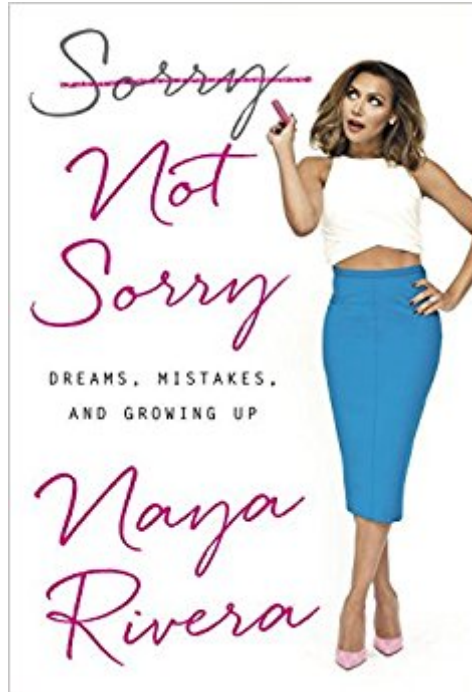


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# Sorry Not Sorry: Dreams, Mistakes, And Growing Up



## Synopsis

Funny and deeply personal, *Sorry Not Sorry* recounts Glee star Naya Rivera's successes and missteps, urging young women to pursue their dreams and to refuse to let past mistakes define them. Navigating through youth and young adulthood isn't easy, and in *Sorry Not Sorry*, Naya Rivera shows us that we're not alone in the highs, lows, and in-betweens. Whether it's with love and dating, career and ambition, friends, or gossip, Naya inspires us to follow our own destiny and step over--or plod through--all the crap along the way. After her rise and fall from early childhood stardom, barely eking her way through high school, a brief stint as a Hooters waitress, going through thick and thin with her mom/manager, and resurrecting her acting career as Santana Lopez on *Glee*, Naya emerged from these experiences with some key life lessons:

- All those times I scrawled "I HATE MY MOM" in my journal. So many moms and teenage daughters don't get along--we just have to realize it's nothing personal on either side.
- At-home highlights and DIY hair extensions. Some things are best left to the experts, and hair dye is one of them.
- Falling in love with the idea of a person, instead of the actual person.
- That I don't always get along with everyone. Having people not like you is a risk you have to take to be real, and I'll take that over being fake any day.
- Laughing at the gossip instead of getting upset by it.
- Getting my financial disasters out of the way early--before I was married or had a family--so that the only credit score that I wrecked was my own. Even with a successful career and a family that she loves more than anything else, Naya says, "There's still a thirteen-year-old girl inside of me making detailed lists of how I can improve, who's never sure of my own self-worth." *Sorry Not Sorry* is for that thirteen-year-old in all of us.

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## Customer Reviews

Naya has been my favorite singer and person TV since 2009 when she started Glee. That's how I was exposed to her. I love this book since it gives more of an insight to my favorite celebrity. It's funny, well written, and obviously means a lot as she talks about things very close to her heart. To me it's just a personal tell all and I really admire it. While I have different views than she does on some things, I still respect her for her choices and opinions. I admire her for taking a stand and coming out and discussing the topics that she does knowing that some people may backlash. I'd recommend it for anyone interested in memoirs, because I personally love it.

Wasn't sure what to expect- Naya jumps around a bit here and there with her tales, but still a great read. Glee fans will delight in some stories from the show, but she does a good job of not letting that be the focus of her book, and is interesting enough that I doubt even the biggest Glee fans will care. She genuinely has some interesting stories to tell, touching on a variety of topics people can relate to. My only disappointment was how expensive the book was, considering it's a rather short read! Wish there had been more!

Loved it from start to finish. She dips her toes in some gossipy stuff in a couple chapters, but it's not about that and that's part of its charm. But yet she delivers just enough juice to keep those interested primarily in that on the hook. She just has a humor and candor that is refreshing. I feel like her best work and where she comes across so sincere is in discussing her family's struggles, her difficult and very personal choices, her faith, her closest relationships (family and friendships), and her race. The parts where it feels like she might be trying too hard to make a splash and so her writing feels less natural is in the flashier parts where she addresses well-known rumors. These are sprinkled throughout and they bring a lot of the entertainment, but they are a different vibe from what is really an engaging book that was just so easy to read. She has a pretty awesome story and pretty awesome perspective. She's not afraid to show her messy side and she's determined as ever to learn from it. Honestly, every woman should buy this book. Being a woman can be tough. But we're pretty damn strong. Being a woman of color is even tougher. And Naya shows just how resilient and empowering and proud she is.

Naya's performance in Glee made me a fan, but I didn't know much about her life. Naya is wise to have dealt with her past troubles and tabloid gossip from recent years in a way she could control with this book. I have a lot of respect for her openness about certain events that others might judge

her for and was very impressed with how genuine her writing felt. Naya gave us enough glimpses into many different aspects of her life to feel like we got to know her, mentioning the obvious elephants in the room, without giving the impression she was just trying to cash in on those events. I don't necessarily agree with all of her choices, but her experiences are very relatable with good advice for those struggling to find their direction and success in life. I thoroughly enjoyed her book and couldn't put it down.

I have been counting down the days for months until this book came out. I'd even gone into a reading slump, because I didn't want to read the next best thing, I wanted to read Naya's book. I downloaded it this morning at 8 am and read the final word at 5:30pm. I didn't know what I was getting into, but after one chapter I was hooked. The timeline bounces around, but each chapter centers on one theme. Money, Dating, Mistakes, Race, Glee, ETC. I absolutely loved it, because Naya was able to share that part of her life with different experiences that she was Sorry for, and Not Sorry about. I had my kindle in one hand and my phone open with Google in another. Each chapter lead me to a new google search. BTW, it's so mind boggling to know that the B2K video I watched during my middle school days had Naya in it. She couldn't have written her first (and hopefully not last) book any better. It's insightful, something she and her readers can reflect on. It's also hilarious, I would love to spend an afternoon with Naya, just laughing and sharing jokes. I'm now proud to classify myself as "All the whites". Final thoughts, before her book, I enjoyed Naya on Glee. After her book, I have mad respect for Naya, and will definitely be watching whatever she decides to act in next. (No rush! Enjoy being a mother.)

Funny, candid and well-written. It's refreshing to hear from a young Woman of Color in Hollywood. I'll take the rough edges if it means hearing honest perspectives on race, class and sexuality in the entertainment industry.

Loved reading this. You can picture her saying all of what's written. It's very her. As a fan of glee I was most excited for that part of the book but fell in love with the rest. Learning about her early days and the difficult times she's been through was awesome. As a fan you picture celebs as perfect and it's very refreshing to see she's so much like me in ways I never could have guessed. Anyone (boy, girl, rich, poor, etc..) can relate to this and I recommend this as a must read!!!

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