

RULES FOR RULE BREAKING

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700 miles. 5 colleges.
1 road trip romance.

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ONE-SENTENCE PITCH

Booksmart meets *Never Have I Ever* in this debut YA rom-com about two Korean American teens forced into a shared college visit road trip where they discover that the reasons they've been rivals their entire lives might actually be signs they're a perfect pair.

ONE-PARAGRAPH PITCH

Winter is MIT-bound, comfortable keeping people at arm's length, and known by others as responsible, though she has a desire to let loose. This probably comes from her rebel grandmother, who is constantly pushing boundaries and encouraging Winter to do so as well. Winter's best friend is moving abroad and won't be attending college at all, and Winter's wrestling with what it means to be left behind. Bobby is as Type-A, anxious, and risk-averse as you can get. He's also been recently dumped, which has him feeling disoriented and untethered.

That's why, when Winter's and Bobby's parents insist that they go on a northeast college campus tour together, both teens find reasons to accept even though the idea of being stuck in a car together for 700 miles sounds unbearable. What awaits them is a journey of self-discovery, and the only rule on their road trip is to break all the rules. At first, this happens in hilariously calculated ways (using lists and reason and logic!), but they soon abandon that, challenging each other to dares in Virginia, getting high and wandering around Philly for food — and battling the subsequent digestive distress — and crashing a party in Cambridge. And, of course, realizing that they're perfect together.

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"[Winter and Bobby] are such imperfectly perfect teens, [I wanted] to cringe, then hug them. Empathetic and instantly compelling."

— CLAIRE AHN, author of *I Guess I Live Here Now*

"You'll laugh, you'll cry, you'll be begging Winter and Bobby to kiss. Readers, prepare a permanent spot on your must-buy list for Talia Tucker!"

— TESS SHARPE, author of *The Girls I've Been*

"Rules for Rule Breaking took me on a journey filled with self-discovery [and] sparkling chemistry... Talia Tucker is a debut author to watch."

— SARAH SUK, author of *The Space Between Here & Now* and *Made in Korea*

"My favorite kind of rom-com: smart, snappy, and swoon-worthy."

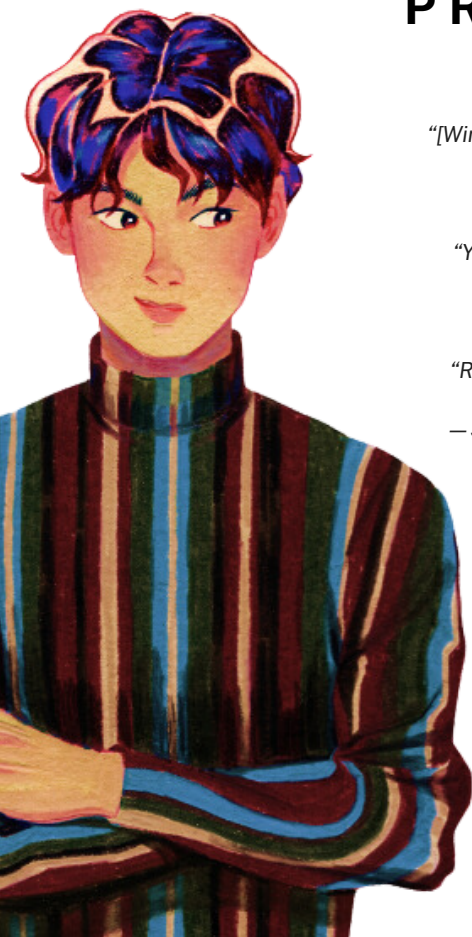
— MICHELLE QUACH, author of *Not Here to Be Liked*

"Enemies-to-lovers done right, and an immediate favorite."

— Serena Kaylor, author of *Long Story Short*



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