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## *You Are Here*

by Ellen Oh



The setting of *You Are Here* by Ellen Oh is at an airport with this group of friends who are at different airports and are all doing different things. There are many kids, most are teens and some are 5-10 years old. In each chapter there are different people and different gates or restaurants; some are boarding the planes. Most of the time it takes place in the morning but sometimes it is in the afternoon or night. It takes place in the present day but sometimes it reflects back when the parents were younger. Sometimes they don't get on the plane because there are too many people. Most of the airports are pretty popular so the kids get lost but they find a way back to their parents.

Mike Chen is one of the main characters in *You Are Here*. He is smart, kind, positive, and very funny. A secondary character is Susan Tan. The main character is static; he is in the book for only 3 chapters. He doesn't change at all during the chapters but is still a funny character in the book. Another main character is Ellen Oh. She is really mean but is nice to her friends and family. She is a static character and doesn't change at all, she is in the book for about 2 chapters but is still a mean character. There is not a character in the book that is dynamic.

The main problem is all the flights are getting canceled or delayed. This story is different from others because it has many problems in the story. The main one was one is some others are forgetting chargers and buying food because it is more expensive in other countries. The characters respond to this by either asking people to charge with their charger for a bit, but if you get food then they usually just don't buy it. For the main character to solve the problem it is hard because so many flights were getting canceled from the disease going on. The character went up to many people to get a charger. He found it by asking an older person who had two chargers and gave him one. The solution was finding a person who had two chargers and gave him one for a bit.

The theme of this story is about kindness and family. At the airport there are many people who are not moving so some people miss their flights, some get lucky because their flight gets canceled. The kindness part is where many people try to get people on their flight and to where they need to go. The family part is there are many families at the airport that are funny, some are annoying and some are really nice. Another part about the kindness is that someone gets lost and the guards find their family and help by getting them to safety.

I didn't really like this book. It was really annoying to me with all the different airports and it was weird and very easy to read. The book has many settings and is crazy because it switches every chapter and I don't really like those kinds of books. It was not predictable because there were so many airports and so many people in one small space. I didn't like the ending. It didn't have a happy or a sad ending, it was just an ending with no happiness. My favorite part was the beginning. It was meeting all the characters and showing what they like. I didn't make any connection with the book to real life; it was just a normal book for me. I would rate this book 2 stars. It was boring and wasn't the book I was looking for.