly, becomes more and more open with him.*

**Amelie Chatham, age 12**

*'Because You'll Never Meet Me' is a great book for anyone who loves stories of friendship.*

*It tells the story of two boys who can never meet, due to their medical problems. Maritz has no eyes and has an electric heart, whereas Ollie is allergic to electricity, so you can see why they can't meet. But this does not stop them building a lasting friendship through the use of pen and paper/talking computer. Each has their own problems at home which they talk to each other about. Will they work out how their paths came to cross or will they never learn about their past. **Out of 10 I would rate this book 9.9999999 recurring. I loved it.***

**Freya Moore, age 12**

***I thought that 'Because You'll Never Meet Me' was a really engaging book.*** It's about two boys who both have life-affecting conditions. Ollie has a strange allergy to electricity and Moritz has a heart disease which means that he needs a pacemaker to live. If they ever met each other one of them would die.

*Because of this, the story is told through the letters which the boys use to communicate and as the story progresses you find out more about the boys' mysterious past.*

**Lucie Harrison**

*'Because You'll Never Meet Me' is a really great book. I loved the honesty of the two boys, mixed with the mystery element of their parents, the lab and Auburn-Stache.*

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*I really loved 'Because You'll Never Meet Me'! I could barely put this down the whole time I was reading it. I think it is a great concept of the two boys never meeting due to their illnesses. The honesty of the two boys combined with the mystery element of their parents, the lab and Auburn-Stache throughout was amazing. I would recommend this book to anyone!*

**Edel Waugh**

*'Because You'll Never Meet Me' is the story about two boys who because of their individual illnesses can never meet so they form an unconventional friendship by mail. Both boys come from different countries and both are struggling with their lives and illnesses and both come to depend on the other for a support that neither really thought was possible at the beginning so watching the friendship grow is heartwarming even though they do have some arguments and frustrations.*

***This was a tender story that really makes you appreciate good health and the good friends that stick by you during the hard times.***

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## **J Craddock**

***An interesting, unexpected debut.***

***'Because You'll Never Meet Me' introduces a new, original voice to YA. Leah Thomas's debut is unlike anything I've read. Set up as the story of a friendship between two outcast boys conducted through letters, Thomas gives an unexpected twist in adding an element of sci-fi. Whilst at the heart of it remains a moving narrative of connection and hope, this additional plotline may divide opinion. For me, it was something of a distraction, taking the story in unnecessary directions that felt a bit too farfetched. I enjoyed the early mystery and felt it could have been left at that rather than creating an extended narrative which ventured into the bizarre. Nevertheless the sentiment remains and I enjoyed the novel for this aspect. What really works as well are the voices of Ollie and Moritz, very different yet both very authentic, and Thomas has done brilliantly in bringing these characters to life. An interesting, unexpected debut that makes Leah Thomas one to watch.***

## **Amanda Gray, age 20**

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*It was refreshing to read something featuring characters with voices that made them feel so real to me. Each chapter of the book was a letter from either Ollie or Moritz. They would describe their past and present and often banter with each other. I loved it. I absolutely loved it. So while this book initially seemed to be a contemporary, it did contain some sci-fi elements (like the narrator's strange conditions). I was okay with that. In fact it intrigued me and I felt like it made the premise even more unique and different. But what I do feel the need to point out is that this book isn't a 100% realistic contemporary. The best part about this book would probably be the characters. They took this book to the next level and, if you are like me, are all about the characters then read this. FYI, I think the plot is great but not amazing so if you're looking for something with more action in it, then this isn't the book for you.*

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