

Books by the Stack



Red, White and Royal Blue by Casey McQuiston

The First Son falls in love with the Prince of Wales after an incident of international proportions forces them to pretend to be best friends.

Why you'll like it: *Romantic. Witty. Heartwarming..*

About the Author: CASEY MCQUISTON grew up in the swamps of Southern Louisiana, where she cultivated an abiding love for honey butter biscuits and stories with big, beating hearts. She studied journalism and worked in magazine publishing for years before returning to her first love: joyous, offbeat romantic comedies and escapist fiction. She now lives in the mountains of Fort Collins, Colorado, with a collection of caftans and her poodle mix, Pepper.

Questions for Discussion

1. What is the significance of the title “Red, White & Royal Blue”? Would you have given the book a different title? If yes, what is your title?
2. This is a book about relationships. What are your thoughts about the relationship between Alex, June and Nora? The relationship between Rafe Luna and Alex? Were you surprised by the relationship between Zahra and Shaan? Which relationship would you have liked to see more developed?
3. Did you find the characters convincing? Were they believable? Were they fully developed as human beings or were they one-dimensional?
4. On page 23, the President tells her son “...All I want is have the CIA fake your death and ride the dead-kid sympathy into a second term.” Have you ever done something unwittingly or on purpose to have your parents think similar thoughts? Or has your child have you thinking similar thoughts?
5. What scene was the most pivotal for the book? How do you think the story would have changed had that scene not taken place?
6. Were there any moments where you disagreed with the choices of any of the characters? What would you have done differently?
7. Did you have to force yourself to get through this book or were you unable to put it down?
8. Do you wish this story had been told from a different perspective? What would June’s version been like? What would Zahra’s?

