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# When Dimple Met Rishi



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## Synopsis

A New York Times bestseller • “Effervescent.” • Chicago Tribune • “Full of warm characters and sweet romance.” • Entertainment Weekly • “Get ready to fall in love with Dimple Shah and Rishi Patel.” • Hello Giggles • “Adorable.” • BuzzFeed • “Deliciously quirky, funny, and nerdy.” • Bustle • “Utterly delightful.” • BookRiot • “Heartwarming, empathetic, and often hilarious” • a delightful read. • Kirkus Reviews (starred review) The rom-com that everyone’s talking about! Eleanor & Park meets Bollywood in this hilarious and heartfelt novel about two Indian-American teens whose parents conspire to arrange their marriage. Dimple Shah has it all figured out. With graduation behind her, she’s more than ready for a break from her family, from Mamma’s inexplicable obsession with her finding the “Ideal Indian Husband.” Ugh. Dimple knows they must respect her principles on some level, though. If they truly believed she needed a husband right now, they wouldn’t have paid for her to attend a summer program for aspiring web developers, right? Rishi Patel is a hopeless romantic. So when his parents tell him that his future wife will be attending the same summer program as him • wherein he’ll have to woo her • he’s totally on board. Because as silly as it sounds to most people in his life, Rishi wants to be arranged, believes in the power of tradition, stability, and being a part of something much bigger than himself. The Shahs and Patels didn’t mean to start turning the wheels on this “suggested arrangement” so early in their children’s lives, but when they noticed them both gravitate toward the same summer program, they figured, Why not? Dimple and Rishi may think they have each other figured out. But when opposites clash, love works hard to prove itself in the most unexpected ways.

## Book Information

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hearts of readers. • Booklist "Charming, magnetic, and zippy." • The Christian Science Monitor

Sandhya Menon is the author of *WHEN DIMPLE MET RISHI* (Simon Pulse/May 30, 2017) and a second YA contemporary coming in the summer of 2018. She currently lives in Colorado, where she's on a mission to (gently) coerce her family to watch all 3,221 Bollywood movies she claims as her favorite. Visit her online at [sandhyamenon.com](http://sandhyamenon.com).

When Dimple Met Rishi was such a delight to read. My heart felt full and squishy with happiness when I finished this book. This was a book that constantly put a smile on my face, made me laugh out loud, and made me feel the feels. I LOVED IT!!!! One of my favorite things about this book was the heavy elements of Indian culture. It was so interesting to read about modern teenagers and their take on their Indian heritage and culture. I thought the culture was presented in an informative, relatable, and honest manner. I loved reading about it! I also really liked learning about the two main character's families. They were both sweet and endearing families that made me laugh so many times! Dimple was a unique, independent, hilarious, and strong-willed character. She didn't care what other thought about her, and I really admired that. Dimple was never afraid to truly be herself. She wasn't afraid to stand up for her beliefs, herself, and her loved ones. Dimple came off as a bit brash at first, but she eventually opened up and showed her kind and caring side. Rishi was an adorable cupcake. He was so goofy and sweet. He was so dedicated to his family, and it really warmed my heart. Rishi was also compassionate, loving, smart, and funny. I fell completely in love with him. I JUST WANT TO SMOTHER HIM WITH LOVE. HE IS TOO PRECIOUS AND KIND AND PERFECT. \*hugs him forever\* The romance was so cute and well developed. Rishi and Dimple made such an adorable couple. I literally squealed out loud when they kissed for the first time. Their relationship felt whimsical and magical. RISHI AND DIMPLE ARE MY OTP. I WANT THEM TO BE TOGETHER FOREVER AND EVER AND EVER. THEIR RELATIONSHIP BROUGHT ME SO MUCH JOY. THEY ARE PERFECT TOGETHER. Overall, I adored this book! This was a lighthearted, hilarious, and adorable book. I would recommend this book to everyone and anyone. 5 / 5 Fangs MrsLeif's Two Fangs About It Book Reviews

You may have noticed that *WHEN DIMPLE MET RISHI* has gotten A LOT of hype this year, and boy-oh-boy did it ever live up to it! This book is everything that I wanted it to be and everything that I really look for in a contemporary novel. The cast of characters is absolutely charming. I adored

Dimple and Rishi both. They were such well-developed characters, and the chemistry between them is not only adorable, it also had a lot more heat than I expected, which was a very pleasant surprise. Sandhya has also included a great cast of supporting characters around them, whose stories I was also very much invested in. The concept behind the book was original, and the story was highly entertaining and absolutely engrossing. For fans of YA contemporary, I truly cannot recommend this book highly enough.

I absolutely adored *When Dimple Met Rishi*. It was adorable. It was fun. I am always super nervous going into a fluffier sounding contemporary novel because, as I always seem to mention in these reviews, they are not generally my favorite. Maybe my reading tastes are changing?? So, this book is about Dimple Shah and Rishi Patel. Their parents have arranged for them to meet as a possible marriage match. Rishi, who is super traditional, is excited at the possibility of meeting the woman his parents picked out to be his possible future wife. Dimple, on the other hand, doesn't actually know about this match. She wants to focus more on her career and becoming a web developer. She doesn't want to have to worry about getting married and having children yet. So, she is super excited when her parents let her attend a summer program for aspiring coders. She doesn't know that she is going to be meeting Rishi. One of the expectations that I had about this book was that the romance wasn't going to be super smooth. Rishi wants to be arranged, Dimple absolutely does not. I didn't think that they were actually going to end up becoming such fast friends and start falling for each other so easily. Or rather, I didn't expect it from Dimple. That was definitely not a bad thing though. I absolutely loved watching their relationship unfold. I did expect a bit more pushback from Dimple just because she was so vehemently against this, but she blames her parents for this whole fiasco, not Rishi. The other major expectation that I had going in was that I was absolutely not going to like Dimple, at least not right away. The internet made her out to be so awful, saying she's unlikable and abusive. I was not expecting to love her from the get go. But I did. She's really focused on her dream of becoming a web developer and changing lives with her app idea for *Insomnia Con*. She knows what she wants out of life and she doesn't believe that she can have it if she falls for Rishi. I was under the impression that she was going to be mean to Rishi, but I don't really find that to be the case at all. I felt like she understood that the situation that they found themselves in was not his doing and that she made every effort to be his friend and be nice to him. I always knew that I was going to love Rishi. He's SO sweet and thoughtful and caring... Basically he is just every good and pure thing in this world. He really wants this thing with Dimple to work out and he makes every possible effort. I loved it. Overall, I LOVED this book. I wish there would have been

a glossary/pronunciation key in the back for some things, but other than that, I can't complain. I will be (not so) patiently waiting for the companion, When Ashish Met Sweetie, to come out.

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