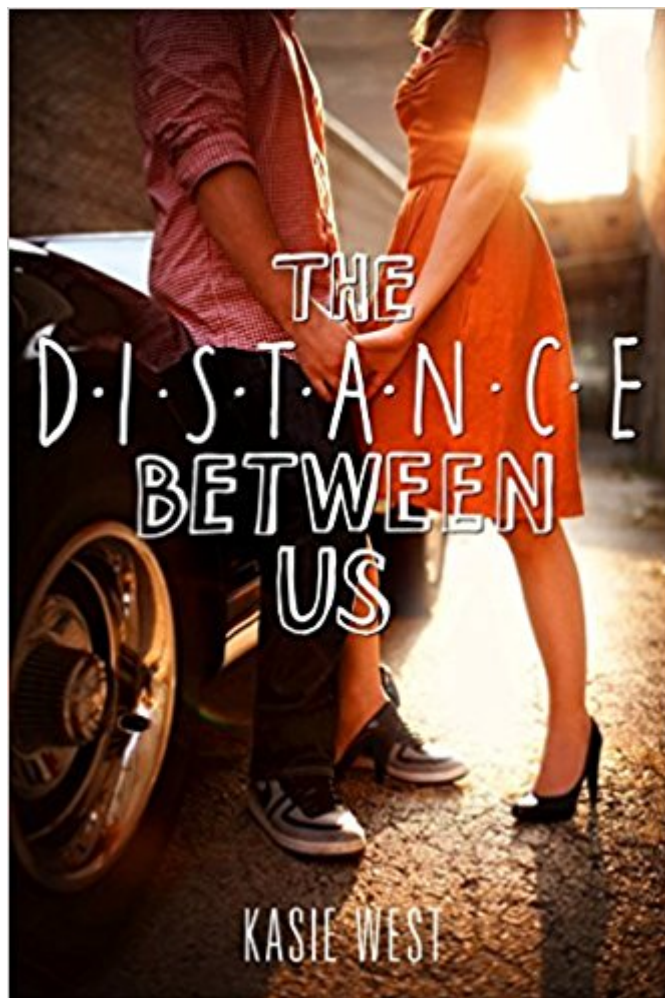


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The Distance Between Us



Synopsis

Money can't buy a good first impression. Seventeen-year-old Caymen Meyers learned early that the rich are not to be trusted. And after years of studying them from behind the cash register of her mom's porcelain-doll shop, she has seen nothing to prove otherwise. Enter Xander Spence – he's tall, handsome, and oozing rich. Despite his charming ways and the fact that he seems to be one of the first people who actually gets her, she's smart enough to know his interest won't last. Because if there's one thing she's learned from her mother's warnings, it's that the rich have a short attention span. But just when Xander's loyalty and attentiveness are about to convince Caymen that being rich isn't a character flaw, she finds out that money is a much bigger part of their relationship than she'd ever realized. With so many obstacles standing in their way, can she close the distance between them?

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Customer Reviews

Gr 8 Up – Seventeen-year-old Caymen Meyers works in her mother's shop selling porcelain dolls to wealthy patrons. Even though she and her mom know that the rich can't be trusted, they rely on them to keep the store afloat. Then charismatic Xander walks into the store and seems to understand cynical and sarcastic Caymen better than anyone else, and she begins to wonder if maybe she and her mother were wrong. That is, until she's mistreated by Xander's friends and, after reading a tabloid, discovers that he may already have a girlfriend. Ultimately, however, Caymen realizes that she has a love worth fighting for, and the star-crossed lovers end up together. Despite

the predictable ending, the charming story is beautifully written, and the characters are well developed. Similar in feel to books by Susane Colasanti, West's novel is sweet and captivating. Candyce Pruitt-Goddard, Hartford Public Library, CT (c) Copyright 2013. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.

