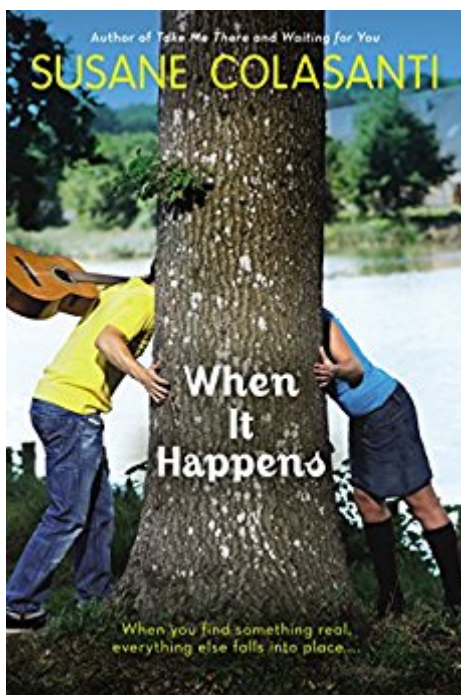


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Synopsis

At the start of her senior year in high school, Sara wants two things: to get into a top college and to find true love. Tobey also wants two things for his senior year: to win Battle of the Bands and to make Sara fall in love with him. However, a popular jock named Dave moves in on Sara first. But Tobey's quirky wit and big blue eyes are hard for Sara to ignore. Plus, he gets the little things that matter to her. Can a slacker rock-star wannabe win the heart of a pretty class brain like Sara? hilariously and movingly told through Tobey and Sara's authentic voices, Susane Colasanti's debut novel sizzles in its portrayal of two young people searching for The One.

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Customer Reviews

When It Happens is about a girl named Sarah who's world gets turned upside down when the hot popular boy in school asks her out of course she says yes but then she finds out that her new boyfriend isn't the only one who has feelings for her. Tobey a boy in a band has had a crush on Sarah for a while but when a jerk like Dave asks out Sarah its obvious his chances of her saying yes just went down even more. It's not just the fact that Dave is dating the girl Tobey likes but the

real reason Dave even is dating Sarah only Tobey knows the real truth. When Sarah finds out Tobey likes her NOT even likes her but told her friend that "He said your his something real." Like every great teen love story you have the best friends. Well in this teen love story the best friends are interesting each one has there own storylike Maggie a rich friend of Sarah's. Sarah has always been jealous of her deep down she's, pretty, wealthy, has great clothes but Sarah soon finds out that Maggie's life at home isn't that perfect during her parents divorce. Oh yes and then you have Tobey's friend Josh who secretly likes one of Sarah's friends and she likes him back. Tobey and Sarah are brought together in music, and when they both stare at each other during class. HOPE YOU ENJOY

This book was boring for a while. I think it didn't get interesting until halfway through it. There was a lot of language which was boring. I could relate a little to the book since I too grew up in NJ and fell in love in high school. At the same time I really am tired with reading about people having sex, but at least this one made it more realistic of how a girl would feel if her boyfriend has already been with someone else and you are a virgin. I just really think it isn't worth reading since there is nothing that truly stands out about it

I bought this book on a whim; especially when the cover drew me in. The summary didn't sound too extraordinary, and when I first cracked it open and read a few teaser sentences, I started to regret my decision to get this. By the end, the entire story just filled me with joy. Don't worry, though-- it didn't take me that long to get sucked in. That happened almost instantly. Who else loves when a story jumps from one perspective to another? I know I do. First you read about Sara's life. Sara is intelligent, artistic, and not considered to be a part of the popular crowd (although she's been eyeing Dave since last year). Dave is the guy that everyone wants- popular, handsome, outgoing. When Dave asks her out, her entire world is turned upside down. She becomes popular by association...but is Dave really what she wanted out of a boyfriend? Then you're introduced to Tobey. He's the slacker you see in the back of class. The rocker with dark hair and violet colored eyes. He's been lusting for Sara for quite some time and can barely take it anymore. That's why he and his band mates come up with a plan to get her to notice him. Although she's taken by a total jerk, Tobey thinks that she may be "the one". If you couldn't have guessed by now, Sara falls for Tobey's charm. They feel a connection instantly. Both of them even dunk their onion rings in mustard. Wow, that's love. It turns out that Tobey is everything that Dave wasn't (in the best ways possible). Wait...What happens with Dave? Does Tobey's band win the Battle of the Bands? What

paths are the characters headed down after high school ends? Well, my friend, you'll just have to read the book to find out. Sure, it was a little cheesy and predictable at times...but I love cheese! Well...if it's the right kind at least. And trust me, this was definitely the right kind. Honestly, if you're a fan of those classic teen 80's movies (John Hughes, especially) you'll love this book. Review from The Hollow Cupboards- thehollowcupboards.blogspot.com

Susane Colasanti has written yet another "average" book. I've read 3 by her now and they're all quite similar in some ways. A rich girl with everything, a poor character with lousy parents... starting to get repetitive. She also doesn't give much on the characters YET AGAIN. I like to visualize what a character looks like in a book and she gives nothing. This is a no for me. Easy read though. Cute, simple, PG rated. I won't be reading anymore of her books though.

This is not a thriller that will have you on the edge of your seat the whole time. Nothing really bad happens in this story and I don't mind that one bit. I like that it is just a mellow teenager book. Tobey and Sara's something real, in my opinion, does not revolve around sex like some of the other comments have said. Yes there is sex and yes a good portion of the book talks about whether or not they will have sex, but that is not the nucleus of the love story. I don't advocate teen sex or anything like that, but from my high school experience the topic of who slept with who over the weekend echoed down the halls until the next weekend. Their something real is about them clicking. They listen to each others music, he knows her favorite movies and scenes, she inspires him to get good grades and go to college, they like mustard on their onion rings....which is gross..., but that is their something real.

Sara and Tobey are great characters and I really became invested in them. I enjoyed the romance and it was a good escapist book for a few days. My issue is that there are two plot points that are a bit much: Tobey does a 180 on going to college just to impress a girl and Dave ends up being a really bad person. I get that most girls have a fantasy at one point or another that they can change a boy, either turn the bad boy into a better man or change the slacker into someone who lives up their potential, but it's not very realistic that a senior who is sure college is not for him will suddenly decide that he must go to college just because of a crush/girlfriend. Plus, it usually bugs me when the guy who needs to get dumped for the "perfect" couple to get together ends up being a real jerk - he wasn't the right guy, ok, it's part of the plot. But I don't like it that the author feels the need to make him a bad guy - plus it ruins the suspense aspect of the "will they or won't they" in the

romance.

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