

APPEARANCE GUIDE



BOOK DETAILS

Genre: Young Adult Romance

Format: Hardcover, Paperback, eBook, Audiobook

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Reading age: 12 - 17 years

Grade level: 7 - 9

Lexile™ Measure: 730L

Themes: Asian/Asian American, Identity/Self-Esteem/Confidence, Breaking Rules & Rebellion, Friendship & Found Family, Romance & Relationships, Coming-of-Age, Cultural Expectations, Dreams & Aspirations, Independence, Taking Risks, Overcoming Obstacles, Personal Growth, Family Dynamics, Agency & Empowerment

More Information:

<https://www.penguinrandomhouse.com/books/725854/rules-for-rule-breaking-by-talia-tucker/>

Educators are encouraged to modify activities to best suit their students' interests and learning styles.

Rules for Rule Breaking

by Talia Tucker

SYNOPSIS

Booksmart meets Never Have I Ever in this debut YA rom-com about two Korean American teens forced into a shared college visit road trip where they discover that the reasons they've been rivals their entire lives might actually be signs they're a perfect pair.

Winter Park and Bobby Bae are Korean American high school juniors whose families have been friends since the kids were making crayon art. They, however, are repulsed by each other.

Winter is MIT-bound, comfortable keeping people at arm's length, and known by others as responsible, though she has a desire to let loose. This probably comes from her rebel grandmother, who is constantly pushing boundaries and encouraging Winter to do so as well. Winter's best friend is moving abroad and won't be attending college at all, and Winter's wrestling with what it means to be left behind. Bobby is as Type-A, anxious, and risk-averse as you can get. He's also been recently dumped, which has him feeling disoriented and untethered.

That's why, when Winter's and Bobby's parents insist that they go on a northeast college campus tour together, both teens find reasons to accept even though the thought of being stuck in a car together for 700 miles sounds unbearable. What awaits them is a journey of self-discovery where the only rule on their road trip is to break all the rules. At first, this happens in hilariously calculated ways (using lists and reason and logic!), but they soon abandon that, challenging each other to dares in Virginia, getting high and wandering around Philly for food—and battling the subsequent digestive distress—and crashing a party in Cambridge. And, of course, realizing that they're perfect together.

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CONVERSATION QUESTIONS

1. What challenges do the main characters face as they navigate their friendships, family expectations, and personal growth?
2. How does the book address issues of identity, cultural expectations, and rebellion?
3. How do the characters balance their own desires with what is expected of them by their families, friends, and society?
4. How do themes of rule-breaking and self-discovery shape the characters' journeys?
5. Which character's journey was the most challenging to develop—and why?
6. Which character do you feel most connected to, and why?
7. Was there a particular scene that was your favorite to write?
8. What do you hope readers take away from reading this story?
9. Is your next book, *Solo Stan*, connected in any way to *Rules for Rule Breaking*?
10. What's next for you?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. The title of the book is *Rules for Rule Breaking*. What do you think this means? Have you ever broken a rule for a good reason?
2. What do you think makes a rule worth following versus one worth breaking?
3. Based on the title and cover, what kind of story do you think this will be? What genre do you expect it to fall into?
4. What does it mean to challenge expectations—whether in school, at home, or in friendships? Have you ever felt pressure to follow certain expectations?
5. If you were to create your own "rules for rule breaking," what would they be?
6. Think about a time when you had to stand up for yourself or someone else. What happened, and how did it feel?
7. What are some examples of rule-breakers in history, pop culture, or your own life? Do you think breaking the rules always leads to positive change?
8. What kind of characters do you like to read about? Do you prefer characters who follow the rules or those who challenge them? Why?
9. If you could write a book about a character who breaks the rules, what kind of story would you tell?
10. What questions do you have for the author before reading the book?

These are sample discussion questions meant to spark conversation and engagement. Teachers are encouraged to modify them based on their students' interests and classroom discussions. To ensure a smooth and interactive session, I also recommend collecting student questions ahead of my appearance.



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Book Ordering Information

Be sure to place your order well in advance through your local bookstore or wholesaler of your choice. You can also **order books** directly from Penguin Random House.

Order Information:

www.penguinclassroom.com



PRAISE for RULES FOR RULE BREAKING

Amazon's Best of the Month (March)

Read With Jenna Jr Summer Reading List (May 2024)

"Tucker's debut is full of fun, slow-burn, romantic comedy hallmark moments...A thoughtful coming-of-age story filled with rom-com cuteness."
— *Kirkus Reviews*

"...Satisfying, laugh-out-loud road-trip debut...Tucker levies dynamic storytelling via the duo's alternating POVs to present a lightweight rom-com that captures the thrill of spontaneity and budding romance."
— *Publishers Weekly*

"[Winter and Bobby] are such imperfectly perfect teens, [I wanted] to cringe, then hug them. Empathetic and instantly compelling."
— *CLAIRE AHN*, author of *I Guess I Live Here Now*

"You'll laugh, you'll cry, you'll be begging Winter and Bobby to kiss. Readers, prepare a permanent spot on your must-buy list for Talia Tucker!"
— *TESS SHARPE*, *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Girls I've Been*

"Rules for Rule Breaking took me on a journey filled with self-discovery [and] sparkling chemistry... Talia Tucker is a debut author to watch."
— *SARAH SUK*, author of *The Space Between Here & Now* and *Made in Korea*

"My favorite kind of rom-com: smart, snappy, and swoon-worthy."
— *MICHELLE QUACH*, author of *Not Here to Be Liked*

"Enemies-to-lovers done right, and an immediate favorite."
— *Serena Kaylor*, author of *Long Story Short*

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Talia Tucker lives and writes in New Jersey. She has a BA in communication from Rutgers University and an MA in liberal studies from Loyola University Maryland. She loves mindless comedies and twisty slow-burn dramas, both of which inspire her writing, as does her connection to her Korean and Jamaican communities. *Rules for Rule Breaking* was her YA debut. Her follow up novel, *Solo Stan*, will be released in June 2025.

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