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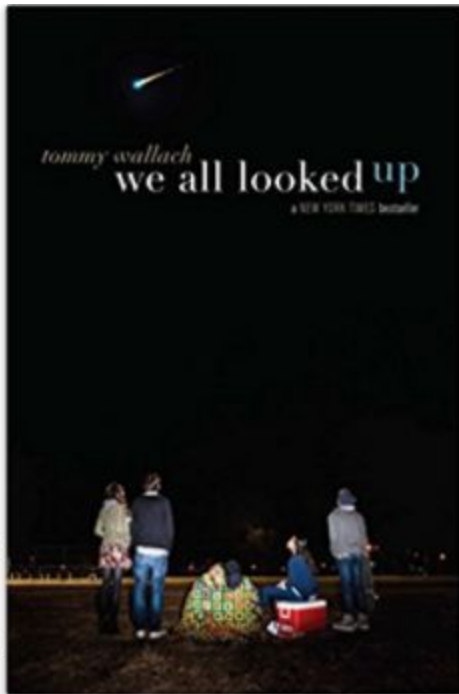
ENGLISH 12 SUMMER READING

2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR

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Four high school seniors put their hopes, hearts, and humanity on the line as an asteroid hurtles toward Earth in Tommy Wallach's *New York Times* bestselling "stunning debut" (*Kirkus Reviews*, starred review).

They always say that high school is the best time of your life.

Peter, the star basketball player at his school, is worried "they" might actually be right. Meanwhile Eliza can't wait to escape Seattle—and her reputation—and perfect-on-paper Anita wonders if admission to Princeton is worth the price of abandoning her real dreams. Andy, for his part, doesn't understand all the fuss about college and career—the future can wait.

Or can it? Because it turns out the future is hurtling through space with the potential to wipe out life on Earth. As these four seniors—along with the rest of the planet—wait to see what damage an asteroid will

cause, they must abandon all thoughts of the future and decide how they're going to spend what remains of the present.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Tommy Wallach is a novelist, screenwriter, and musician from Seattle, WA. He currently lives in Brooklyn, like everybody else. His first novel, "We All Looked Up," is a *NYTimes* bestseller, the rights for which have sold in over a dozen countries. His second novel is "Thanks for the Trouble," which Tommy adapted for film under the aegis of Anonymous Content (Spotlight, *Revenant*, *Mr. Robot*). Tommy is also a musician, and has recorded with Decca Records and performed at the Guggenheim Museum. He released a full-length companion album of original songs to go with his first novel, which is available wherever fine music is sold (i.e. the internet).



We All Looked Up can be purchased on Amazon, Barnes & Noble, Barnes & Noble online, or Half Priced Books.

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Grok more at www.tommywallach.com.

REVIEWS

**“In this stunning debut...Wallach pierces his darkness with tenderness and humor. A thought-provoking story that will bring out readers' inner philosophers.” (Kirkus Reviews, STARRED REVIEW)*

*“Tommy Wallach's *We All Looked Up* is a triumphant debut—this generation's *The Stand*. It is at once troubling, uplifting, scary, and heart-wrenching, and written with so much compassion for our fragile hold on the fleeting here and now. A glorious, wonderful, completely unforgettable novel.” (Andrew Smith, author of *Winger*, *Grasshopper Jungle*, and *100 Sideways Miles*)*

*“The story twists in unexpected ways, making it at times chilling but also hopeful...Wallach's debut is...a literary *Breakfast Club* for a modern generation, and it will surprise readers expecting another clunky dystopian novel with its solid, realistic writing.” (Booklist)*

“Wallach has created an accessible cast of realistic teens struggling with identity, family, and loyalty... Fans of gritty and apocalyptic fiction won't be disappointed.” (School Library Journal)

“This compelling, well-written narrative, which offers sometimes raw insight into human motivation and behavior, will have readers racing to the final pages and pondering its ideas long after.” (VOYA, STARRED REVIEW)

“Debut novelist Wallach increases the tension among characters throughout, ending in a shocking climax that resonates with religious symbolism.” (Publishers Weekly, STARRED REVIEW)

“It's a dark novel, particularly as things fall apart and stop working (many people abandon even important posts to be with their loved ones), but Wallach uses black humor, sharp literary references (Vonnegut gets some attention, for example), and startlingly beautiful moments of true kindness to balance the dismal aspects.” (The Children's Bulletin)

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

We All Looked Up by Tommy Wallach can be purchased on Amazon, Barnes & Noble, Barnes & Noble online, or Half Priced Books.

We All Looked Up does contain some curse words and mature situations. Online Reviews have rated the content of We All Looked Up, **PG13**. Parents, if you have any concerns, please contact me at schyvonne.ross@reyn.org.

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ASSIGNMENT #1

Fill out the chart for each of the main characters. 50 points.

	What does this character like?	What does this character dislike?	What is the main struggle for this character?	What advice would you give this character?	How did this character affect other characters?	Would you want this character to be your friend? Why or why not?	How do you most relate to this character?
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Eliza							
Anita							
Andy							

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ASSIGNMENT #2

Write a 125 word summary of *We All Looked Up*. Do this on a Google Doc and share with me by the first day of school. A summary does not include your opinion, only facts. The first sentence of your summary should include the title of the book, the author's name, and the date the book was published. Your summary should include the main events that happened in the story. **MAKE SURE THAT YOUR SUMMARY IS IN MLA FORMAT AND IS DOUBLE SPACED. USE TIMES NEW ROMAN OR ARIAL AS YOUR FONT. THE SIZE OF YOUR FONT SHOULD BE 12.** 25 points.

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ASSIGNMENT #3

Write a 250 word reflection on *We All Looked Up*. Do this on a Google Doc and share with me, schyvonne.ross@reyn.org, by the first day of school. In your reflection include your thoughts and opinions on the book. How did the book make you feel? What were the best and worst parts? What did you learn? Include supports and evidence from the book, with page numbers. **MAKE SURE THAT YOUR REFLECTION IS IN MLA FORMAT AND IS DOUBLE SPACED. USE TIMES NEW ROMAN OR ARIAL AS YOUR FONT. THE SIZE OF YOUR FONT SHOULD BE 12.** 50 points.

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