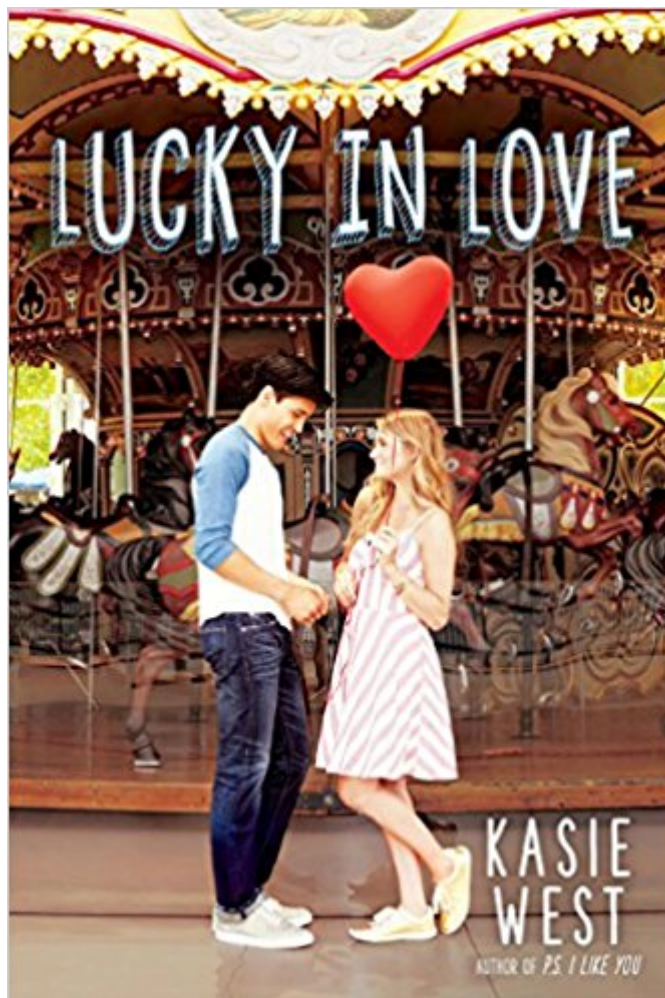


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# Lucky In Love



## Synopsis

Maddie's not impulsive. She's all about hard work and planning ahead. But one night, on a whim, she buys a lottery ticket. And then, to her astonishment --She wins!In a flash, Maddie's life is unrecognizable. No more stressing about college scholarships. Suddenly, she's talking about renting a yacht. And being in the spotlight at school is fun... until rumors start flying, and random people ask her for loans. Now, Maddie isn't sure who she can trust. Except for Seth Nguyen, her funny, charming coworker at the local zoo. Seth doesn't seem aware of Maddie's big news. And, for some reason, she doesn't want to tell him. But what will happen if he learns her secret? With tons of humor and heart, Kasie West delivers a million-dollar tale of winning, losing, and falling in love.

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in love with love! And this sweet-and-salty, opposites-attract romance has more than a pinch of Pride & Prejudice tucked inside. Prepare for adorable." -- Justine Magazine

Kasie West is the author of several YA novels, including *The Distance Between Us*, *On the Fence*, *The Fill-in Boyfriend*, *P.S. I Like You*, *Lucky in Love*, and *By Your Side*. Her books have been named as ALA Quick Picks for Reluctant Readers and as YALSA Best Books for Young Adults. Kasie lives in Fresno, California with her family, and you can visit her online at [www.kasiewest.com](http://www.kasiewest.com).

