

Book of the Month Blog 23-24

Hey baes, this is my Book of the Month Blog. Here I will be talking about the books that I read each month, whether I like it or not (and if I don't like it I lie so Mrs.Grenawalt doesn't get angry.) ANYWAY, most of the books I read I do enjoy and I hope you enjoy reading about them, TODDLES.

May

My Post

📖 The Black Kids

Partner 1

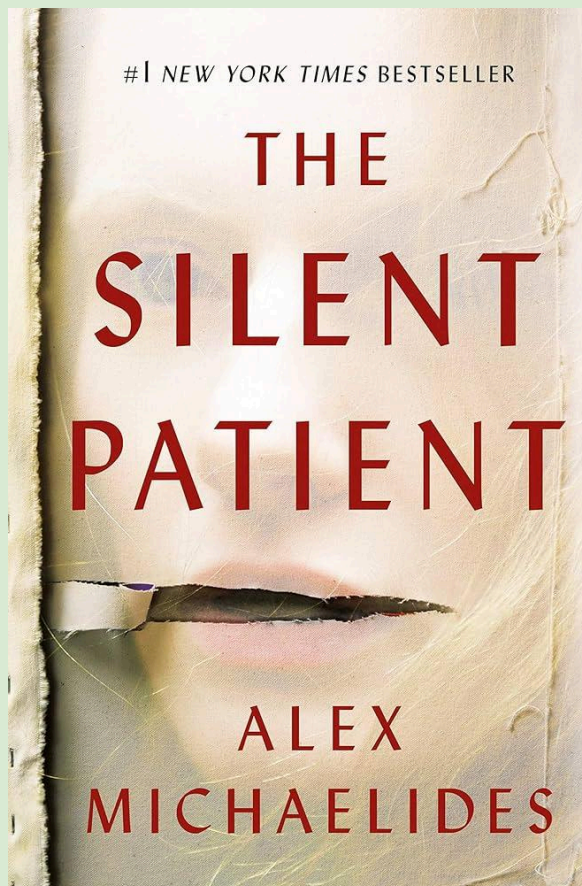
Partner 2

Other things I read this month:

that's not my name, bad blood, the inheritance games, the hawthorne legacy, the final gambit, better than the movies

+April

My Post



The Silent Patient by Alex Michaelides demonstrates the theme that people with the most words unspoken, often say the most. Theo Faber wants to get inside Alicia Berenson's head since she never speaks, not after she supposedly shot her husband. But, Alicia won't talk. So while Theo is trying to get to the bottom of what happened to her husband and trying to get her to talk, he has his own problems to deal with. Those problems include him, his wife, and a mystery man. Then, the truth came out, and the answer to Theos question was answered.

I rated this book 4/ 5 stars. The ending was jaw dropping, shocking (if that makes sense.) This book had me on the edge of my seat the last 100 pages. But, the first 200 were pretty boring, not gonna lie. This book was also pretty disturbing and gross. If you plan on reading this book just know it contains foul language, mentions of "taxes", and graphic topics. It was an amazing book though!

MATH: mystery + gore + thriller = *The Silent Patient*

QUESTION: Why would someone want to be silent?

ONE WORD PITCH: Silent

Sydney M

Good job! I learned from your blog about a woman who supposedly shot her husband and stopped talking at all, also about a man trying to get to the bottom of what actually happened. I thought it was interesting how you said that the book was "disturbing and gross", I thought that that was a very interesting way to describe the book. Something I would like to know more about is the problems with his wife and a "mystery man". Did he ever find out who the mystery man was? What was the problem? This is definitely a book I would want to read because I love reading crime fiction novels and this book seems to have a very interesting plot.

