

***Not in My Book* by Katie Holt**

Debut author Katie Holt enters the rom-com scene with a delightful enemies-to-lovers romance set in New York.

Rosie has put it all on the line to move to New York and pursue her dream of becoming a romance author. She can only afford to take one class at a time while working as a bartender, but her newfound family of friends makes it all worth it. Except for one thing – the annoying (but very cute) guy who sits across from her in class – Aiden. He writes literary fiction and has nothing good to say about romance – especially Rosie’s romances. From the very beginning, the two get on each other’s nerves and constantly bicker. One day in class, however, they cross a line and the teacher decides they will write a novel together as a way to learn to respect each other.

Holt has created well-defined characters and a lot of witty – albeit unkind at first – banter between Rosie and Aiden. Learning their backstories – especially Aiden’s – helps deepen the characters and explains their conflicts. Also intriguing is her inclusion of paragraphs from the fictional story the two are writing between chapters. Although told from Rosie’s point of view, the inclusion of dialogue created by Aiden gives us a glimpse into what he is thinking and feeling.

Fair warning – it has some spiciness in the second half of the book. However, as always, you can skip those parts and still enjoy the story. This was a one-weekend read for me!