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School: Valencia High School

Grade: 10

Junior Book Title: I Hope This Doesn't Find You

Book Author: Ann Liang

Rating (1-lowest to 5-highest): 4.5

Ann Liang's "I Hope This Doesn't Find You" is an enemies-to-lovers academic rivalry centering around the complex friendships and competition of high school. The novel, told from the point of view of Sadie, an overachieving teen who strives to be the best, hinges around on problems that teens have now, such as being a perfectionist, a people pleaser and school stress. The main characters, Sadie Wen and Julius Gong, have been academic rivals for nearly a decade, attending the same school, Woodvale Academy. Their rivalry all comes to a point when they're forced to spend time together for a project.

I personally loved the book, as the author, Ann Liang, perfectly captured the feelings and stresses of a high school student. The book had a lot of ups and downs, and I cried for the characters once or twice, but in a good way! My favorite character is Sadie as the way that she is written is very relatable to me. The book made me laugh a few times, especially with the relationships between the characters, as they seem genuine and they capture teen friendships.

I would definitely recommend this book because of how it's written and the realness of the characters. I would recommend this to anyone who enjoys sweet romance, and the trope of enemies-to-lovers. The book also draws parallels to the struggles and whims of a high school student, making the book very relatable. It reminds me of the novel *Not Here To Be Liked*, as the complex characters and plot are very similar to *I Hope This Doesn't Find You*. This book also has a mini sequel, called *I Hope This Finds You*, written from Julius' point of view, and personally I think it's a very sweet, fulfilling ending to the story.