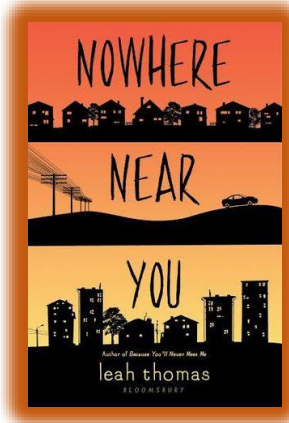


# Booklist Review

Books For Youth - Fiction - Science Fiction



## **Nowhere Near You.**

**Thomas, Leah (author).**

Feb. 2017. 400p. Bloomsbury, hardcover, \$17.99

[\(9781681191782\)](#).

Grades 9-12.

**REVIEW.** First published November 15, 2016 (*Booklist*).

Electro-sensitive Ollie and eyeless Moritz and his pace-maker return in a sequel that is darker than [Because You'll](#)

[Never Meet Me](#) (a 2016 Morris Honor Book), and the boys' affectionate epistolary relationship continues. As Ollie bravely travels out of his Michigan woods to meet other *blunderkind*, or blunderkids like himself, he is eager yet apprehensive about his mission to write their stories. In Chicago, he meets Arthur, who is bizarrely tall and has regenerative bones that are as brittle as chalk; and in suburban Ohio, he meets Bridget, who removes her heart from her body when she no longer wants to feel. Meanwhile, Moritz bumps into dual-mouthed Molly, who is the most popular actress at Myriad, their creative-arts high school. Ollie and Moritz, in unforgettable and distinct voices, discover worlds they never dreamed they could be part of. Their raw emotions and new confidences tumble out in a more intimate and personal exchange as they realize their capabilities and cross boundaries. In this character-driven installment that cries for a third volume, Thomas allows her characters to be like any other teens—clever, fearful, curious, and determined, while questioning their place in society. A fantastic novel that will be especially resonant for readers who struggle with being or feeling outside of “normal.”— *Jeanne Fredriksen*



## **Booklist Editors Recommend**

Titles similar to *Nowhere Near You*

- *Kids of Appetite*
- *A 52-Hertz Whale*
- *Unbroken*
- *Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children*