

# SYNOPSIS

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## SHORT SYNOPSIS

Archibald Plumby has spent his entire life underneath umbrellas—not by choice, but of necessity. As he turns twenty, he begins to wonder if his peculiar fear of looking up will keep him from living the life he desires... particularly in the ways of love.

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## ALTERNATE SHORT SYNOPSIS

The bearer of a rare phobia, Archibald Plumby has spent his entire life under umbrellas. On his 20th birthday, Archie meets Tallie, a student photographer, and begins to wonder if his sheltered world might have room for one more.

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At twenty years old, Archibald Plumby has learned to accept his odd phobia of not being able to look up into open spaces without having a panic attack. He enjoys life under his umbrellas, where he feels safe. He knows he's a little spoiled to be living in the midst of the scenic beaches, fine restaurants, and charming attractions found in the town of Outlandish. But when Tallie, a photographer, comes to town and introduces herself to Archie, their connection is undeniable, and fears for the future begin to surface. When Archie and Tallie find themselves on diverging paths, only their faith can help them cope with separation, miscommunication, and unspoken anxieties that could keep them apart forever.

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## **ALTERNATE BOOK DESCRIPTION**

Achibald Plumby isn't your typical guy. He can't look upward without having a panic attack, so he spends every waking moment underneath umbrellas. It's a rare phobia that he's learned to accept, and that's because he's been raised by parents who view his unusual phobia as a unique trait that should be valued and celebrated. But Archie has reached adulthood, and he's beginning to worry that his quirks will keep him from gaining his independence and also stand in the way of finding love.

Tallie, a student photographer, has her own set of challenges. Her mother has just died, she has no other family, and she, too, is trying to find her footing in life. When she pursues Archie, merely for a photograph, an unexpected relationship begins, and Archie and Tallie awkwardly fumble through the challenges and insecurities of falling in love.

Introverts will relate to Archie. Extroverts will relate to Tallie. Everyone will adore the perfectly clumsy romance between the two of them.

This unique story praises individuality, commends virtue, motivates courage, and endorses the right to dream.

## BOOK QUOTES

“Who’s normal anyway? I think we’re all odd in our own way.” —Lynnette Kraft, *Archie of Outlandish: The Man Who Lives Under Umbrellas*

“It’s just the way I am. I have no quarrel with it.” —Lynnette Kraft, *Archie of Outlandish: The Man Who Lives Under Umbrellas*

“My life might be different than yours, and I realize my scenario is uncommon, but it is only a limiting circumstance if I allow it to be.” —Lynnette Kraft, *Archie of Outlandish: The Man Who Lives Under Umbrellas*

“Stories can transform people. I want to be a part of that.” —Lynnette Kraft, *Archie of Outlandish: The Man Who Lives Under Umbrellas*

“Different doesn’t mean less significant or with less potential.” — Lynnette Kraft, *Archie of Outlandish: The Man Who Lives Under Umbrellas*

“And that’s what’s so appealing, Archibald. You’re so different from everyone I’ve ever met.” —Lynnette Kraft, *Archie of Outlandish: The Man Who Lives Under Umbrellas*

“I think everyone who gets to know you finds you exactly as you are.” —Lynnette Kraft, *Archie of Outlandish: The Man Who Lives Under Umbrellas*

“No two love stories are the same, Archie.” —Lynnette Kraft, *Archie of Outlandish: The Man Who Lives Under Umbrellas*

# REVIEWS

## Kirkus

### EXCERPT

"A quick, absorbing read full of thought-provoking dialogue and warm moments ... Imaginative add-ons work to create the unique atmosphere of Outlandish.

"Offbeat, emotionally engaging, and authentic."

-Kirkus Reviews

### LINK TO REVIEW

<https://www.kirkusreviews.com/book-reviews/lynette-kraft/archie-outlandish/>

## IndiePicks Magazine

### EXCERPT

"Archie is a lovely soul and the romantic tale here is a delightfully gentle read... a sweet, perfectly clumsy love story."

-IndiePicks Magazine

## Feathered Quill Book Awards

### EXCERPT

"A completely different type of book ... Archie is one of those characters who readers will remember and identify with."

-Feathered Quill Book Awards Judges' Comments

## Goodreads Reviews

“A charming tale that is, quite literally, in a world of its own.” —*Melanie S., Goodreads Review*

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“The three Kraft collaborators need to be applauded for their skill in storytelling.” —*Andrea S., Goodreads Review*

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“The message of self-acceptance is one of the many things I loved about this book. In essence, it's a love story, but it's also about family and friendship. It's about finding your passion and having the courage to see it through.

It's perhaps the sweetest book I've ever read.” —*Maria, Goodreads Review*

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“I don't think I have ever read a romance story quite like Archie of Outlandish before and I absolutely loved it. If I could give it 10 stars, I would! —*Jolyn, Goodreads Review*

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“I would read this book again and savor it slowly. Happy sigh.” —*Patricia, Goodreads Review*

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