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Noah thinks he's nothing special. Average height, a bit on the skinny side, and cute but rather geeky, he's relentlessly ordinary. He certainly doesn't expect to be noticed by Sol, the gorgeous dark-haired stranger Noah sees on his commute home most days. But when Noah's friend, Dom, persuades Noah to take a huge risk in a bid to get Sol's attention, things turn out better than Noah dared to hope. Noah and Sol start dating, and much to Noah's surprise, his feelings seem to be reciprocated.

But Noah's insecurities make him doubt Sol. He doesn't believe he's interesting enough or sexy enough to hold Sol's attention, and as Sol tries to get closer, Noah's instinct is to pull away to protect himself. If their relationship is going to survive, Sol needs to convince Noah that he sees Noah very differently than Noah sees himself. Because to Sol, Noah is something very special indeed.

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From Reader Review Nothing Special for online ebook

R * A Reader Obsessed * says

If you want a break from something long and complicated then check this out. This was a simple tale - sweet and fun.

Geeky Noah thinks he couldn't possibly keep Sol's interest.
Sol is so genuine, how could Noah doubt him?

I admit not much happens, but the angst is minimal, the smex is lovely, and of course there's a happy ending!

Debra says

3.5 stars

A nice, sweet fluffy story about two men falling in love. It was a light read with the only real issue being Noah's insecurity and belief that he is nothing special. Even Sol's very obvious delight in being with him isn't enough to turn off the voices, both current and past, that tell him he won't be able to keep the beautiful man. Although Noah's insecurity did start to annoy me, it was a romantic, feel good story.

Isabel says

This book's title should be "Absolutely Special"! This story is sweet, adorable and hot! I love Jay Northcote style! This is not the first book that I've read from this author, and I can say that this is one of my favorite!

The story is simple and yet so perfect! Noah and Sol are the perfect match. Noah feels that he is beneath Sol, that Sol will get bored of him, and his insecurities almost lead to the end of their fabulous relationship! Luckily, Sol is sunshine and lightens Noah's life completely!

(For me this was a very interesting reading, because I am Portuguese, and in Portuguese Sol means Sun! I actually think that Sol brightened Noah's life :))

? Todd says

I suppose if I had to describe this book, I'd say it was cute. And fun. Not the best I've read this month, but still pretty good.

Shy, thin, bespectacled **Noah** describes himself as ordinary. But why wouldn't he when he's only ever dated selfish, closet case losers?

"My ex—if he even warrants being called an ex—was the same. We only ever met to hook up. He wouldn't even go out for a drink with me. I was just a...." His voice trailed off as he remembered Jon's words to him. You're just a hole to fuck. Noah could still hear the mocking laughter. "I didn't matter to him," he finished.

Sorry, but my proud gay ass would have ripped that dillhole a new one right there on the spot. ***JunkPunch*** "I'm motherf*ckin' out!"

Noah then sees stunningly gorgeous **Sol** on his train home from work for months, but he's too twitterpated to even consider speaking to the GQ-looking London Zoo guy.

But fate and a good friend are on Noah's side and he's convinced to place a "*missed connections*" ad in the newspaper that Sol continuously reads on the train, which leads to a first date.

The first date leads to a completely ***spanktacular***, unforgettable, hot night for them both, which then leads to the entire weekend spent together. Then longer. And longer.

"Didn't I tell you? I'm attempting to break the world record for longest first date ever." ~ Sol

And, seriously, they were all **lesbian U-Haul'ing** it faster than you can say *reach around*.

They were obviously very compatible and into one another, and they weren't out clubbing baby seals or anything, so more power to them on their *lesbionic* adventures.

But as Noah's "*he's a bottomy steak and I'm toppy Spam sandwich*" inner monologue kicks in, their HEA eTrain straight to wedding bells (in 6 weeks flat -- or less) gets temporarily derailed.

*"Is this *too* perfect? Is it too soon? We should take a break while I think (too much) about it..." ARGH!*

Fortunately, a few days later, Sol tracks chicken shit Noah down and forces him to talk and the ILY's flow freely, **Toppy turns Bottomy for a hot minute** (*love* the flip-flop action) and we get our HEA.

"You're a horrible tease," Noah grumbled.

"I'm a wonderful tease. Now shut up and roll over."

Noah rolled.

Then as the book ends, Sol titillates Noah's nuptials. (*Sounds dirtier than it was.*) :)

So all in all, it was good, but waaaaaaay low drama, literally all of which was self-imposed.

3 1/2 stars this time.

Sara says

There are certain authors that fit a category of comfort read for me. Those authors create characters that I know I am going to fall in love with as they fall in love with each other. One of those authors for me, is Jay Northcote and her latest release of Nothing Special, is another book to add to my must read list.

Now, the title may lead you to believe that this is a sequel to Nothing Serious and while I would love a revisit Mark and Jamie, this is a whole new story, in a whole new town with a whole new couple. Does that mean it's any less of a story, um... Sol is based on Levi Karter so let that marinade in your knickers for a bit. You done? Good. Let's move on.

Nothing Special was a delightful tale of Noah, our shy boy who has a mad crush on the hot lad who rides the train and wears a uniform from the London Zoo. Noah fancies the boy but doesn't have the nerve to talk to him. Yeah, I feel ya Noah, I have been there more than once and I too had a crush on a boy named Sol. I loved the taste of my foot that winter as we worked together and every time I talked about how hot he was, he would end up standing behind me. Not as close as on a crowded train mind you, but the time he was worried about not wearing a tie at work and I told him he looked hot either way? Yeah, I get ya boy.

