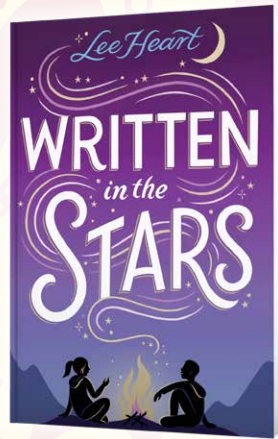
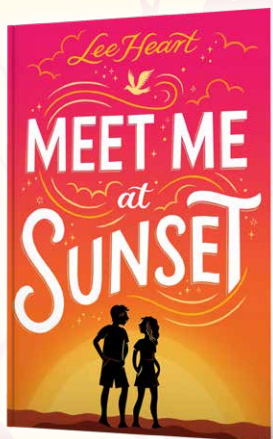
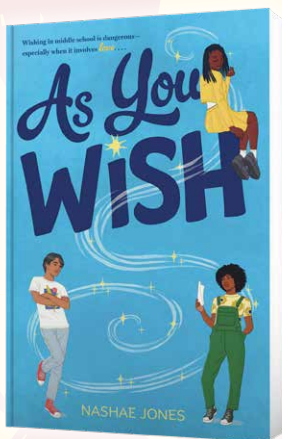


Looking to “meet” a cute new read this summer? Explore these sweet tween stories of friendship, hijinks, and first crushes from Simon & Schuster, perfect for ages 10–14!



This reproducible activity booklet has the meet-cute essentials you'll need:

- Meet Cute M.A.S.H.
- Trope Bingo
- Folding Fortune Teller



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Meet-Cute Essentials for Tweens

A MEET-CUTE M.A.S.H. IN THE S.U.N.

What's your meet-cute destiny? This activity is based on the game M.A.S.H. and inspired by the tween meet-cutes from Simon & Schuster below! Pick a random number between 1-10 and count each item in this activity, including the letters of the word S.U.N. below. When you land on an item, cross it off. The last one left in each category will reveal your perfect meet-cute!

S.U.N.

- Sweet
- Unfortunate
- Neutral

Pick a location!

- Amusement park
- Summer camp
- Skate park
- The woods

Pick an outfit!

- Overalls
- Moose costume
- Swimsuit
- Shorts and a T-shirt

Pick a first outing!

- Watching a movie
- Making s'mores by a campfire
- Visiting a museum
- Walking along the beach

Pick an awkward moment!

- You can't get your crush to notice you
- You and your friend have a crush on the same person
 - A trickster god interferes
- You might be the reason your crush loses their first job



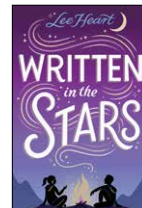
MEET ME AT WONDERLAND

Location: Amusement park
Outfit: Moose costume
First Outing: Going to a soccer game
Awkward Moment: You might be the reason your crush loses their first job



MEET ME AT SUNSET

Outfit: Swimsuit
First Outing: Walking along the beach
Awkward Moment: You can't get your crush to notice you



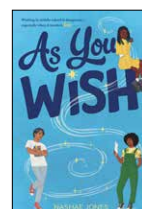
WRITTEN IN THE STARS

Location: Summer camp
Outfit: Shorts and a t-shirt
First Outing: Making s'mores by a campfire
Awkward Moment: You and your friend have a crush on the same person



WHAT IF YOU FALL FOR ME FIRST

Location: Skate park
First Outing: Watching a movie
Awkward Moment: You can't get your crush to notice you



AS YOU WISH

Outfit: Overalls
First Outing: Making s'mores by a campfire
Awkward Moment: A trickster god interferes

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TROPE BINGO

How many of these beloved romance tropes can you find in the new tween meet-cute stories from Simon & Schuster? See if you can get BINGO with five tropes in a row!

Fake relationship	Love triangle	Opposites attract	Friends step in to help	Nerdy shared interests
Academic rivals-to-more	Trapped in an elevator	Mistaken identity	Awkward first meeting	Summer camp crush
Friends-to-more	Actual magic is involved	Style makeover	Crush at first sight	In the same class
Forced proximity	Accidental feelings	Break up from a misunderstanding	Pranks get out of hand	In the same extracurricular
Sports romance	Mutual first crush	Family interference	Unrequited crush	Long distance

