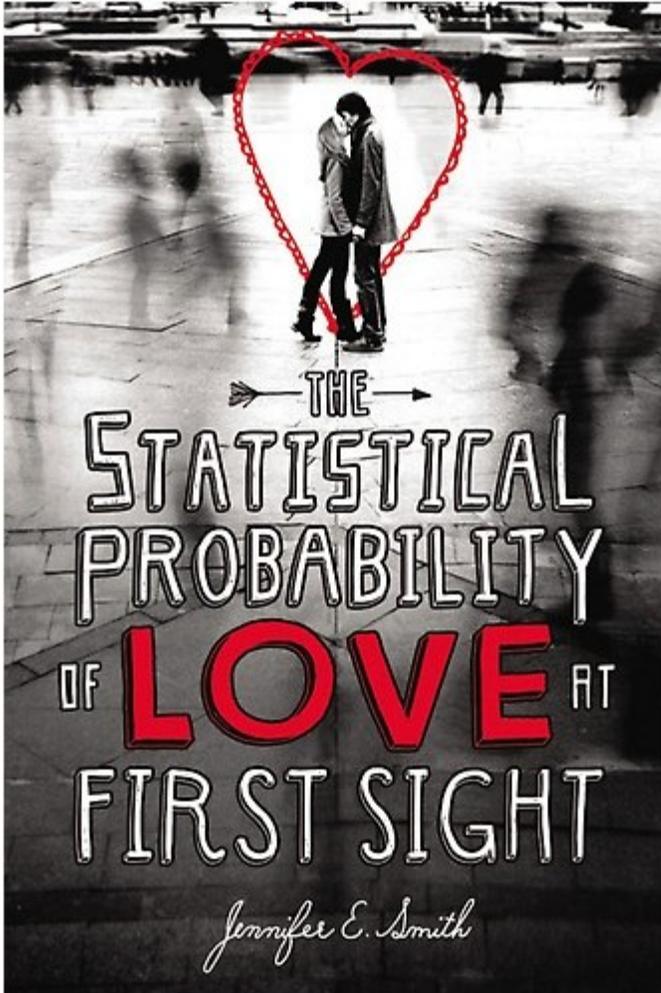


The Statistical Probability of Love at First Sight



Before Reading

- ♥ Do you believe in love at first sight? Why or why not?
- ♥ Do you believe in fate? Why or why not?
- ♥ Have you ever traveled anywhere long distance without your parents or other adults to supervise? If so, were you scared or did you feel adventurous? If not, what do you think you could learn from such an experience?
- ♥ Do you think psychologists and mathematicians could create the perfect algorithm for a love match? Can love be predicted?
- ♥ Do you think love could ever be wrong? In what way? For example, should people get divorced or work harder to stay together?

After Reading

- ♥ Do you think Hadley was treating her dad fairly at the beginning of the novel?
- ♥ We know how Hadley felt about meeting her step-mom, but how do you think her step-mom felt about meeting her for the first time?
- ♥ Both Hadley and Oliver have family issues. Describe each one's issues and tell how realistic they are? Do things like this really happen to people you know? Are their relationships with their parents typical of a regular teenager's parental relationship?
- ♥ Do you think Hadley and Oliver will continue their relationship once they both return to the United States?

Activity

Role play the character or Hadley or Oliver. While in character, write a series of 8 to 10 postcards to your best friend back in the U.S. The cards should relay key moments and/or emotions over the course of the trip. You can either make postcards on the computer to print or you can use index cards. Don't forget to add or draw images.

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