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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FOR *RED, WHITE, & ROYAL BLUE* BY CASEY MCQUISTON

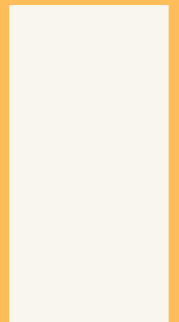
“Red, White, & Royal Blue” features a lot of romance tropes. What were your favorite uses of those common romance novel plot devices?

Alex and Harry start the novel as enemies, then become friends and eventually begin dating. Why do you think their relationship works so well?

The book includes correspondence between Alex and Henry, many of which quote historical figures. Do you think their correspondence adds to the story? If so, what do you think it adds?

The book takes place in an alternative United States and Great Britain. How do the situations in the book reflect our own reality? What characters reminded you of people in the real world? Who are your favorite fictional political or royal characters and why?

“Red, White, & Royal Blue” includes many important relationships and side characters. Who are your favorites, and what do their relationships add to the story?



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There are many books about royal relationships. Why do you think that royalty sparks readers' interest? Are you interested in reading more about royalty? Did this book make you think differently about real royal families?

The book ends with Alex's mom, Ellen Claremont, winning a second term as President of the United States and Alex and Henry making plans for the future. What happens afterward for this cast of characters? Where do you see Alex and Henry in five or ten years?

Casey McQuiston adds quite a bit of LGBTQIA+ background history into the novel. Why is this context important in the book?

If you were casting a film or TV adaptation of "Red, White, & Royal Blue," who would you cast in the roles?



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Conventionally Yours by Annabeth Albert - Fans of the enemies-to-lovers plot in “Red, White, & Royal Blue” may enjoy this story, about rival gamers who get unexpectedly close during a road trip to a competition.

A Princess in Theory by Alyssa Cole - If you like a royal love story, try the series opener of Cole’s Reluctant Royals series, which tells the tale of an African prince wooing a skeptical commoner.

Boyfriend Material by Alexis Hall - A fake relationship is also at the center of this hilarious romance novel. This time, a hot-mess rock star’s son convinces a proper barrister to pretend to date him for a PR stunt.

Winter’s Orbit by Everina Maxwell - This sci-fi romance features a royal marriage of convenience, when Prince Kiem must marry his cousin’s widower, Count Jainan, in order to keep their planets’ political situation stable.

NEXT MONTH ...

We will meet on Tuesday, July 6, at 6 p.m. to discuss "When No One Is Watching" by Alyssa Cole.