



Reader Sheet

YA Book Prize 2021 shortlist

And the Stars Were Burning Brightly Danielle Jawando

- The book's prologue and the first section of each chapter are narrated by Al. What did you discover about his character?
- The story is told from Nathan and Megan's perspectives. What do you think these characters learn from each other?
- Danielle Jawando includes social media comments, phone messages, and handwritten notes in the book. What does this add to the storytelling and structure of the novel?
- Al and Megan both have a passion and talent for art. If you could pick one work of art (painting, film, music, book etc) to represent you, what would it be and why?
- Social media is used in both positive and negative ways in the book. What do you think the overall message about social media is by the end of the story?



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