

# The Impossible Vastness of Us

## Author

Samantha Young

## Genre

Contemporary Romance

## Setting

Boston Massachusetts

## Characters

India Maxwell

Eloise Fairweather

Theodore Fairweather

Hayley Maxwell

Finn Rochester

# Review

India Maxwell's life is uprooted when her mother announces that she is getting married and moving to Boston, Massachusetts. India has spent most of her life in sunny California and is unsure what to expect in her new environment. She arrives in Boston to find everything is vastly different from that which she has become accustomed. She discovers that her mother's fiancé is immensely wealthy and she is surrounded by people who live like kings. The houses are colossal and the cars are expensive. India has no desire to get closer to her new family and is afraid of what this new change will bring. She is forced to navigate new family and friendships, balancing school and personal matters while discovering a budding romance.

The climax of the story threatens to shake India's newfound peace. Everyone has secrets and parts of themselves that they would rather keep hidden. India learns new things about herself and family that shake the course of the story.

The Impossible Vastness of Us is an addicting read. I literally couldn't put the book down. India grows as a person throughout the story. Upon starting the book, I was concerned I would not connect with the main character because India seemed very superficial and materialistic, but I was very wrong. India is resilient, intelligent and strong. All of the characters in this book have a lot of depth. The book is emotional and heartbreaking at times. The romance is cute, but the best part is the familial relationship developing between India and her new sister. I loved watching their relationship grow from one consumed with jealousy to one in which they eventually began to love themselves and each other.

-Rhiannon G., Grade 10

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