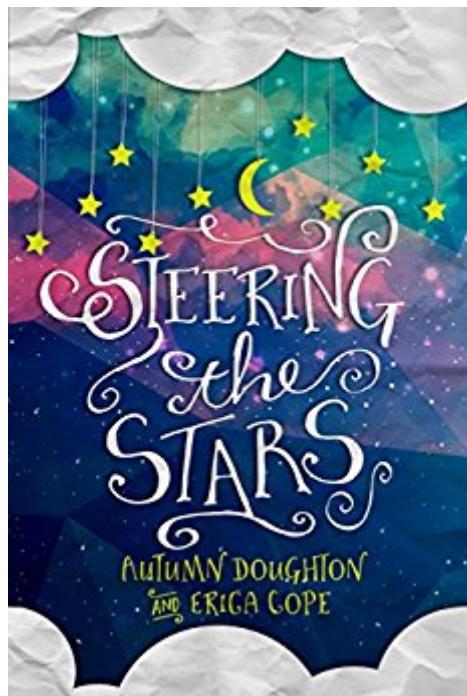


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Steering The Stars



Synopsis

Two girls. Two stories. One journey. Be careful what you wish for. Aspiring writer Hannah Vaughn worries that she is doomed to live out the rest of her existence in a sleepy Oklahoma town. For as long as she can remember, she's dreamed of something more. adventure, excitement, intrigue. When her sister invites her to London and she's accepted to a prestigious writing program at The Warriner School, she jumps at the chance. But will it be epic or an epic fail? You'll never know if you don't try. Nothing ever happens to straight-A student Caroline McKain and that's exactly the way she likes it. With her best friend in London and junior year looming on the horizon, all she wants is to remain invisible. So when she is suddenly thrust into the spotlight, she must ask herself: Can an invisible girl really take center stage? Follow Hannah and Caroline as they navigate the complexities of first love, family and growing up. As their bond is tested, the girls will learn that being apart can ultimately bring you together. Steering the Stars is a fresh, heartfelt story about fate, discovery, and the magic of friendship.

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Customer Reviews

Every once in a while you come across a book that has you completely engrossed. You fall so in love with it that the characters become your friends and you wonder how they're doing when you're not reading about them. STEERING THE STARS is that book, and Hannah and Caroline are those characters. In short, Hannah goes away to fun, exciting London with a writing scholarship, leaving behind her best friend Caroline in plain, boring Oklahoma. The girls have never been apart like this before and the long distance tests their friendship. They both have to continue with life and high school without each other. First there's Hannah, navigating a foreign country--and a sister she doesn't really know--on her own. Then there's Caroline stepping outside her comfort zone by taking on the lead role in the school play. As the girls form friendships, find love, and begin to discover who they truly are, they also face the struggle of not having the other in their lives. STEERING THE STARS not only takes you on a journey about falling in love; it takes you on a journey of self-discovery and the value of friendship. Autumn Doughton and Erica Cope did a phenomenal job writing this story. Each chapter flowed beautifully with rich description and clever dialogue. I never once felt like two different people were writing the story. The writing was seamless, the characters distinctive; I could feel Hannah and Caroline's bond, and I especially loved the emails the girls wrote to each other. This is a book you do not want to miss out on. It is so refreshing to read something like this. Highly recommended.

I took a chance on this one because I loved the cover, I usually have pretty good luck with picking a book with a beautiful cover and finding a new favorite read and this one is no different! This is a story about growing up, finding yourself and challenging yourself to always keep progressing and trying new things. It is relatable really at any age even though it's technically a YA book involving characters still in high school. It evokes all the feels, the pain of losing a relationship and just wanting to cling to your best friend, the newness of trying something that scares you, being the new kid in a situation you have never been in before and it all comes down to believing in yourself and you will succeed. I love the characters and how funny and real they are. All the awkwardness just makes them more memorable, they aren't afraid to laugh at themselves or each other really haha like true best friends. A lot of the events are related by emails between Caroline and Hannah and at first I thought it was going to get annoying but it was actually one of the things I loved about the book. Grab a box of cookies and give this book a read! And perhaps after you finish it give your best friend a call (or email) and just let them know you appreciate them.

I don't read much YA, but Autumn Doughton is on my must buy list. Every book she writes just seems to get better ("This Sky" was NA perfection in my opinion). I've never read anything from Erica Cope, but I'm a fan now! This book just seemed so honest and true, everything that happened was believable. The characters were normal teenagers, not overly angsty and not the kind of characters where I'm constantly rolling my eyes. It made me laugh and tear up in equal measure. The heart of this book is the friendship between Hannah and Caroline. They were both forced out of their comfort zones, trying something different and discovering new things about themselves. I loved reading about Hannah playing squash and Caroline trying her hand at acting, and both of them cheering on the other via emails/texts. The male characters (Joel, Henry, Owen) were all good guys. Nary a damaged, alpha douchebag in the bunch. I especially loved Henry, he was just so sweet! And as a weird side note, I could totally see Hannah/Caroline as younger versions of Beth/Jennifer in Rainbow Rowell's "Attachments", which was another novel that I loved. They have that kind of awesome friendship that I love reading about. I highly recommend this for any age that loves a great YA book!

Steering the Stars is a young adult novel about the relationships between best friends, first loves, new loves, and families. Authors Autumn Doughton and Erica Cope have written a beautiful piece that follows Hannah and Caroline as they begin their junior years of high school. Hannah is beginning her year in London with a writing scholarship, in a once in a lifetime opportunity; while Caroline is left in dull, old Oklahoma. The girls' relationships are tested as they try to find out who they are when for the first times in their lives they are not hip to hip. This novel is fresh and relevant; with fun emails between the Hannah and Caroline throughout the piece. Each author took turns in writing and each has a voice that speaks so clearly through their character. I absolutely loved it. My favorite quote, "I don't think you should keep yourself from falling for someone just because you're afraid he might not catch you." (Seriously, that is so beautiful.)

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