While Kasie West's newest release *Lucky in Love* is not my favorite by her, it's nonetheless a fun and adorable contemporary read. Maddie Parker is a driven protagonist who has worked hard to earn her way into college. But with money tight at home, college seems like an impossible dream without financial assistance. When she buys a lottery ticket on a whim and wins, her life takes a dramatic turn. Maddie is a protagonist that I immediately related to. Family is incredibly important to her and she feels responsible for keeping them happy and together. There is a tension under every conversation between her parents. Her father lost his job several years ago and her mother juggles two jobs just to keep the family afloat. Her older brother Beau is back from school, hoping to find a job to pay for his next semester of college. Maddie is constantly trying to make things right between her parents, so winning the lottery feels like a godsend. She learns that money isn't always a blessing and that it can only be a temporary fix for people's real problems. So much of Maddie's life revolves around what makes other people happy and she doesn't often put herself first. She can be a bit of a pushover and I grew a little frustrated over how often she let other people manipulate her, but also understood it was a part of her personality and lack of experience with having this kind of wealth. I really liked the dynamic between Maddie and her friends, Blaire and Elise, but probably would have liked to have gotten to know both more. Seth was a sweet love interest who very much cared about Maddie. His easy smiles always brightened her day, but it was the small glimpses of the more serious side of his personality that I wanted to hear more about. Despite its flaws, Kasie West's *Lucky in Love* is still a must for fans of the author.

I am a huge Kasie West fan. I read anything she puts out and usually it's a first edition. So I was all about this new story. Unfortunately it felt a bit short for me. The story follows a girl who is super smart and knows all the facts. On a depressed whim she buys a lottery ticket and actually wins. What happens next is what I would imagine would happen to any high schooler who wins the

lottery. While I enjoyed the premise and the cute interactions of the love interest it seemed to focus more on the problems and her inner monologue. Still a good read for those who enjoys West's books but definitely not my favorite.

Eppppp! I just adore Kasie West books, they are the perfect YA contemporaries. They are adorable, fun and a quick read. Well maybe its just me but I always devour KW books in one sitting, then I always read them a bazillion times. This books isnt my favorite (PS I Love you & On The Fence hold my heart) but this book is ADORABLE. I loved the zoo setting. My only complaint is it was over too quickly, and there wasn't any big drama. Still a super, fun summer read

Kasie West is one of my favorite authors to read this wasn't my favorite of her books but I still loved it enough that I'd read it again and again.

I have read and loved every Kasie West book but this one. It's far from my favorite, the plot line was just a little too cheesy for my taste

Really cute, sweet romance. Loved the Asian hero!

Maddie doesn't believe in luck. She believes in working hard and being realistic. She'd love to dream big like her Stanford-bound best friend but dreams like that have no place in Maddie's reality. When her eighteenth birthday turns into a total bust, Maddie decides to indulge in a little self-pity and a lot of whimsy when she buys a lottery ticket. Much to her dismay, the ticket wins big. Before her win Maddie's family is struggling with debt and barely managing with her overworked mother and unemployed father constantly fighting about money while Maddie's older brother has taken time off from college to pay some of the loans he has already accrued. Maddie's lottery money and her natural caregiver tendencies should solve all of their problems but, as Maddie learns, money can't fix everything--especially people who may not want to be fixed. Maddie also learns the hard way that money has the potential to change everyone she's ever met as acquaintances and even strangers start asking for loans, friends question her behavior, and rumors start flying about her in the tabloids. Maddie's one refuge is the zoo where her coworker Seth Nguyen seems to have no idea that Maddie is now a multi-millionaire. Seth is charming, funny, and perfect the way he is now--when he doesn't know Maddie's secret. As they grow closer Maddie knows she has to tell Seth the truth. Soon. The only problem is that being honest with him might

also mean losing Seth before he and Maddie have a chance to get closer in *Lucky in Love* (2017) by Kasie West. West's latest standalone contemporary novel is narrated by Maddie as she navigates her sudden change of circumstance along with all of the other uncharted moments that come with being a senior in high school. Her love of animals and work at the local zoo add a fun dimension to Maddie's character and the plot. Thanks to the lottery, Maddie learns to put herself first and also accept things she can't control or change. In the midst of the lottery chaos Maddie also develops a sweet relationship with Seth--her Vietnamese-American coworker at the zoo. He gives her some much-needed perspective with his focus on film making and going with the flow even in the face of disheartening micro-aggressions and more overt discrimination. He remains easygoing and fun even when it feels like Maddie's life is in chaos. Seth is a sweet and mellow counterpoint to hyper-focused overachiever Maddie. *Lucky in Love* strikes the perfect balance between reality and wish fulfillment with a charming story sure to leave readers smiling. *Lucky in Love* is a winning ticket for any readers looking for a frothy and ultimately cheerful story about growing up and chasing your dreams--with or without a lottery win to back you up. Highly recommended.

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