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# Windfall



## Synopsis

This romantic story of hope, chance, and change from the author of *The Statistical Probability of Love at First Sight* is one Jenny Han says is filled with all of her "favorite things," Morgan Matson calls it "something wonderful" and Stephanie Perkins says it "is rich with the intensity of real love." Alice doesn't believe in luck—at least, not the good kind. But she does believe in love, and for some time now, she's been pining for her best friend, Teddy. On his eighteenth birthday—just when it seems they might be on the brink of something—she buys him a lottery ticket on a lark. To their astonishment, he wins \$140 million, and in an instant, everything changes. At first, it seems like a dream come true, especially since the two of them are no strangers to misfortune. As a kid, Alice won the worst kind of lottery possible when her parents died just over a year apart from each other. And Teddy's father abandoned his family not long after that, leaving them to grapple with his gambling debts. Through it all, Teddy and Alice have leaned on each other. But now, as they negotiate the ripple effects of Teddy's newfound wealth, a gulf opens between them. And soon, the money starts to feel like more of a curse than a windfall. As they try to find their way back to each other, Alice learns more about herself than she ever could have imagined . . . and about the unexpected ways in which luck and love sometimes intersect.

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**Praise for *Windfall*:** Featured in *Seventeen Magazine*'s "What's Hot Now" "Windfall is about all of my favorite things—a girl's first big love, her first big loss, and her first big luck." —Jenny Han, *New York Times* bestselling author of *To All the Boys I've Loved Before* "Windfall is perfectly named; reading it, I felt like I had suddenly found something wonderful. It's a story about love, and luck, and the way our lives can change in an instant. I laughed and cried and bought a lottery ticket the very next day." —Morgan Matson, *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Unexpected Everything* "Windfall is rich with the intensity of real love—in all its heartache and hope." —Stephanie Perkins, *New York Times* bestselling author of *Isla and the Happily Ever After* "If you're looking for your next great read, then you're in luck!" —Smith combines humor and emotion to capture these characters' life-changing story, while teaching us all a bit about luck, love, kindness and the true meaning of home." —Justine Magazine "Windfall is an absolutely brilliant story...you will def want to add this gem to your TBR pile." —Susane Colasanti, bestselling author of *When It Happens*

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"Smith's dynamic characters and their complex struggles...will keep readers invested."

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future." •VOYA "Windfall is about all of my favorite things •a girl's first big love, her first big loss, and

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More Praise for Jennifer E. Smith "Hello, Goodbye, and Everything in Between is the love story of Clare and Aidan, high school sweethearts who spend one last day together before college separates them, possibly forever. It's also the love story of good friends, of home, of what used to be and what's to come. This latest stunner from Jennifer E. Smith will linger in your aching heart. (But it's a good ache. The best kind.) It's an ache that comes from characters who are so real they breathe, and a relatable story that generates feels — lots of them — on every page." — Jennifer Niven, New York Times bestselling author of *All the Bright Places*

"Smith captures the romantic sparks that fly in unusual situations and the way love can build even when circumstances keep people apart. If you like your romances with a bit of European adventure, some New York glamour, and a lot of honest heart, *The Geography of You and Me* is for you." — E. Lockhart, New York Times bestselling author of *We Were Liars*

"A gorgeous, heartwarming reminder of the power of fate." — The New York Times Book Review on *The Statistical Probability of Love at First Sight*

Jennifer E. Smith is the author of seven novels for young adults, including *The Statistical Probability of Love at First Sight*. She earned a master's degree in creative writing from the University of St. Andrews in Scotland, and her work has been translated into thirty-three languages. She lives in New York City. Follow her on Twitter at @JenESmith or visit her at [jenniferesmith.com](http://jenniferesmith.com).

Most of us have imagined winning the lottery at some point, but when 18 year old Alice buys a lottery ticket for friend Teddy, and it wins, their lives change forever. Teddy, Alice, and their friend Leo, high school seniors, navigate the world of millionaires, while trying to remain true to themselves. The characters are well-developed and the plot is plausible. This is my first novel by Jennifer E. Smith, but it won't be my last.

I loved this book! Everything about it. The writing flowed. The characters were complex and believable. The story, powerful. By the end of the book, I was crying tears of joy. More than that, I was feeling hopeful.

Didn't like it. Was too predictable & not what I was hoping for. Didn't care enough about any of the characters (and there are several) and they just weren't believable.

This was so fun to read! I keep picturing it as a movie, too! It was a quick read, with just enough romance, adventure, surprise, suspense and sadness to keep me on my toes. You'll love it!

Great book for getting young people to think about where they are going with their lives, and what is really important to them in the long run.

Great book!!

This author always knows how to write a great YA book and Windfall is no exception. Loved it!

Ever since I read *The Statistical Probability of Love at First Sight*, I've been a fan of Jennifer E. Smith. I am always happy to hear that she has a new book out. Her books are essentially teen friendship stories. There is usually a romance but it's not the main focus of the plot. There's very little darkness in her books. They are fun, reliably clean reads which I like to read and discuss with my daughter. *Windfall* in particular, with its plot about a teenager winning the lottery and how that win changed everything raised some really interestingly and fun things to talk about. There's a lot of food for thought in there about what family means, characters you'll like and root for, but who's choices you will not necessarily agree with. It's a propulsive, hard to put down, good read.

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