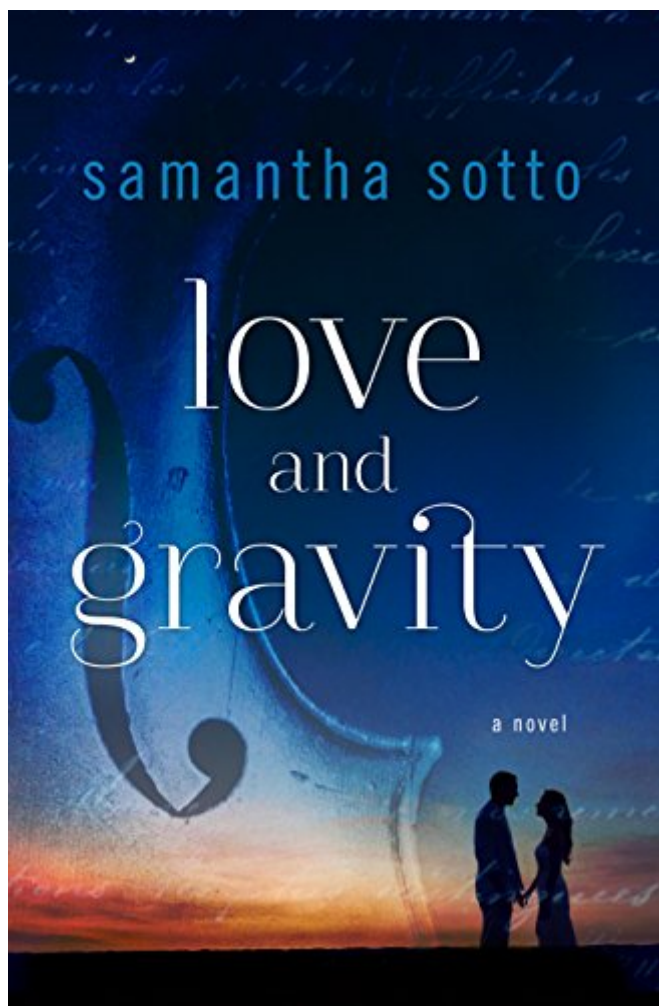


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Love And Gravity: A Novel



Synopsis

In this unforgettable novel for fans of *One Day* and *The Time Traveler's Wife*, a young Isaac Newton falls in love with a girl living in modern-day San Francisco, defying the laws of physics to forge a seemingly impossible connection. Thoughtful, magical, and alive with romantic alchemy, *Love and Gravity* is a rare gem of a book, both intellectual and beautiful.

"New York Times bestselling author Sarah Addison Allen Andrea Louviere is seven years old the first time he appears. While she's alone in her bedroom, practicing her beloved cello, the light shivers and a crack forms in the wall. Through the crack, she sees a candle, a window, a desk—and a boy. In the eerie silence, the boy clearly sees Andrea too. Then, as quickly as it opened, the crack closes and he vanishes. Over the years, summoning the boy becomes an obsession for Andrea. On her seventeenth birthday, she receives a three-hundred-year-old love letter from Isaac Newton. Andrea knows that Isaac will change the world with his groundbreaking discoveries; the letter tells Andrea that she will change him.

As Isaac's letters intensify in passion and intimacy, Andrea grows determined to follow his clues to their shared destiny despite a burgeoning romance in the present. Only when she discovers the way into Isaac's time does Andrea realize that she faces a heartbreaking decision between what was . . . and what might be.

Praise for *Love and Gravity*

Sotto's remarkable story keeps the reader guessing until the very end. . . . The imaginative blend of romance, history, and paranormal is compulsively readable, hits all the romantic high notes, and provides a novel explanation for the development of calculus; highly recommended.

"Library Journal, (starred review)

"Hard to put down.

"Publishers Weekly

"Ingenuous.

"Dear Author "Creative and heartfelt, this novel captured my imagination and my heart with ease. . . . Samantha Sotto certainly gave us readers an original, almost fanciful story that was filled to the brim with real and very raw emotions.

"Harlequin Junkie "Catching right from the start . . . If you like time travel romance novels, this book will not disappoint!

"The Lit Bitch Praise for Samantha Sotto's *Before Ever After*

"I was floored by the gutsy scope of this highly unusual love story. *Before Ever After* is one of those books that challenges the natural laws of fiction writing, and Samantha Sotto pulls it off in a frisky and highly entertaining way.

"Anne Fortier, New York Times bestselling author of *Juliet*

"I was absolutely enchanted by *Before Ever After*. It's a highly original and engaging mix of romance, mystery, and magic that will challenge everything you think you know about happily ever after.

