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## **Editorial Review**

From School Library Journal

Gr 8 Up—Simon Speir, high school junior, walks away from his computer at school for just a moment, and that is when his biggest secret is discovered. He has been emailing a boy in his grade anonymously ever since a poetic waxing on his high school's gossip Tumblr caught his eye, and now Martin Addison has taken a screenshot and has a powerful way to blackmail Simon into getting his friend, Abby, to date him. Although it is filled with trendy pop-culture and digital-age references (Tumblr, Justin Beiber, The Bachelor, etc.) that may not stand the test of time, the message will resonate. Rife with realistic, high school relationships and drama, with a laugh or two at every turn, this is a coming-of-age, coming-out, and defying-the-odds story with which many teens will identify. With a very tidy, feel-good ending, the book will appeal to readers who enjoyed Tim Federle's *Better Nate Than Ever* (2013) and *Five, Six, Seven, Nate!* (2014, both S. & S.) and will find a familiar, slightly more mature home with Simon.—Brittany Staszak, St. Charles Public Library, IL

Review

Albertalli paints a stunningly three-dimensional, cliché-free world for Simon that bursts with unforgettable characters. Savor it, because you'll read it for the first time only once. Worthy of *Fault in Our Stars*-level obsession. --Entertainment Weekly"

Funny, moving and emotionally wise. --Kirkus Reviews (starred review)"

Debut novelist Albertalli writes believably in the voice of a confused, openhearted 16-year-old. Readers will fall madly in love with Simon. --Publishers Weekly (starred review)"

Though there are realistic moments of tension, the dominant sentiment here is the delicious excitement of finding your best self in the eyes of someone else; not since Levithan's *Boy Meets Boy* have readers been treated to such a happy sigh of a book about two boys falling in love. --Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books (starred review)"

Rife with realistic, high school relationships and drama, with a laugh or two at every turn, this is a coming-of-age, coming-out, and defying-the-odds story with which many teens will identify. --SLJ"

I am so in love with this book. --Nina LaCour, author of *Hold Still*"

Delightfully funny and at times heart-wrenching. Readers will ache for Simon's awkwardness, cheer his small triumphs, but, most of all, fall in love with this kid and with this remarkable gift of a novel. --Andrew Smith, author of *Grasshopper Jungle*"

Are we absolutely certain that Becky Albertalli didn't just steal the diary of a hilariously observant teenage boy? *Simon vs. the Homo Sapiens Agenda* is a pitch-perfect triumph of wit and wordplay that feels timelessly, effortlessly now. --Tim Federle, author of *Better Nate than Ever*"

Becky Albertalli has written the best kind of love story: the kind in which you fall in love with the characters as they fall in love with each other. --Alex Sanchez, Lambda Award-winning author of *Rainbow Boys* and *Boyfriends with Girlfriends*"

From the Back Cover

Sixteen-year-old and not-so-openly gay Simon Spier prefers to save his drama for the school musical. But when an email falls into the wrong hands, his secret is at risk of being thrust into the spotlight. Now Simon is actually being blackmailed: If he doesn't play wingman for class clown Martin, his sexual identity will become everyone's business. Worse, the privacy of Blue, the pen name of the boy he's been emailing with, will be jeopardized.

With some messy dynamics emerging in his once tight-knit group of friends, and his email correspondence with Blue growing more flirtatious every day, Simon's junior year has suddenly gotten all kinds of complicated. Now, change-averse Simon has to find a way to step out of his comfort zone before he's pushed out—without alienating his friends, compromising himself, or fumbling a shot at happiness with the most confusing, adorable guy he's never met.

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