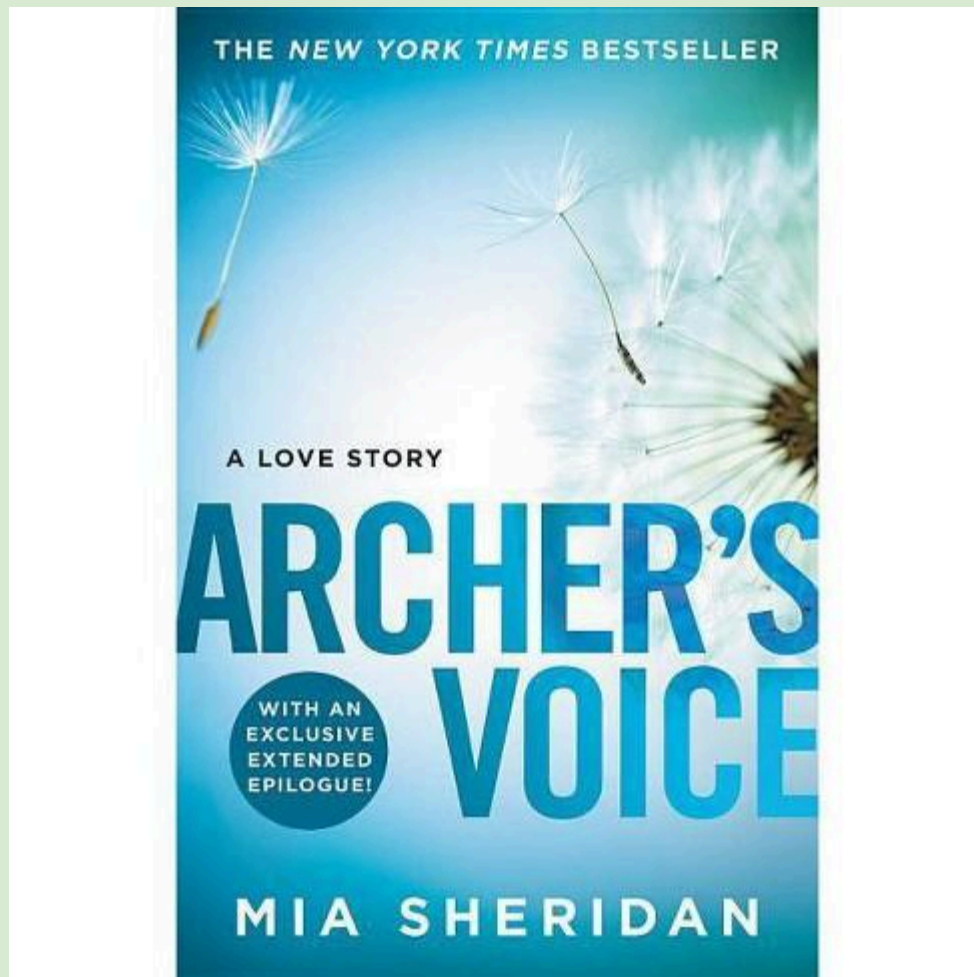
Partner 2

Emelia

This was a great blog! One thing I learned from this blog post is that Alicia Berenson went silent after she alledgedly murdered her husband. One thing I thought was interesting was the dedication Theo had to get Alicia to talk that he was willing to risk his own loved ones. I would like to know more about his wife and the mystery man though, like just how they were involved. Even though your blog made this seem so intreging, I'm not a good enough reader to wait 200 pages for things to start happening. Good job!

Other things I read this month:

March



Bree just wanted to get away from her past. So she moved to a new town expecting just to stay for a couple weeks. But, she meets Archer Hale who turns her whole life around. And Archer doesn't talk. He and Bree use ASL to communicate. So, Bree decides to stay in that small town for good. Mia Sheridan's novel, *Archer's Voice* demonstrates the theme, People often benefit with someone to talk to.

When Archer pays for Bree's groceries it shows people often benefit with someone to talk to. Bree and Archer had met before but whenever she used ASL to talk to him, he never signed back. Until Bree was short a couple dollars to pay for her groceries so Archer helped out. But since Archer is an outcast in his town because he is different, people thought this little interaction was the strangest thing they've ever seen. "I huffed out a breath and signed to Archer, *These people sure are nosy, aren't they?* Lip quirk. Blink. Gone... [Archer took his purchases and walked past Bree] I took one last glance in Archer's direction and saw that he was looking back at me as well. My mouth fell open when he raised his hand and signed, *Good night, Bree.* He turned back around, and seconds later he was gone. I leaned back against my car and grinned like a fool" (Sheridan 68-69). Archer was "flirting" with Bree when he signed back to her for the first time. It is important to acknowledge this little encounter that happened between Bree and Archer because it shows when you have someone to talk to they can help you in times of need. When Archer pays for Bree's groceries it shows people often benefit with someone to talk to.