"Jill Smolinski, author of *Objects of My Affection*

"A smartly written romance, mystery, and historical adventure all wrapped up in a page-turner that will have you guessing until the very end.

"Adena Halpern, author of *The Ten Best Days of My Life*

"Exquisitely written and inventively told, *Before Ever After* is a beautiful,

movingâ "and quite funâ "exploration of what you think you know about your own life.â •â "Melissa Senate, author of The Love Goddessâ ™ Cooking School

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Customer Reviews

Great ending. Nice weaving of love and sacrifice into something that could have really occurred in a world of magic and history.

it drew u in immediately. i will always remember it. history at its best. i want to read more from sotto now!

Andrea Louviere was destined to play the cello. Her father, a celebrated concert cellist, made sure of that. He taught her how focus her exceptional talent and about just how much power that music really has. Even he couldn't have imagined just how true his lesson would prove to be. One day while practicing, her music opens a crack in her wall to reveal a beautiful boy with a smile that she can never forget. And so begins her desperate search for a way to see him again. A mysterious man suddenly appears on her doorstep carrying letters from the boy beyond the wall. In his words,

she finds strength to overcome her fears and a love that dares to transcend time. Isaac Newton was historically known for being a loner. He never married and never committed to anything other than science. But what history doesn't know is that his heart belonged to a girl that he could never really have. The brief glimpses that he had of Andrea kept him going through a lifetime of solitude and sadness. He would find a way to cross all barriers to tell her what was in his heart and maybe that would be enough to hold on to when even reason failed him. But laws and hearts are meant to be broken and it's a price that he will gladly pay for the beautiful girl made of magic and music. I expected a sweet and simple love story when I began to read *Love and Gravity*. And what I experienced was something far different. Samantha has created a wildly passionate tale filled with such longing and heartbreak that I couldn't hold back the tears. She blended the new and the old with poetic precision and I was completely swept away by the music, the adventure and the infinite tenderness. It's a feeling that I know I won't forget for a very long time.

I had hoped that this book would enthrall me as much as *The Time Traveler's Wife* did, unfortunately, I just couldn't find the book to be as good. I don't read much romance, but this time-travel romance between a modern girl and Isaac Newton caught my attention and as I just love time-travel stories did I feel the need to read this book. Also, the cover was absolutely stunning! As for the story, it has its ups and downs, it started off interesting, but somewhere around halfway through did I find myself losing interest in the story. The story started to drag on with the main characters Andrea and Isaac just pining after each other. I just wanted them to meet (not really a spoiler) since it's apparently clear when reading the first chapter, what would happen. And, it was sometimes just so saccharine that I felt like I was getting an overdose of sweetness. I wanted more passion, more drama, more surprises and stronger characters. It was a promising book that just failed to live up to my expectations. There is also a triangle drama in the story as Andrea from that she was young had a guy friend called Nate that she also loved. Yes sir, she loved them both and could not decide which one to choose. Thankfully, I quite liked Nate, he was a nice solid guy that steadfastly stood by her side. *Love and Gravity* was a book that in the end felt too much like a young adult novel that tries to be deep, but in the end, fails. The story could have been better if Andrea and Isaac's love-story had not been so predictable, saccharine and to be honest boring. I would have loved to have read more about Isaac Newton, the man, the scientist. But, all one gets is his pining after Andrea. It gets too much in the end. Also, the happily ever after ending was almost too much for me. So, no this was not a book for me. I chose to read this ARC and all opinions in this review are my

own and completely unbiased!

I thought this book was beautiful. I swear the way Sotto writes I could hear music pouring through her words as the details she writes with became notes of art. Granted the idea of star-crossed lovers separated by circumstance and time. has been done before such as in the movie Lake House or the book Time Traveler's Wife but Sotto has most definitely put her own stamp on the idea using Isaac Newton as one of the love interests. It was obvious the author put some effort into researching Newton instead of just using the basics which made it more fun to google facts from fiction or play the what if game. I recommend reading it with some cello music to really bring out the beauty of this story.

Having read and enjoyed Samantha Sotto's debut novel Before Ever After, I was eager to read her newest novel, Love and Gravity. And I was not disappointed it's even better than the first book! Love and Gravity is the story of Andrea Louviere, a cellist, who one day opens a door through time. On the other side is the man she will love. The rest of the story is a complex romance involving twists and turns, love and loss. This is a beautiful upmarket novel. The characters are well-developed. The plot is tightly paced. And the prose itself is lyrical. I give this novel five stars and add that it's an absolute must-read for fans of The Time-Traveler's Wife.

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