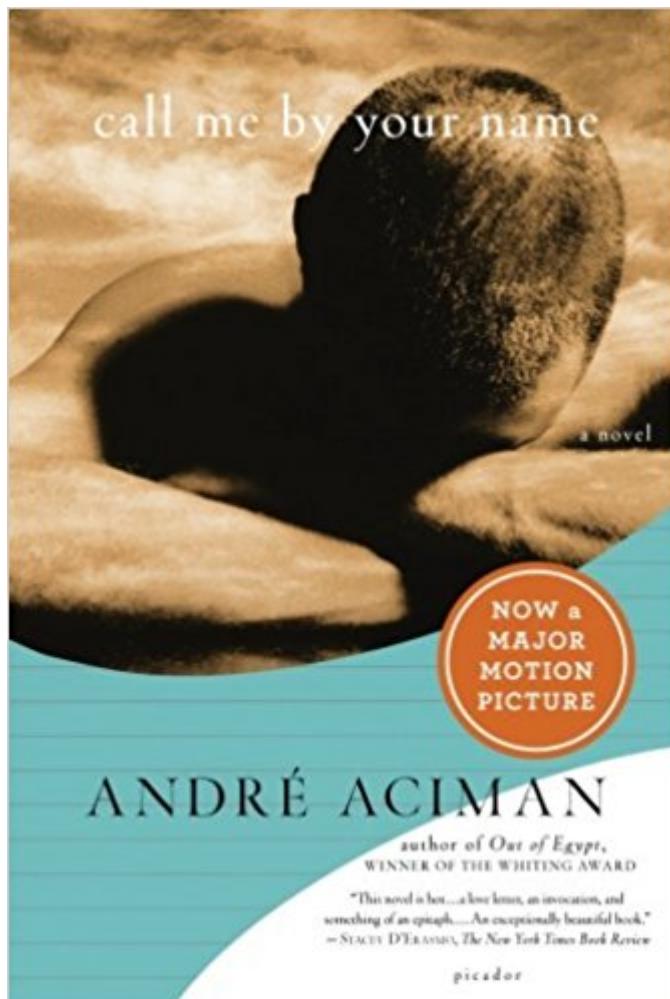


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Call Me By Your Name: A Novel



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Now a Major Motion Picture from Director Luca Guadagnino, Starring Armie Hammer and Timothée Chalamet, and Written by Three Time Academy Award Nominee James Ivory

Andre Aciman's *Call Me by Your Name* is the story of a sudden and powerful romance that blossoms between an adolescent boy and a summer guest at his parents' cliffside mansion on the Italian Riviera. Each is unprepared for the consequences of their attraction, when, during the restless summer weeks, unrelenting currents of obsession, fascination, and desire intensify their passion and test the charged ground between them. Recklessly, the two verge toward the one thing both fear they may never truly find again: total intimacy. It is an instant classic and one of the great love stories of our time.

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Egyptian-born Aciman is the author of the acclaimed memoir *Out of Egypt* and of the essay collection *False Papers*. His first novel poignantly probes a boy's erotic coming-of-age at his family's Italian Mediterranean home. Elio, 17, extremely well-read, sensitive and the son of a prominent expatriate professor, finds himself troublingly attracted to this year's visiting resident scholar, recruited by his father from an American university. Oliver is 24, breezy and spontaneous, and at work on a book about Heraclitus. The young men loll about in bathing suits,

play tennis, jog along the Italian Riviera and flirt. Both also flirt (and more) with women among their circle of friends, but Elio, who narrates, yearns for Oliver. Their shared literary interests and Jewishness help impart a sense of intimacy, and when they do consummate their passion in Oliver's room, they call each other by the other's name. A trip to Rome, sanctioned by Elio's prescient father, ushers Elio fully into first love's joy and pain, and his travails set up a well-managed look into Elio's future. Aciman overcomes an occasionally awkward structure with elegant writing in Elio's sweet and sanguine voice. (Feb.) Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved.

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•Seventeen-year-old Elio faces yet another lazy summer at his parents' home on the Italian coast. As in years past, his family will host a young scholar for six weeks, someone to help Elio's father with his research. Oliver, the handsome American visitor, charms everyone he meets with his cavalier manner. Elio's narrative dwells on the minutiae of his meandering thoughts and growing desire for Oliver. What begins as a casual friendship develops into a passionate yet clandestine affair, and the last chapters fast-forward through Elio's life to a reunion with Oliver decades later. Elio recalls the events of that summer and the years that follow in a voice that is by turns impatient and tender. He expresses his feelings with utter candor, sharing with readers his most private hopes, urges, and insecurities. The intimacy Elio experiences with Oliver is unparalleled and awakens in the protagonist an intensity that dances on the brink of obsession. [...] His longing creates a tension that is present from the first sentence to the last.
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This is a great story. It's a slow start, and then it turns into something one doesn't want to put down. Beautiful setting on the Italian Riviera for a love story.

I loved this book. The rich scenes and love story will keep you interested throughout the entire journey. Can't wait to see how the adaptation of the movie will compare!

I am not going to give anything away but it was an incredible read that kept me up all night until I finished it. The verbiage is on a higher level but I appreciated it. This book will make you feel emotions be prepared for that. I would recommend the book highly to anyone.

This is one of my favorite books. I cannot wait for the film to come out. I hope it does the novel justice.

A very sexy and fantastic book. That peach scene is and will forever be iconic.

If you have the patience for reading Proust you may enjoy this novel greatly. I almost have that patience. A very young man's very first love, a homosexual love story told in almost slow motion with rich detail. There are moments of gorgeous prose with dazzling insight. Some that I underlined because they illuminated an emotional truth in a way I've never considered before.

The novel is beautifully written and as long as you can move past the fact that the characters are at a different intellectual level than most of society, you can definitely get into the story. I initially had trouble "relating" to both main characters, but once I was able to try to process things in the way someone like each of them would, I began to enjoy the story.

Summer love, may be the most important one you have. I loved this book.

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