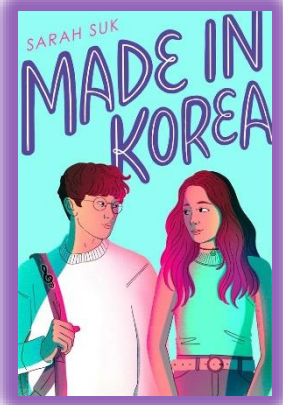


Book Review

Books For Youth - Fiction - Romance

Made in Korea

By Sarah Suk.



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Grades 7-12.

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Senior Valerie Kwon runs the top student business at Crescent Brook High, selling beauty products with her cousin and making a killing in cash. She hopes this will

get her into a top business college and finance her grandmother's dream trip to Paris. Nevertheless, her parents and perfect older sister frustratingly think it's a cute hobby. Enter Wes Jung, a new student and business competitor, who begins selling promo products for a popular K-pop group, for which his mother is a publicist. When the two businesses clash and nearly burn, Valerie and Wes find themselves facing off in more ways than one. Suk's fast-paced debut is filled with plotting, spying, and the bet to end all bets. Family dynamics and peer relationships are front and center, with all lessons learned adding to the story's page-turning fun. Readers who like their romances on the schemy side will be in for a treat with this first novel starring a pair of entrepreneurial teens.

— *Jeanne Fredriksen*



Booklist Editors Recommend

Titles similar to *Made in Korea*

- *When Dimple Met Rishi*
- *Frankly in Love*
- *The Way You Make Me Feel*