Turtles All The Way Down by John Green

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John Green, co-creator of the educational series Crash Course, and award-winning author of The Fault in Our Stars, manages to capture the reader’s heart yet again in Turtles All The Way Down. This realistic fiction originally caught my eye because of its unique title. Although random at first, the title has a symbolic meaning that is revealed in the final chapters of the story.

The protagonist, sixteen-year-old Aza, finds herself tangled in the mystery of Russell Pickett, a billionaire who has run away, leaving behind his two sons, one of which is an old friend of Aza’s. Convinced by her charismatic best friend Daisy, they begin searching for Mr. Pickett in hopes of claiming the hundred-thousand-dollar reward. All the meanwhile Aza is trying to deal with her mental health and make sense of her thoughts. Even the cover represents the ever-tightening spiral of thoughts that is mentioned throughout Aza’s journey.

I especially like the main characters because they are all relatable to real life, no single character is perfect, which makes the reader feel as if they know the character. Turtles All The Way Down is unlike anything I have read before; I would rate it 10/10 for its unique approach to mental health while maintaining an interesting plot and even adding a dash of romance. I would recommend this book for anyone who loves thought-provoking questions and different perspectives on all aspects of life. This story covers deep personal emotions, resilience, and friendship.

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