Furthermore, When Bree tells Archer about her past it shows that people often benefit with someone to talk to. Bree gets stuck in a hunting trap in the woods. It reminds her of her traumatizing past and makes her relive some of those horrible moments. Once Archer saves

her she tells him about her past. "...That's when I heard the distant screaming...I looked around and the screaming continued. That sounded like Bree. Forget the shoes. I ran out of the house and towards the woods. When I saw her, tangled in the net, thrashing and flailing, eyes closed tight, crying and screaming out, my heart felt like it burst wide open in my chest...[Archer carries Bree out of the woods] 'I didn't fight' she repeated, shaking her head slightly, 'I wouldn't have fought, either, even if he didn't run' (Sheridan 103-105.) Archer saved Bree just by knowing the sound of her voice. When Archer saved Bree from the hunting trap it showed how important it is to have someone to talk to. Bree told Archer about her past which she doesn't tell anyone. And once she told him, she felt better to have someone that knows about her traumatizing past instead of her having to keep it locked inside for the rest of her life. When Bree tells Archer about her past it shows that people often benefit with someone to talk to.

Finally, When Archer shows up to Bree's house during a thunderstorm it shows people often benefit with people to talk to. Now that Archer knows all about Bree's past he also knows her fears, and one of those fears is thunderstorms. There is a huge thunderstorm outside and all Archer wants to do is comfort Bree. But, they got into a heated fight a couple days before. So he assumes as long as he is close to her she will feel better. "*What are you doing here?*" I asked. *You don't like thunderstorms*, he answered. I tilted my head, confused. *You walked a mile in the rain because I don't like thunderstorms?*... Then he looked back at me and said simply, Yes. He paused, his expression pained. *I know I'm probably the last person you want to see right now, but I just thought if I sat on your porch, you wouldn't be scared. You wouldn't be alone*" (Sheridan 198-200.) Archer didn't want Bree to be scared or alone so he walked to her house during a thunderstorm. Archer showed up to Bree's house in a time of need. One of Bree's biggest fears is thunderstorms and Archer knew that since she talked to him about it. He did it so she wouldn't be alone and that proves how important it is to have someone to talk to. When Archer shows up to Bree's house during a thunderstorm it shows people often benefit with people to talk to.

When people don't have anyone to communicate with, you have no one that helps provide emotional support or diverse perspectives. Bree and Archer communicate with each other and help each other emotionally. I gave this book 5/5 because it made me laugh, cry, blush, happy, and so many other emotions. I really connected to the characters in this book.

Work Cited
Archer's Voice by Mia Sheridan

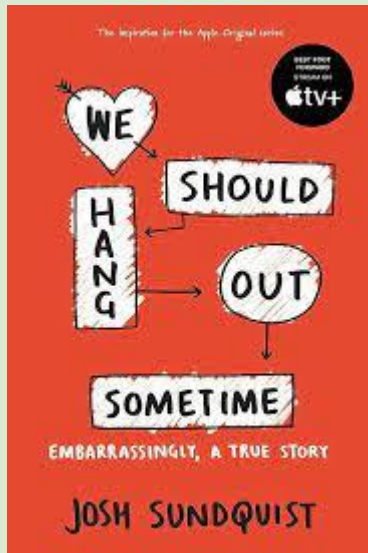
Maryn

First of all, great blog post! A couple questions I have is why didn't Archer sign back at first? Also does he just choose to stay silent or is he mute? Something I found interesting was when Archer walked in the rain to support Bree knowing her weakness. If you liked this I would recommend books from Emily Henry as they are romance novels but still have plots. One thing I learned was that Bree is afraid of many things including thunderstorms and has a horrific past. I would maybe read this book because I really like romance but I don't really like certain aspects of this book. Anyways, once again, great blog post!!

Kate

Great job Gigi!! This is extremely well written! I learned about how Archer is deaf and he and Bree sign to each other. One thing I was confused about is why Archer didn't sign back to Bree at first. I think the author maybe didn't elaborate, but I just found it a little confusing. I really, really want to read this book because of how cute the thunderstorm scene is and everything you've told me about this book! I think you would like *Happy Place* by Emily Henry. It has the same romance-y feel and I think you would really enjoy it. Again, great job!