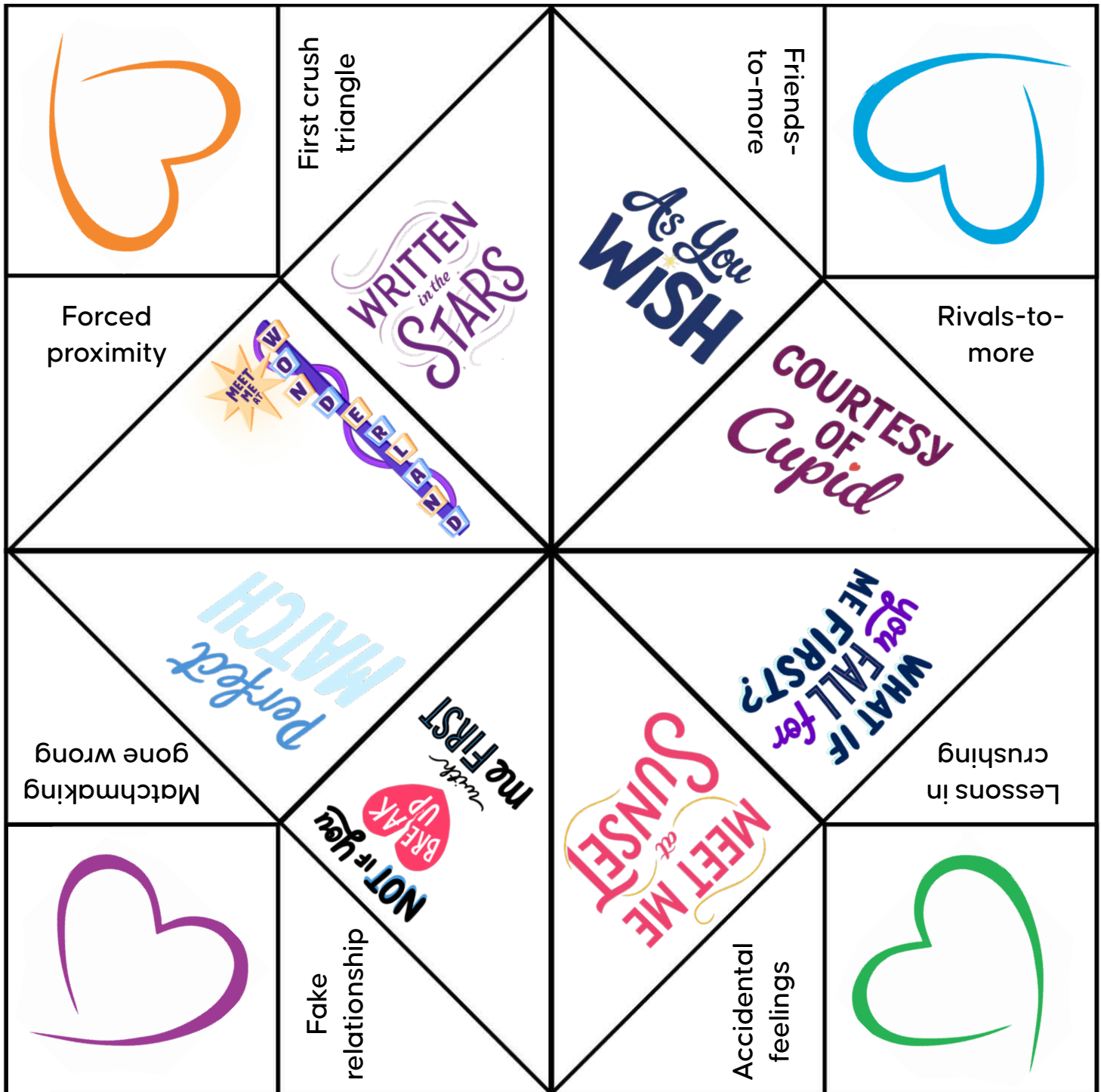
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Reproducible Activity

Meet-Cute Essentials for Tweens

MEET-CUTE FORTUNE TELLER

Pick a meet-cute to read next! Print and cut out the below fortune teller, and then follow the instructions on the next page to decide your next romantic read.



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Reproducible Activity

Meet-Cute Essentials for Tweens

MEET-CUTE FORTUNE TELLER

Follow these instructions to fold your fortune teller and discover the perfect tween romance to read next this summer!

Step 1: Fold in Half Both Ways

Start by folding the paper in half both ways, so that there is a crease running vertically and horizontally. Then unfold completely.

Step 2: Fold in Both Diagonals

Fold corner to corner to create a diagonal crease. Unfold and then fold corner to corner the other way for the opposite diagonal crease. Then unfold completely. Position so that the side with the text is face down.

Step 3: Fold in Corners

Take each of the four corners of the paper and fold them into the center point, where all the lines cross, so your paper should have four triangles folded towards the center. Then flip it over.

Step 4: Fold in Corners (Again)

Fold the corners into the center point as in the previous step. Make sure these are strong creases. Flip it over again. The result should be a square made up of eight small triangles on one side, and four squares on the other side.

Step 5: Set Up Fortune Teller

Fold the fortune teller in half so that the squares are on the outside. Lift up the squares slightly so that you can fit your thumbs under the bottom two squares and your index fingers under the top two. With your fingers under the squares, press the corners toward the center of the fortune teller to form a cone shape. The four corners will meet in the middle of the fortune teller.

Step 6: Using the Fortune Teller

To play with a friend, begin by choosing one of the four different colored hearts. If, for example, you choose the “red” heart, open the fortune teller three times for each of the letters in the word “red.” Alternate between opening the fortune teller from up and down to left and right. After doing so, four tropes on the inside should be visible. Choose one of the four displayed tropes. Like you did before, open the fortune teller the number of times corresponding to the number your friend chose. When you are done, the same set of four or a new set of four tropes will be visible. Choose a trope again, but this time, you can lift the flap to show the sweet tween romance you should read next!



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