During a shift at her mother's shop, Cayman meets Xander, who seems like an arrogant rich guy. Cayman's mother has long warned her about the wealthy; Cayman's father came from money but left before she was even born. But Xander, though indeed wealthy, may be kind, after all—and he seems interested in Cayman. There's a strong Cinderella flavor here, including a ball from which Cayman flees, and readers will easily relate to Cayman as she sorts out her true identity: not a poor little poor girl, not her mother's keeper, and most definitely not a rich guy's toy. Recommend this familiar but satisfying love story to fans of realistic chick lit. Grades 7-10. --Diane Colson

After reading P.S. I Like You earlier this year, I knew I had to read some of Kasie West's other books. She has a great talent for writing romantic fluff. Yes, the book is cheesy. But sometimes, a girl needs a fluffy book she can blow through in a day or a weekend. The Distance Between Us delivered on that front. Cayman and her mother barely skimp by, running a tourist shop in their town. Xander is a wealthy teen, new to the area, who is set to inherit the family business and is frequently on the front page of magazines. Due to past circumstances, Cayman and her mother are wary of getting involved with anyone with money, but that doesn't stop Cayman's feelings from doing what they will. This book wasn't quite as cute and mushy as P.S. I Like You, but that didn't stop me from finishing the book in a day. It was a good fluff read, if predictable. Rating I would give this book a 3 out of 5. It was a good fluffy romance. There are better, but this one wasn't half bad.

(PureTextuality.com) When I read YA, it's almost always paranormal, with a romance or a mystery thrown in occasionally. This read was one of my occasional young adult romances that I found on one of the blogs I follow awhile back—my memory is too gone to remember which blog. Sorry! Cayman is seventeen and a senior in high school, although none of this book happens at the school. She spends most of her time working at her mother's porcelain doll shop, and lives with her mom upstairs over the shop. She buys her clothes at thrift stores, as does her best friend Skye. They live in a beach town where the rich people almost outnumber the locals. Cayman has never known her father, as he left the scene as soon as her

mother told him she was pregnant. He was rich, and his parents' hush money is what gave them the start of the doll shop. And her mom's parents disowned her. So it's just Cayman and her mom and has been that way for always. One day a young and very noticeably rich guy comes into the store to find a present for a birthday. And that's how this story and friendship really starts. Cayman was so refreshing for a main character. Her specialty is sarcasm and lots of it. She uses it in all sorts of situations and most of it was really funny, although at times it wasn't exactly appropriate. She's a worrier, she knows the shop is failing, and her mom won't tell her anything. Xander is the third son of a mega rich family of hotel owners. He doesn't know what he wants to be, no more than Cayman does. So they decide to have career days where they each pick something to do to see if they will like that for their future. Those days in the book were some of the fun parts of the story. Of course with Xander's money, his ideas are way more interesting than Cayman can come up with. There is problems with their relationship, namely the fact she has to hide him from her mother, instead of the other way around. Her mom has a deep seated hatred of rich people due to her past, whereas Cayman meets his parents early on. And did I mention, the tabloids that show pictures of him with another girl? Yes, there's problems. I ended up enjoying the whole thing. Start to finish, and it was such a quick read for me. Way less than a day. I went to look to see what other books the author had written and found two. What I also found was that these two eBooks are listed for more than you would pay at a discount store when they are brand new out. \$9.99 for an older ebook is just wrong in my opinion, so I won't be buying them. I doubt that many young adults have that kind of money for a book either. Jumping off my soapbox now! This particular book was way more reasonably priced so that's the good news. Highly recommended to young adult romance readers.

The distance between us I mean OMG what a cute story I love that the author it's so descriptive but at the same time lets you put a picture of your own to the rest of the details of the main character and let you paint a picture of all the other characters is because everyone thinks of their characters a certain way.

It's a true testament to the epic swoon-worthiness of this book when I say that I stayed up WAYYYY past my bedtime to read *The Distance Between Us* in one sitting. I am a woman who values her sleep, cherishes it even. Today I write this review as a sleep-deprived, yet fulfilled woman. Today as

I write this review as a freshly minted Kasie West fan girl!! I don't like to go too much into plot details as I don't want to inadvertently spoil anything and well...the synopsis is right up there at the top of the page. What I like to talk about is how books make me FEEEEEL. I love it when a book sucks me in right off the bat and gets me invested in the characters, makes me root for them. This book did just that and along the way it gave me (let's say it together now) ALLLLL the feels! The chemistry between Caymen and Xander is so authentic and the affection they have for one another is hard to deny. Two totally different people from two totally different worlds...yet they find a deep and loving connection. Caymen is having a rough go of it lately and I love that Xander comes along at a moment in which she really needs someone to lift her up and help her along. Not of course without some road bumps along the way! This is my first Kasie West book (I know...what is WRONG with me) and I can assure you it will not be my last. As a matter of fact I JUST pre-ordered *On the Fence* and have bumped up *Pivot Point* and *Split Second* toward the top of my TBR pile. I loved how Kasie West captured the pure emotion and feeling of Caymen's experience in this book and am excited to read her other books to see if I connect to the characters in the same way.

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