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The Bright Effect



Synopsis

Maybe some things are fragile, but your heart is not one of them. It is invincible. ~ Amelia Bright has lots of plans for the future, and none of them involve falling for a guy like Sebastian Holbrook. With a questionable reputation and an attitude to match, he's exactly the kind of guy Amelia promised herself she'd avoid. But after an encounter that leaves her charged and breathless, she can't stop wondering about him and the secrets he keeps hidden behind that tough exterior. Sebastian knows firsthand that every single choice has a consequence and how a fragile promise can shape a life. Now that his mother is gone and he's raising his little brother on his own, he's all but given up on a future for himself. Struggling to keep food on the table and a roof over their heads, Sebastian doesn't have time for games or girls. So why can't he shake thoughts of beautiful, smart Amelia Bright from his mind? Equally devastating and heartfelt, Amelia and Sebastian's story of a rare and unexpected connection is one that will stay with you long after the last page is read. Full of wit and tenderness, *The Bright Effect* is an unforgettable journey of expectations, regrets and discovering just how far love can carry us in the face of heartbreak.

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Customer Reviews

A unique, powerful and wonderfully written story about promises, love, pain, and heartache that pulls on your heartstrings. The friendship and love are real and raw. There's heartache and joy that will keep you captivated from the beginning until the end. This writers duo creates magic! I loved *Steering The Stars* by these authors and to say I was excited to read this one, would be an understatement. Without even reading the blurb, I had high expectations and they delivered. And more. And that cover? Love it! This story is about Sebastian "Bash" Holbrook and Amelia Bright. They are opposites in every way possible but one thing they have in common is that they care about the people around them. Bash, oh gosh, such a sweet, selfless, caring guy! Be still, my beating heart. I loved him! And Carter, and Seth! From the very first chapters, I had this unexplainable ache in my heart. I was afraid *this* might happen to Bash or Carter, I thought *that* was going to happen to Amelia or her sister. But boy how wrong I was... I know I'm incredibly vague, but I really don't want to give anything away. I really want you to experience everything yourself. And I highly recommend you not to read any reviews that contain spoilers because it will totally spoil the whole story for you. And now we wait... until the next Autumn Doughton/Erica Cope novel. :)

I read a review of *The Bright Effect* by a friend and was intrigued. Well, the book arrived in the evening on Friday and I finished reading at about 11:30 that same night. Yes, finished in one evening! The story of Amelia Bright and Sebastian "Bash" Holbrook is as heartwarming as it is heartbreaking -- and that's not a spoiler by the way -- with twists and turns that are never predictable. The writing duo has crafted rich and engaging primary and secondary characters who quickly become as real as any of the people in your life. The writing is well done and pulls you into the story of Amelia and Bash and keeps you turning the pages because you must know how their story unfolds. I strongly recommend *The Bright Effect* to all fans of Young Adult literature and to all fans of excellent storytelling.

It's 1.30am and I've just finished this book. I don't know what to write. How do you get across to people the weight of emotion that I got from this book? It's hard to explain...it made me cry, laugh, and at one point I thought my heart was literally going to leap out of my chest. Goodness me this book will stay with me for a long time, in fact I have the strongest urge to go back to the start and read it again.....right now. Just get out the dictionary and under all the words like stunning, masterful, sublime, beautiful, unforgettable, exceptional and perfection the example to describe them would simply be a picture of this book.....*The Bright Effect*!

Daughton and Cope did an amazing job on this novel! The writing is lyrical and engaging and heartbreaking and uplifting and utterly seamless. I didn't really know what *The Bright Effect* was going to be about going into it, I simply one-clicked it because I love Autumn Doughton's writing. I'm so glad I went into this book "blind." I think had I known what was to come I would have read it differently. I read it full speed ahead and fell in love with the cast of characters. The other reviews have covered all the basics. Just read it. Just buy it. If every book I read this year could be this good, it would be an epic year. A few favorite quotes from the book:

"I think of sunrises and sunsets I haven't lived through and of songs I haven't yet heard, and of inside jokes and warm kisses and hot chocolates I still have to drink and the kaleidoscope of jangling late-night stars I want to see. In a small voice I confess, I'm scared. I'm scared. I don't want to always look at things from a distance so that I can hold on to this idea that they're so perfect and flawless. I want to be close enough to see the cracks and all of the dark spaces. And if it's true that all of my tomorrows are really beginning right this minute, I know exactly how I want them to go. You break it, you buy it." "So follow me."

The Bright Effect is a YA Romance that brings you two young hearts from two different worlds. Sebastian is a young man at 18 left raising his 7 year old brother after the passing of his mother. Amelia is a twin but also school and getting into college is his #1 priority. Friendship sparks and love ignites until one fateful day changes it all. Amelia has to deal with her own tragedy & in the meantime, pushes Bash away. In the meantime, Bash not only is losing his girlfriend but maybe losing a battle his own. I love this book and the other books of both of these authors has written. This was a beautiful tragic story that will stay with me for a long time.

Autumn Doughton and Erica Cope do it again! I'm not sure how they write such good YA but it's refreshing during these days when NA has taken a bit of a dive. And, for the first time in a long time, I can easily say that I loved Sebastian even more than Amelia -- he was so good! I have found male MCs in dual POV YA and NA contemporary novels lacking this past year but not so in this book! I also have to say that another first in a long time came as I read this one -- I LOVED LOVED LOVED the ending. It has been a long time since I read an ending that wasn't too neat or too HEA. This one was so real, so good -- pretty much haven't felt that way since I read *Thief*. I would definitely

recommend this one to fans of YA contemporary, along with everything else Autumn Doughton has written!! loved this book, and I have loved all of Autumn Doughton's books! I also loved the dual POV in this book and the addition of Erica Cope, just like Steering the Stars!

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