So Noah has a crush and on the insistence of his best friend, Dom, he puts an ad in the social section of the paper to get Sol's attention? Does it work? You bet your ass it does and that ad leads to the longest, the sweetest, and the sexiest first date ever. I love how the author has the ability to take the most awkward meet cutes and turn them into a wonderful love story. Life is neither choreographed, nor scripted and we can make some odd choices but that is what makes life amazing and each day a promise of something new. Northcote delivers that with her boys; they are characters you can relate to and want to know.

Gah. These two were so into each other and I was so into them. I adored the way Sol showed affection for Noah and how he proved to Noah he was more than "Nothing Special." I have always said the best treat for a couple would be to see how your partner sees you, through their eyes. Noah, what you get from Sol just blows me away, you lucky man.

Nothing Special, that title is misleading because these boys were so much more than special. I loved watching them fall for one another so honestly and that end? I have it marked in my notes that I screamed, because I did! It turned me into goo and was the best ending. Just swoony and romantic and sigh. Special.

Mirjana **DTR - Down to Read says**

*****3.5 Sweet Stars*****

A quick, sweet read. Endearing characters, great banter, low to no angst story...just what I was looking for.

~◊~Doxni(ela) ♥ ?? love & semi-colons~◊~ says

4.5 Something Special Stars

I've enjoyed every book I've read by this author, and this is no exception.

This book exudes romance: simple, unadulterated romance. It was such a light and fun read, and it left me with a huge smile on my face.

Shy, slightly geeky Noah doesn't think he's anything special, just an ordinary 23-year-old college graduate still living with his parents and working at a bookstore. He's crushing hard on the handsome guy he sees on the tube almost daily: olive-skinned, athletic Sol is beautiful and charming, and Noah doesn't think he stands a chance.

Noah's insecurities almost get the best of him. He doesn't think Sol can want him as much as he wants Sol, and since we are privy to only Noah's POV, we can merely speculate regarding Sol's feelings, but it's obvious (to everyone but Noah, that is!) that Sol is crazy about Noah.

Northcote has an effortless writing style that's easy to get lost in. **I read this book without pausing, and I loved every second of it.** There's some very mild angst (a lack of communication, really) at the end, but for the most part this is a true FEEL-GOOD book: no major angst, addiction, homophobia, scary villains, stalker ex-boyfriends, or aliens in sight.

I adored the British setting and humour, as well as the secondary characters, particularly Sol's chill and hilarious roommates and Noah's parents, but Sol's mom and little sister were also pretty great.

If you're looking for a sweet, low-key read that will envelope you like a warm blanket, look no further.

There is plenty of steam and feels here, too, and the ending is pure awesomeness. It made me want to sparkle and dance!

This was LOVELY; definitely recommended!

V says

3.5 stars

I agree with other readers, it was cute.

However, does it need to be 184 pages long? In my humble opinion 50 pages at least too long for this kind of plots.

Ami says

Uhm, I keep wondering if the title becomes a 'curse' ... because for me, this is just, well, *nice* but nothing special (cringe!).

I admit that the idea of Noah placing an ad to capture Sol's attention was cute and the ending was too. The middle was just okay ... they dated, they spent the weekend, they went to the zoo, they had good sex ... nothing special (cringe!) really happened, sadly. I think the only issue was when Noah was freaking out when Sol asked him to move in. But it was resolved quickly.

This is like watching a very calm lake, no ripples. Again, it's nice but I guess I also want some "*oomph*" in my story.

~Kristin~ says

~3.5~ Stars

? Irena ? says

A cute story of a new relationship between two different, but lovely guys. The blurb gives an impression of one of them being insecure and he is, but not as much as I expected. Noah doesn't go overboard with it. The thing is, it's a well written nice story, but nothing really happens. The only exciting moment is when Noah does the thing to get Sol's attention. I recommend it when you are sad or not up to reading anything heavy.

Elsa Bravante says

En la línea del autor, no ha sacudido mi mundo pero es una historia dulce, agradable. Un MC no se siente lo suficientemente "bueno" para el otro, ver cómo se da cuenta de que eso no es verdad siempre es bonito. Un buen rato.

Eva says

4.5 very special stars

One more "Nothing" book. Such a sweet story. Sol sees something very special in Noah and he just has to find a way to show Noah just how special and beautiful he really is. And Noah is so very unsure as he thinks he's nothing special.

I liked how the relationship built between Sol and Noah and how they both had to overcome insecurities to be together. The chemistry and the tenderness were amazing.

I read it in one sitting and found that I had a sappy grin on my face most of the time. The ending was just absolute perfection. (view spoiler)

A very special one... Loved. Loved. Loved.

Bonnie-Anne Carmichael (Love Triangles Are Fucking Stupid.) says

[him still having a naked sketch of his ex in his sketchbook, that Noah was supposed to be dead shy but really wasn't shy at all in my opinion and that Noah still lived with his parents. Though that ended up being pretty much a non issue anyway. (hide spoiler)]

Tina says

Usually I don't read Young Adult novels, so Jay Northcote wasn't on my reading list until now. That changed with Nothing Special, though. The main characters are a few years older and Noah and Sol are just adorable together.

I absolutely loved this fluffy story and Noah and Sol have joined my list of favourite couples. Their love story was amazingly sweet and not too angsty. Recommended if you want a light and easy read.
