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America's favorite pop band, Roman Holiday, is done, dead, and so totally last year. For eighteen-year-old rockoholic Junie Baltimore, this is music to her ears. But when she discovers their sexy ex-lead singer hiding out on the boardwalk, her summer vacation becomes the cover story of the year.

She's willing to keep him a secret, but when a sleazy paparazzo offers her the cash she needs to save the bar her father left behind, could she sell out for the chance to save her future? Who is she kidding? That's a no-brainer...but she never planned on falling head over heels for the lead singer.

## **The Sound of Us Details**

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## From Reader Review The Sound of Us for online ebook

### Jenny Kaczorowski says

There is a special magic that happens when you meet someone on vacation. Something about being away from the people and places that know you allows you to be more real. Ashley Poston captured that feeling and wrapped it up in the gauzy haze of stage lights and classic rock ballads. Junie is earnest and broken and resilient, just the kind of heroine I love, and Roman is a brilliant, delightful mess. Together, their chemistry sings. Sweet and funny, with so much heart and just the right amount of heat. The Sound of Us is everything a beach read should be. I'm still smiling, hours after finishing.

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### Ashley Poston says

My baby, my first book. It has a special place in my heart!

A companion to this book, WE OWN THE NIGHT, comes out in September, just in case you missed the mohawk as much as I have.

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### Mahima says

One word to describe this book.... *cute*. My cheeks are hurting from smiling this much.

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### Dai Alvarado says

Me encantaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaa.

Mi lado adolescente dramática amó completamente esta historia. Junie y Roman son una pareja demasiado cute y aunque quise golpearlos en varias ocasiones disfrute demasiado leyéndolos.

Aunque mi favorito es Boaz... y su falda escocesa. ¡Quiero un libro de Boaz!

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### Megan ~The Never Ending Book Basket says

I really enjoyed reading The Sound of Us. I came across this book on a blog about books in the new "New Adult" book genre/category. After reading the synopsis, I was intrigued to read this book and see if it was as good as it seemed. I was not disappointed. Not one bit.

Junie is a serious gem of a character. I'll be honest though, all of the characters in this book are gems. Junie is spectacularly real and unapologetic. (And you have to adore her pink hair.) Roman is charming yet very raw. Boaz and Maggie had me cracking up at just about everything they said, except for the times in which they

were saying some pretty important and meaningful stuff. (That happened more than I thought it would.) When reading this book I also couldn't help but laugh out loud about every other page because of the quick wit these characters have. Their personalities shine through in this book, and I loved being able to laugh with them at every crazy thing they were saying and doing.

All of these characters come together to make a truly great story. The feelings that ooze out of this book feel wholly authentic, and nothing seems rushed or unreal. This story reads as if it's actually happening, and will have you feeling every little bit. You feel what Junie feels. You feel for the other characters, and by the end of this book you will be rooting for all of them. (Even Caspian!)

The music in this book is spectacular. It is its own character and it makes this story something else. Every music reference, every moment involving music, and every song lyric you read will make you love the music and this book even more. The music exemplifies and amplifies every feeling and emotion that this book and its characters create.

All in all, this book was fantastic. The story and its events were wholly believable (even though the story is about a girl who meets and falls for a hiding rock star (or pop star depending on who you ask), its characters are adorably remarkable, and the feelings you will have reading this book will make you realize once again the power a good book has.

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### **Ezgi Tülü says**

DNF @ *"i don't even know"*

This feels like a cliché fanfiction, and I'm not a big fan of those. The main character is a "more of a classic rock type of girl" who "hates Roman Holiday" -- and Roman Holiday is the name of the pop? band in the book. It's very convenient to have the main character hate the band.

I didn't even read past chapter four but it doesn't take a genius to guess the rest of the book. There are many of the same story on Wattpad. Not that I have anything against clichés. I can enjoy a well-written cliché.

I just feel like this book isn't my cup of tea and I don't want to waste my time reading this. But if you're interested, I say give it a try--you might find yourself enjoying this.

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### **Candice Montgomery says**

This book makes me want to date boys who wear suspenders and will make up ridiculous acronyms with me. It makes me want to wear red lipstick and leather jackets, and tell people about The Smiths, The Strokes, The 1975, Walk the Moon, Little Comets, X Ambassadors, and all my favorite music across decades. But mostly, it makes me want to get my ass in gear and do some writing, because sometimes you read a thing that PUSHES YOU. For me, THE SOUND OF US was that.

Ps, Roman Holiday 5eva!

