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As a successful social media journalist with half a million followers, seventeen-year-old Cal is used to sharing his life online. But when his pilot father is selected for a highly publicized NASA mission to Mars, Cal and his family relocate from Brooklyn to Houston and are thrust into a media circus.

The Gravity Of The Situation

Amidst the chaos, Cal meets sensitive and mysterious Leon, another “Astrokid,” and finds himself falling head over heels fast. As the frenzy around the mission grows, so does their connection. But when secrets about the program are uncovered, Cal must find a way to reveal the truth without hurting the people who have become most important to him.

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The Gravity Of A Rainbow

Expertly capturing the thrill of first love and the self-doubt all teens feel, debut author Phil Stamper is a new talent to watch.

Ah yes, a book about all my favorite things: space and gay stuff

The Gravity Of Us Phil Stamper Vk

2.5 stars*

I really thought I was going to LOVE this but unfortunately I didn't love it (but I also didn't hate it). I never became super invested in the characters or the story, but I don't think there was anything I specifically didn't like about it? Idk this was a weird one for me.

Thank you so much to Bloomsbury for sending me an early copy!

This was so beautiful and thought-provoking!!

Cal is a successful social media journalist with over half a million followers. But he doesn't just make wry or cynical observations, or talk about the latest trends or restaurants in his Brooklyn neighborhood or in NYC. He really uses social media to make a difference, and played a huge part in getting younger people interested in the last presidential election. And people noticed—he landed an internship with BuzzFeed he can't wait for.

But his whole life is about to be turned upside down. Cal's father has just been selected as an astronaut for a possible NASA mission to Mars, so the agency is relocating all of the astronauts and their families to Houston, to try and recapture the camaraderie of the early days of the space program.

Cal isn't prepared for the media frenzy surrounding the space program, and although he's technically not supposed to do any more social media broadcasting from Houston, he can't resist putting his own spin on things, which puts him in the middle of a battle between NASA and a trashy media program that somehow has gotten an exclusive to cover the astronauts.

Life isn't all bad, though, as Cal meets Leon, the son of another astronaut, and they fall for each other quickly and intensely. But Leon has his own struggles to deal with, and when Cal realizes he needs to use his online fame to right some wrongs, he doesn't realize how that might put other things at risk, including his relationship with Leon.

Can we save those we care about or do we have to let them do that themselves? What are our obligations to those we love?

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Phil Stamper's book is so good, full of the flush of first love, the emotional struggles many have to deal with, and the excitement of getting to explore unknown territory. I have been trying to get an ARC of this for a while so I was so excited to finally get it. His writing is fantastic, and this story is compelling from start to finish. It's always nice to find a story where the characters' sexuality isn't cause for scandal or emotional crisis, it's just another aspect of their lives.

NetGalley and Bloomsbury USA provided me an advance copy of the book in exchange for an unbiased review. Thanks for making it available!

This book publishes February 4, 2020.

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The Gravity Of Earth

Might be more of a 2.5 but I'm rounding up because while I didn't love this, I also didn't full on hate it? The writing style was just not really my favorite and honestly I was also not a huge fan of the main character. This was truly just like, the epitome of meh for me. Big womp :(

One small step for man, one giant leap for the gay agenda and their mission to conquer the universe.

The Gravity of Us was one of many upcoming queer releases that I was really looking forward to. It is an OwnVoices novel, it's queer, it has a beautiful cover - it ticks all the boxes. The main character is Cal, a teenage boy about to finish his last year of high school with ambitious plans: he wants to become a journalist. Already he has half a million followers on a platform where he regularly posts live videos about politics, his hometown Brooklyn, and the NASA's newest mission, Orpheus V. For the first time, humans will set foot on Mars, and Cal's own father might be one of them. As exciting as it sounds, Cal isn't too happy about his dad's involvement in the mission. It means he has to move to Texas, away from his best friend, away from a promising internship. It also means that he has to play his part in a trashy reality show that documents the lives of the astronauts and their families. The only silver lining is Leon, the extremely cute son of another astronaut on the Orpheus project.

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I loved the idea of combining NASA + reality show + queer romance. To be honest, the reality show part was less exciting than I thought it would be, and while the queer romance was cute, it also felt a touch to insta-lovey for me. Somehow, Cal's and Leon's fates are already decided before they even meet, and their relationship goes from "Hello" to "We're a couple" in what feels like a matter of chapters. I also couldn't make myself root for Cal. He often acted in an extremely selfish way and was a straight-up twat. I had a hard time forgiving him for some of the things he said and did to his friends.