Other things I read this month:



This month I read *We should hang out Sometime* which is a nonfiction book by Josh Sundquist. I would give this book 3.5/5 stars. The book was interesting at points but then at other times it was really boring, the ending of the book was probably my favorite. Josh Sundquist, an author who wrote about an experiment he conducted, wants to find out why all of his past relationships ended and didn't work out. He thought it had something to do with him, his personality, or his looks. But, he finds out it had nothing to do with any of that, it was because he was scared to be in a relationship with his amputated leg. He found out he was insecure about it which made him scared to commit to a relationship. So, he gave up on trying to find love and let love find him, and love did find him. The experiment ended with him getting married.

One of the things I got from this book was that being insecure about something can affect the choices you make. Josh (The author and who the book was about) talked about how he was insecure about his amputated leg and that made it hard for him to commit to relationships in the past. He also talked about how he didn't realize how being insecure affected what he did. He never actually said being insecure can affect choices you make but I inferred it from the way he talked about his past relationships and why they didn't last. Another thing I got from this book was things will happen for a reason. I thought about this a lot while reading the book because Josh used information/past experiences from other girls to find out what to do with the next girl he met/ liked. He used the information he gathered to try and do better with the next girl. And after all of that he found the last girl and they ended up getting married.

I think whoever reads this book would mostly care about the answer to the whole experiment. They could also care about Josh and his life, but the main reason I cared about this book was to find out why all of his past relationships ended. I think the reader would care about this because maybe they could use the experiment as advice for their future relationships. There isn't any real reason you need to read this

book unless you are doing a school project on this book. But, it was just really interesting to see how he went through this whole process in which he gave the reader background on the girl, a hypothesis on why he thought the relationship ended, and a conclusion with the real answer.

Partner 1
Josie

I really enjoyed reading your blog! I found it really interesting that you thought about how this Josh went on this entire journey to find a girlfriend, and it did happen for a reason. Even if it was hard when it happened, without his journey would he have been able to find a girlfriend, a wife? I never thought about it in that way.

I agreed when you said that insecurities can affect our choices, not just our confidence. I know from personal experience that how we feel or how we think others feel about us can change what people want to do, or feel safe doing.

Do you think some people would read this book because they feel like they are in the similar situations, wanting to know why they got rejected. Maybe people who are wondering if the answer can also be the answer to there issues would read this book. People that are in the same boat, but don't want to run their own experiments.

Lastly, there are many videos of his speeches and talks if you wanted to learn more about him. As well as his other book, *Just Dont Fall*, which i've been wanted to read. Overall a really nice blog! Good job!

Elsa F

Great blog! It was interesting to me how he always assumed something was wrong with him. I wanted to know more about why he tried this experiment, what made him want to, and why he was so curious about it. I relate to your perspective of thinking it was boring because it seems kind of hard to follow along with and keep reading. I feel like I would read this book but it would take me a long time to get through and i'm not sure I would enjoy it very much as it kind of seems like a guy just going on dates and recording his experiences.

Other things I read this month:

December

My Post

SWBS:

- Cadence Sinclair Eastman wants to have a nice summer.
- But, she is a part of a terrible accident which causes her to lose her memory of summer 15.
- So, she asks her family what happened, but nobody will tell her. Then, she finds out herself. Everything was a lie.

Theme:

- Often people just need to wait for the truth to come out itself.

Rating:

- 7/10
- made me cry A LOT.

Book math:

- Sad + mystery + confusing + interesting = *We Were Liars*.

Partner 1

Partner 2

Other things I read this month:

November

My Post



This month I read *Wildfire* by Hannah Grace. Russ Callaghan just wants to be unnoticed for the last couple weeks of his sophomore year in college after what happened last year, when the hockey rink got trashed and it was his fault. But, one night at an end of the year party he meets Aurora. Aurora and him get along very well, so Russ assumes she doesn't know he is the reason the rink got trashed and he won't tell her because he doesn't want her to assume the worst. Then, Russ and Aurora end up using "taxes" and not speaking to each other afterwards. Summertime comes around and Russ arrives at the summer camp he will be working at (Honey Acres) when he spots Aurora. The one problem is, the summer camp's number one rule is no camp counselor fraternizing. The theme of *Wildfire* by Hannah Grace is risking things for close relationships is often worth it in the end.