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## **Natalia says**

This book was really light and short, but unfortunately wasn't that good. The story was cliché and the characters were horrible. I don't mind cliché characters and plot, sometimes the book might be fun even if it's not that original, but here it wasn't. It was as if the author was trying to make the main character "different". Not only am I totally tired of seeing this sort of main characters, but she wasn't even that different. The main characters was supposedly different, edgy and really into rock music. First of all the author seemed to know only 3 bands and they were really basic, the sort that everyone knows. I'm really tired of seeing the main character that is supposedly different, but actually has nothing unique about them. The sort of relationship that is happening was sort of weird. They had no sort of connection and their meeting was awkward to say the least.

I really didn't like this book. Not that there was something really wrong in this book, but it really annoyed me.

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## **Hallie says**

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## **Frankie Brown says**

My cheeks hurt from smiling -- THE SOUND OF US was such a fun ride. It struck just the right balance of humor, nostalgia (carnivals at the beach, crappy cars, dive bars), beautiful prose, and characters you want to be friends with. Junebug was a riot and after finishing this book all I want is to hang out with her and listen to the radio. She and her best friend, Maggie's, pop culture references (among them Harry Potter, Boy Meets World, Star Wars) had me laughing out loud and nodding my head like, YES, we all know the Cory and Topanga couple, and YES, omg, we all know how it feels to be stuck in a scene from a 90's movie.

My face when reading:

and after reading:

I haven't read many "New Adult" books that I love, but if more were like this, I would. Read it!

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## **Dahlia says**

I enjoyed this so, so much, and in a category where it feels like every book is plagued with darkness, this is absolutely my new #1 rec when someone tells me they're looking for fun, lighter NA. The dialogue between

the MC and LI is fantastic, and hanging out with them is just the best way to spend a few hours. Especially if you're into music-themed books, but even if you're just looking for fun, quirky characters to laugh with for a while, pick this one up ASAP.

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### **Savvy Apperson says**

Are there words to explain what I feel for this novel? It's fun and hilarious. The characters are amazing, feel real, and are great for laughs (and some tears). I have to say, while I love Junie and Roman, Maggie and Boaz are totes my favorites. Their lightheartedness and quirky natures off set the seriousness that Roman and Junie seem to possess. Junie's dour outlook on life seems to have damaged her "Fun" button but, I mean, come on, who doesn't want to fall in love with a broody rock star? Let alone be whisked away by said rock star to have a couple of wild times at the beach? I also love the tribute to all the 80's hairbands, and classic rock that seemed to be placed perfectly throughout the novel. So yeah, bro-ha's and bro-ho's, this one is going to be a re-read for me along with being a shiny new book in my collection.

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### **Katie (Kitkatscanread) says**

Ever wonder what it would be like to hang out with a pop star?  
To see them behind the spotlight?

For Junie she gets the chance, but before long she discovers she's falling for Roman.  
But Roman is still famous, and he'd never go out with a girl like Junie, right?

*The Sound of Us* is a epic tale of love, loss, friendship and being true to who you are.  
This story will go far.

Fantastically written and a pleasure to read.

Full review: <http://kitkat1242.blogspot.co.uk/2013...>

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### **Hazel (Stay Bookish) says**

Actual rating: 4-4.5

Was so surprised by how much I really liked this! It's a lovely book! Review tk.

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### **Paula M. of Her Book Thoughts! says**

You can also read my review here.

**"..falling in love is like hearing your favorite song for the first time. It's something so**

**unsuspecting, something so quiet, that you don't realize it's happening until it's over, and all you hear it again...."**

We all have a band that EVERYBODY loves... except for you.

That is Rowan Holiday for Junie. His song irks her. Annoys her. So imagine them meeting... in a very awkward way. Let's just say that there are underwear involved!!

Ooooh guys!! I love this story so much. It is precious!! First of all, it's New Adult, a genre I am currently avoiding. But surprise surprise, this made me glad I gave it a chance. Second, it involves music!!!! Does my exclamation point make my point? But not only music, it also involves hot swoony rock st- *pop* star. Third point, the heroine is me. Well not really, I don't have pink hair and I'm still working on my Radio heart status.. so what i'm trying to say is that I really identify with her.

And we all know that an awesome heroine you like plus a good and fun storyline makes a good read, yeah?

I don't even know what more to say other than it has a little bit of everything of what I've been looking for in a New Adult story. Yes, there's sexy parts and it has a funny and a riot of characters, but this book has a lot of heart too. Poston's characters are fleshed out. You relate to them and they're hard to let go. This book brings you joy and ache but it leaves you inspired and with realizations to think about. My one lost star there is just because of the romance. I just felt so deprived! I just want more Roman and Junebug moments together. Like, *together together*.

I didn't even have a hard time reading it, I finished it in one sitting and smiled and swooned and got teary eyed a little bit but when it came to the end, I had the biggest grin I could muster. Overall, *The Sound Of Us* is an engaging and poignant read. You read it. You'll love it. And you'll come back for more. Praise for Ashley Poston!

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