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For fans of GILMORE GIRLS and TO ALL THE BOYS I'VE LOVED BEFORE, this effervescent love story from debut author Nina Moreno will sweep you away.

Rosa is cursed by the sea—at least that's what they say.

Dating her is bad news, especially if you're a boy with a boat.

But Rosa feels more caught than cursed. Caught between cultures and choices. Between her abuela, a beloved healer and pillar of their community, and her mother, an artist who crashes in and out of her life like a hurricane. Between Port Coral, the quirky South Florida town they call home, and Cuba, the island her abuela refuses to talk about.

As her college decision looms, Rosa collides—literally—with Alex Aquino, the mysterious boy with tattoos of the ocean whose family owns the marina. With her heart, her family, and her future on the line, can Rosa break a curse and find her place beyond the horizon?

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Natasha says

This book is magical, lyrical, and dynamic. With each page, I became more and more of a part of the small south Floridian town of Port Coral. I could see the viejitos sitting outside the cafe, drinking coffee, smoking cigars, exchanging chisme; I could smell the fresh guava pastelitos mixed with the salty breeze from the sea. For just a moment, I was home. I felt Rosa's struggle to not be Latinx enough. It's been a personal struggle for me too. I understood her desire to visit her native land, and stand where her grandfather stood. For me, this book was more than a cute love story, more than a story of family, it was a piece of my heritage that I could connect to. I loved every moment of this book, and I can't wait to see what Nina Moreno does next.

Sara► Ink Is My Sword says

Hi hello, my name is Sara and I am confessing my sins. I may have murdered everyone for not telling me about this book earlier.

Girlmore girls! To all the boys I have loved before! Latino Culture! Bad boy-tattoos! Contemporary-romance!

THE FUCK, I AM IN SO SO SO IN. TAKE MY MONEY NOW!

Analia Cabello says

Hands down one of the best books I've ever read!

Cait Hutsell says

A little magic. A lot of family. A beautiful story.
If you don't fall in love with every character, I'd be surprised.
Preorder it now or you'll regret it.

Natasha Diaz says

This book is perfect. Moreno skillfully crafts a world is so real that you can taste it, smell it, touch it right on the page. Don't Date Rosa Santos is a tour de force debut and I cannot wait to see what else Nina Moreno brings to the writing world.

Jennifer H. says

Thank you to Netgalley and Disney Book Group!

Rosa Santos is cursed.

She has spent the past two years planning to leave her home in South Florida in favor of Havana, but at the last minute those plans fall completely apart. Not only that, but she's falling for a boy with a boat. Rosa knows about all the heartbreak that lingers there - boys with boats leave, carried away by the ocean. The last thing Rosa wants is to end up like her whirlwind mother - standing at the water's edge, screaming at the sea for taking her love (Rosa's father) away. But when tragedy strikes, Rosa must look deep within herself and finally decide where she truly wants to go in life.

Don't Date Rosa Santos is a slow paced story with heartbreak, laughs, happiness, love, and a touch of swoon set in a cute little sea town. The ocean - of course - plays a big part in the overall story and the cover as well. There's a double meaning there (or atleast I think there is..lol) and I love it!

Really enjoyed this one; it turned out to be something completely unexpected and that's certainly not a bad thing!

Chanel Cleeton says

Perfect for fans of Jane the Virgin and One Day at a Time, Don't Date Rosa Santos is both a relatable coming of age story and a heartfelt and evocative multigenerational tale of three women bound by a legacy of love, loss, and exile. Rosa is a heroine to root for and the charming fictional town of Port Coral—and its delightful residents—will find a place in readers' hearts as Moreno infuses each page with rich Cuban culture and the unique magic of Florida.

Rachel Strolle says

Perfection

Scrill says

"Gilmore Girls meets Practical Magic"

GILMORE GIRLS

Meghan says

This book is a combination of Jenny Han's *To all the Boys I've Loved Before*, and *Wild Beauty* which made it a well-written young adult romance novel. Fans of *To all the Boys I've Loved Before* will really love *Don't Date Rosa Santos* because it is a typical young teenager romance story that is about overcoming the "curse" Rosa has about dating and signifies the point that there is always someone out there for everyone and it was such a treat to read. This book will do very well on our shelves and that is why we are giving this book 5 stars!

Laura says

Nina is such a gifted writer, and I can't wait for everyone to read this *Gilmore Girls* meets *Practical Magic* YA! It's a story about Rosa, an artistic soul with a passion and determination to visit her family's country, a country forbidden legally and by her own family to visit in any capacity. Toss in the cultural elements, the diaspora, the lyrical language, and a whole lot of delicious pastries, and I was a goner. This book is gorgeous. *proud agent*

Zoraida says

This book is just everything. It is a love song to Cuba, to diaspora, to complicated families. It captures the way generations of Latinx women can communicate—or NOT communicate at all. It is about love and loss and grief. It is so absolutely charming and pure poetry. It is magical realism in the way Latinos only understand and it is romantic AF. I hope everyone gives it a chance and reads this book.

Kym says

More of a 2.5/3

Lola says

The "curse" annoyed me. Like, really? And there's miscommunication, concealment of information, angst. That was bound to drive me crazy. So I stopped right before reaching that point. There is a lot that can make you want to shout in exasperation in this world, why let a book do that to you? Cute cover and some cute scenes though.

Rocky says

I don't write reviews on Goodreads, ever, but I had to for this book. It is everything my Cuban American heart could've asked for in a book, and then some. The romance, the characters, the wit, the writing, the perfect capturing of what it feels like to be the granddaughter of a Cuban immigrant, it was all so wonderfully executed. I cannot praise this book enough.