On the other hand, I did like the discussion of mental health and the simple fact that you cannot "fix" people, that we need to learn and grow and heal, that there is no simple solution that will suddenly make a person happy and healthy again. I also think it's great that the author wrote about parents whose relationship is complicated and messy, who love each other but fight a lot. And who hopefully find a way to overcome their issues. But what I loved the most about the book - and that's what I have in common with Cal's followers - is all that geeky NASA stuff. No matter if it's about soil, antennae, or spaceships, the scenes that show Cal live-streaming the preparations for the Orpheus mission are exciting and informative.

Overall a fun, geeky, queer OwnVoices novel that hopefully leads to more Phil Stamper books in the

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future.

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The Gravity Of Us Pdf

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Until...his dad drops a bomb. "...have you even googled Houston? It's a cesspool." Cal's dad, Calvin Sr, was selected to be a part of NASA's Mars endeavor...and Cal is NOT happy about the move.

He didn't ask to be uprooted, he wasn't asked to be part of a NASA-reality show and above all, he didn't ask to have his potential career go up in smoke. ...they don't necessarily want me to shut down my accounts. But they want to control it... But...Leon - another kid of a potential astronaut - seems to get Cal in all the ways his family doesn't. And despite himself, Cal finds himself drawn to him.

And then, Cal realizes he's going to have to make a choice - one that could ruin everything he's ever known. But that doesn't stop the panic from settling in my body. I really don't read that many contemporaries - and this book book is making me rethink that stance!

I loved the space theme - and with an actual trip to Mars, it feels like something just around the corner!

Cal was a wonderfully grounded main character. He was fun and believable. After just a few pages, I felt like I could carry a conversation with him.

Though, if I'm being completely honest...I LOVED Leon. He was sweet and absolutely stole the show

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every time he came onto the page.

I kind of wish there was more of a dance between Cal and Leon but at the same time, they fit together so well. It was really enjoyable to watch them come to terms with their their future.

I didn't think I'd enjoy the reality TV aspect but it really enhanced book - providing an interesting dynamic to the book.

All in all - I am so pleased by this book and I cannot WAIT to see what the author writes next!!

A HUGE thank you to Phil Stamper and Bloomsbury YA for sending me a free copy in exchange for an honest review ...more

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Once in Texas, Cal meets one of the other astronaut children, an ex-gymnast named Leon. He feels an instant connection to Leon, but Leon has depression, and is learning to set boundaries and stand up for himself in therapy and warns Cal that he doesn't do things by halves and won't be with someone who can't accept him.

Tensions rise as the fate of the current project becomes uncertain and Cal's clash with the TV channel becomes more heated. All he really wants to do is find certainty in his future, both with regard to love and his would-be career, but fate rarely makes things easy and sometimes we have to deal with a few curveballs before we finally hit that home run.

I loved the romance between Leon and Cal. I liked that Leon set boundaries and Cal respected them. I liked the steam between them. I liked that it didn't feel exploitative, the way a lot of M/M stories (especially ones written by some women) can feel. This was just a beautiful love story between characters you feel like you could meet on the every day and I loved that. I also liked that Cal questioned his sexuality (like Leon) and how we get a bit of backstory on his one girl friend, who he used to date.

I liked Cal's blogging a lot, too, which surprised me, because a lot of authors don't know what they're talking about when they write about blogger or influencer culture. But Stamper nailed it. Cal reminded me a lot of other male YouTubers I really like-- YouTubers like Danny Gonzalez or Jarvis Johnson, who use their authenticity to bring attention to important issues and debunk fake "facts."

I liked the positive rep for science in this book. I just read yet another book with evil scientists, so it's always nice to see a book that gives the sciences the positive rep it so sorely needs. The ending, with the interviews with the astronauts, was one of my favorite parts (and no, don't worry-- that's not a spoiler).

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This was a really great book. It's a fluffy, light-hearted romance that also manages to deal with real world issues, and isn't afraid to be steamy and use foul language while also making a beautiful point about what it truly means to be authentic and find love while also learning to love yourself.

