



THE PERFECT ESCAPE

SUZANNE PARK



ABOUT THE BOOK

Love is a battlefield in this hysterical debut, perfect for fans of Jenny Han.

Nate Jae-Woo Kim wants to be rich. When one of his classmates offers Nate a ridiculous amount of money to commit grade fraud, he knows that taking the windfall would help support his prideful Korean family, but is compromising his integrity worth it?

Luck comes in the form of Kate Anderson, Nate's colleague at the zombie-themed escape room where he works. She approaches Nate with a plan: a local tech company is hosting a weekend-long survivalist competition with a huge cash prize. It could solve all of Nate's problems, and she needs the money too.

If the two of them team up, Nate has a real shot of winning the grand prize. But the real challenge? Making it through the weekend with his heart intact...



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ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

SUZANNE PARK is a Korean-American writer who was born and raised in Tennessee. In her former life as a comedian, she was a finalist in the Oxygen Network's "Girls Behaving Badly" talent search and was also selected to appear on BET's "Coming to the Stage." She currently resides in Los Angeles with her husband, female offspring, and a sneaky rat that creeps around on her back patio. In her spare time, she procrastinates.

PRAISE FOR *THE PERFECT ESCAPE*

"An adorable, laugh-out-loud YA rom-com with a lovable hero and an action-packed zombie-themed escape room—what more could you want?" —**JENN BENNETT**, author of *Alex, Approximately*

"Pure fun! A hilarious rom-com that head-fakes you into tumbling headlong into a techno-zombie survival thriller propelled by banter and plenty of heart." —**DAVID YOON**, *New York Times* bestselling author of *Frankly in Love*

"*The Perfect Escape* is just that—perfect. Filled with humor and heart, it won't let you go until you're smiling." —**DANIELLE PAIGE**, *New York Times* bestselling author of the *Dorothy Must Die* series and *Stealing Snow*

"Effortlessly hilarious and super lovable. I hope this is the YA rom-com of 2020." —**HELEN HOANG**, *USA Today* bestselling author of *The Bride Test* and *The Kiss Quotient*

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. How would you describe Nate Kim's character?
2. Were Nate Kim and Kate Anderson more similar or different? What are their priorities in life?
3. What pressures did Nate face in the story? What pressures did Kate face?
4. Wealth and privilege are discussed often in *The Perfect Escape*. How does money affect Kate's and Nate's life goals? Does either character view it as helpful or detrimental to helping them reach their goals?
5. How do Nate's and Kate's family circumstances affect their senses of self?
6. This book features a Korean-American protagonist. Prior to reading this book, had you read any other books or seen any movies with characters like Nate Kim?
7. Robot technology plays a role in the story. Do you think this book takes place in the present, near future, or distant future? Did the "smart home" technology seem realistic?
8. How do Nate's school life and financial circumstances affect his decisions in the book? Have you had any circumstances in your life that mirror Nate's struggles?
9. Let's discuss zombies. This book begins in a zombie escape room and ends with a zombie survival competition. Do you think Nate and Kate made a strong survivalist competition two-person team?
10. What character in the book did you relate to most?
11. How did Nate's and Kate's romantic feelings toward each other progress throughout the story? What did they find most appealing about each other? How do you view their relationship at the end of the book?
12. Do you think the title *The Perfect Escape* fits the story?

