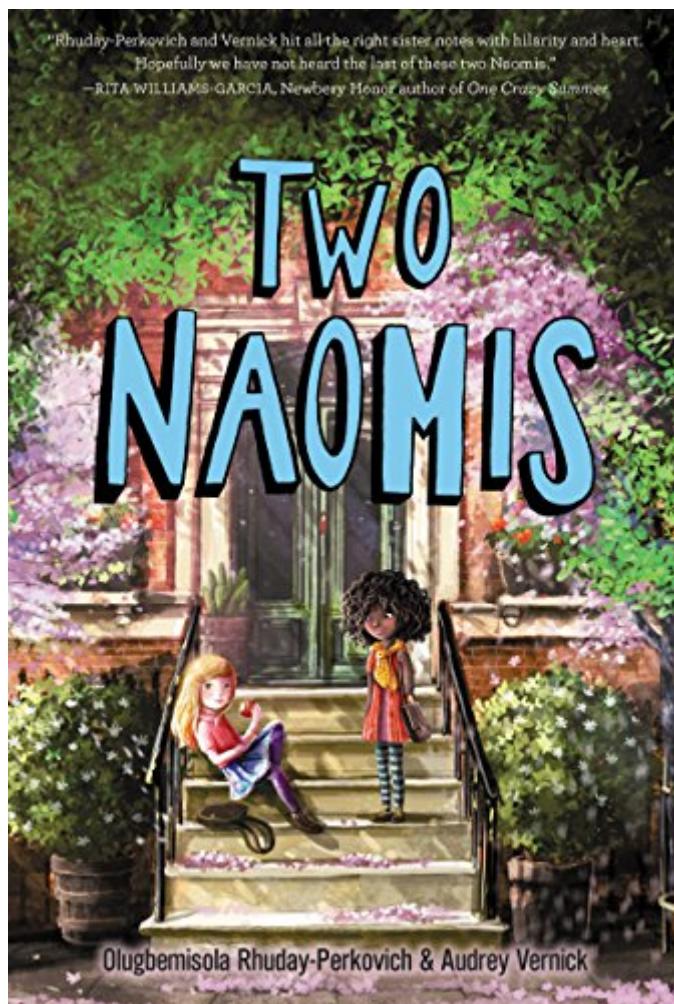


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Two Naomis



Synopsis

A realistic contemporary story of two girls, both named Naomi, whose divorced parents begin to date. Perfect for fans of Lisa Graff, Sara Pennypacker, and Rita Williams-Garcia. Other than their first names, Naomi Marie and Naomi Edith are sure they have nothing in common, and they wouldn't mind keeping it that way. Naomi Marie starts clubs at the library and adores being a big sister. Naomi Edith loves quiet Saturdays and hanging with her best friend in her backyard. And while Naomi Marie's father lives a few blocks away, Naomi Edith wonders how she's supposed to get through each day a whole country apart from her mother. When Naomi Marie's mom and Naomi Edith's dad get serious about dating, each girl tries to cling to the life she knows and loves. Then their parents push them into attending a class together, where they might just have to find a way to work with each other—and maybe even join forces to find new ways to define family.

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Customer Reviews

Two girls named Naomi, who are vastly different, are thrown together when their mom and dad start dating. It's an awkward situation with the two having the same name, their parents suggesting the use of their middle names--and what if one of them doesn't have the coolest middle name?--and being enlisted to join a technology club to be forced into a bond. Is there room for compromise and can the two ever feel comfortable around each other? This middle grade book has a unique storyline, diverse characters, and issues that modern children face.

I really enjoyed this middle grade story about 2 girls, both named Naomi, being forced into a friendship due to their parents dating. I loved the way the chapters alternated between the two viewpoints. There were distinctly different voices for each Naomi.

TWO NAOMIS is absolutely incredible, I was thrilled from start to finish! Reading the synopsis, I knew it'd be super cute but it was also so emotional. From happy to sad to angry to I-don't-know-what-I'm-feeling-but-I'm-super-emotional. The character development of Naomi Marie and Naomi Edith were off the charts. The authors' were very good at making sure the reader understood not only both Naomis but their parents, family, and friends. It was like being in their heads'. I loved both Naomis but I would say I connected with Naomi Marie a little bit more. She loved going to the library and making lists, just like me. She is also a bossy big sister, like me (haha). This is not to say I didn't love Naomi Edith, because I did, but I definitely saw more of myself in Naomi Marie. Both characters were incredibly unique and brought something different to the story. This is such an important novel for MG readers with divorced parents, to understand that change is okay. I definitely wish I had this book growing up. Two Naomis is also valuable for MG readers with non-divorced parents, to see from someone else's perspective. If there was an emoji that was the combination of the heart-eyes emoji and the crying emoji, that would be my reading experience. I love, love, loved this!!

5 things to love about TWO NAOMIS, one of my fave MG books of this year.

1. Blending families. The 2 Naomis have a perfect blend of dislike and grudging respect for each other as their parents grow closer.
2. Sisters. Naomi Marie has 4yo Bri, and Naomi E. is an only child. Bri is a fantastic character & helps the girls understand each other. (Sister bonus: references to the inimitable Gaither sisters books are perfect.)
3. Details. The Naomis will discover what they have in common, natch, but the little things, like favorite bakeries, help them stand out.
4. Friends. Annie and Xio are the Naomis' best friends and perform the essential function of friendship: checking their egos.
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Concept. Co-writing this story of blended families, one black and one white, the authors are able to use 2 completely different POVs and the result is seamless. I really hope there will be more Naomis in our future, because I'd love to hear their voices again.

A touching story of blending families and budding friendship. The story hits all the right notes without being saccharine (okay there **is** a lot of sugar consumption in this book...but emotionally it's not overly sweet). It feels real and in the moment, and it was surprising when I found myself tearing up at the end. I grew to love these two unique girls and their families. Whether or not the subject of "blended families" is something you are specifically looking for, I still recommend this as a great read. It's a wonderful human experience story.

This is a pitch perfect story of two ten-year-old girls, both named Naomi, who are thrown together when their parents begin dating. Alternating chapters give readers insight into each of the girls' perspectives, and the two voices are distinct and believable. I empathized with both Naomi Marie and Naomi E. as they navigated changes in family life, their individual school and friend issues, and the give-and-take of learning to be friends. TWO NAOMIS has a lot of heart, and these girls will stick with readers long after the book is done.

As the other reviewers wrote, this is a great book with wonderful characters and relationships. As an added bonus, the girls are involved in a coding class. My daughter and I both enjoyed this book and would love a follow up -- including their continued interest in coding!

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