Thanks to the publisher for sending me a copy in exchange for an honest review!Â Â

4 stars ...more

The Gravity Of Us Phil Stamper Epub

we always knew the space was gay

Cal Lewis is a seventeen year old aspiring journalist and news reporter. He has been working very hard on building his account and follower base on a social media site. Cal is passionate about his videos and news updates because he believes people do not just want gossip- they want facts and real information that can help them make choices. Cal is also a planner. He has a schedule for his news updates, he knows what he is going to do in summer (his internship), next year, and how he is going to build his career. All of this comes to a screeching halt when his Dad announces he has just been selected for a NASA program as a potential astronaut on a mission to Mars. Cal's family are to move to Texas in ...a few days. The worst part is that Cal won't be able to post any more videos as all filming rights are controlled by StarWatch Reality Show that has an exclusive contract with NASA. Once in Texas, Cal meets another astro-family with two perfect teens, one of whom becomes his love interest.

Cal comes across as a bit self-centred, especially if you consider his interactions with Deb, his best friend/ex-girlfriend, who has much more serious problems and is nothing but supportive of Cal. Having said this, there's so much energy in his character and so much drama! I really liked the social media career angle, and I sympathized when he felt his carefully laid out life plans were thwarted. Not that I didn't think that his Dad wasn't entitled to giving a shot to HIS dream of becoming an astronaut, but a bit more attention to how the change was going to affect the rest of the family was surely needed. Cal's relationship with Leon was a bit too fast, and Leon himself seems to stay out of limelight all the time. Perhaps, it would have been more credible, if there were two points of view, or even more, if you want to cover all important people in Cal's life. Great rep for mental illness- Cal's Mom's anxiety and Leon's burnout and depression. These are important topics that require a lot of sensitivity, and Phil Stamper did a really good job here.

Overall, an original and upbeat coming-of-age novel dealing with topics of family relationships, first love, following one's dreams, social media authenticity and many others.

Thank you to Edelweiss and Bloomsbury YA for the ARC provided in exchange for an honest opinion.
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The Gravity Of The Moon

i was mistaken. i misread the maybe bordering on a possibly as a yes... (i don't know HOW i misread that but here we are)

sadness

but i will certainly try to get an audio file from penguin I'M READING THIS BOOK EARLY ONE WAY OR ANOTHER

i have just gotten word that i will in fact be getting an ARC

Science + gays = perfection

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Additionally this ARC was brutally formatted and the little chapter break sessions with the company running the reality tv show were unreadable. So if there was an added element that might've explained something.. I missed it. It was just not comprehensible and my brain bled trying to make sense of it.

That said, there is a dramatic element that results in a cool viral campaign to save NASA and I did like how that was done. It gave me the feelings of watching similar movements unfold on twitter and all the traction it gets and all the positive and, unfortunately rare, good things that happen as a result. But it was pretty late in the game to redeem the story on a whole, or even the characters "the one who spearheads the videos is the MC who is, almost in every other situation, a grade A knob.

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But maybe this isn't as bad as it seemed to me. Maybe some of my technical issues contributed to what should've been only minor disappointments. But I didn't enjoy the writing or the characters and any of the good, the diversity and the mental health rep, it was all overshadowed by the unbelievable romance, the self-centered MC, and the boring everything else.

Sadly this debut didn't wow me and I probably wouldn't pick up anything by the author again. But I'm glad we're getting more queer stories (particularly #ownvoices ones) and the effort was made to be inclusive, so, that is why I've rounded up just enough to not drop this into one-star territory.

** I received an ARC from Edelweiss and the publisher (thank you!) in exchange for an honest review. **

This review can also be found at [A Take From Two Cities](#). ...more

The Gravity Of Mars

sounds gay, i'm in

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This story talks about how hard it is for a teenager to be taken seriously and have credibility, how challenging it is to have millions of people in the palm of your hands, how difficult it is to make your family understand your dreams, and also how you cannot embrace the world and fix everything. Cal is a strong, intelligent and brave character who grows a lot during the book. He always wants to do the best he can, and sometimes he needs to understand that he can't always control everything. The character development was incredible.

Another highlight of the book is the honesty about mental health. You can have happy moments and still deal with depression. You can live a dream and still deal with anxiety. And the solution to these problems is not magic, but therapy. This is not a subject that the author delves into, but it was interesting to see it here in a natural way.

The book also addresses other topics, such as long distance friendship, family relationships, the dream of a better world, and our online personality. Each line of this story has touched my heart and soul deeply.

There were some things I didn't like, of course, and I don't think it was a perfect story. I would have liked to see, for example, things going even more wrong before a solution came up. Still, none of this affected my reading experience.

Thank you for coming to my Ted Talk. Now go read this book. ...more