Russ demonstrates risking things for a close relationship with Aurora when he puts his job on the line for her. Russ and Aurora were in the middle of breaking Honey Acres (the summer camp they work at) number one rule, no staff

fraternizing. Aurora joked that Russ broke his first rule of the summer and that they were risking their jobs. That's when Russ simply said "You're worth any risk, Ror." Russ's attitude shows that he will risk anything for Aurora (Ror.) He also shows that risking things is worth it to be with her.

Aurora demonstrates the theme risking things for close relationships is often worth it in the end when she stays at Honey Acres instead of going to her dad's wedding to solve an argument between her and Russ. Aurora and Russ got into a big fight. It was right before all of the campers and camp counselors were supposed to leave camp since camp was over. Aurora was supposed to leave because she needed to catch her flight so she went to say goodbye to Russ, when she saw he had multiple missed calls from an unknown number she answered his phone while he was in the shower. And it was his brother. Russ got very mad when he saw her on his phone because he has some family problems he doesn't want her to know about. So Aurora left him alone because he asked for some time to think. But, instead of going to the airport to catch her flight so she could make it on time to her dad's wedding, she waits for Russ by his truck to try and solve this problem. "What about the wedding?" -Russ "You're my first Choice Russ" - Aurora. Aurora's choices show that she will risk having family problems to be with him and solve their problems. She shows that their relationship is her first choice so she will risk anything to know that they are ok and on good terms.

I would rate this book at 10/10. The characters and their personalities were amazing. I loved how this book made me sad when I finished it because I didn't want it to be over. The plot went along smoothly and made perfect sense.

Kate
Whalen

Great job Gigi!! This is extremely well written and flows really well. I really liked how you described what was happening and your theme was very good. One question I had was why they had stopped talking after they had "taxes", did something else happen?? I was just confused about that. I definitely want to read this book considering I own it and I just haven't read it yet.

Partner 2
Stella

I loved this blog and it made me really want to read this! It was very smooth when switching off and overall very well written. I learned a lot about Russ and Aurora and I feel like the details you wrote helped me understand their personalities and how they would do almost anything for each other. Something I thought was interesting was that you didn't mention how Aurora's dad felt about her not going to the wedding. A connection I made was when they went to summer camp, I also went to summer camp this summer and since it was teen week there were a lot of couples kind of like Aurora and Russ. I definitely want to read this book because it seems super interesting and it sounds like there is a lot of emotion and feelings in the book. In my opinion those can be some of the best books.

Zeke
Chase

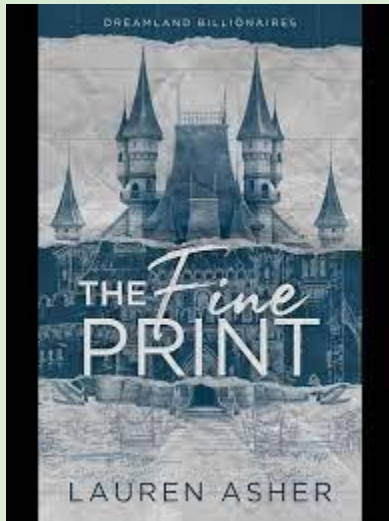
I enjoyed how you made this blog flow, it seemed very smooth and stuff. However I don't think I would like to read this book, just for the reason that this seems to be a romance book, and that's simply just not my go-to genre. One thing I was confused about was how in the first paragraph it says that they stopped talking to each other, but later in the blog it changed, so I would like to know more about that part. What I thought was interesting was how Aurora chose

pass over family, I feel like that wouldn't really be a thing I would do in real life, just because I don't want to miss anything important when it comes to family.

Other things I read this month:

October

My Post



This month I read *The Fine Print* by Lauren Asher. This book is about Zarah, a worker at the famous amusement park, Dreamland who has wanted to be a creator her whole life (creator is someone who designs the rides and gives new ideas for the park.) Zarah with her kind heart and creative mind would be perfect.. But, Zarah submitted a drunken proposal criticizing Dreamland's most expensive ride. She expects to get fired, instead she gets hired as a creator. So, working as a creator at Dreamland she has to work with her impossible boss Rowan. This book is also about Rowan, the grandson of Dreamlands owner who unfortunately passed away. Rowan just wants his time at Dreamland to end as quickly as possible. The letter from his grandfather stated that all he needed to do was become the director then he could leave. But, along the way he meets Zarah. He can't get her out of his head. So, he starts texting her as somebody else. It goes pretty well, until she finds out. She also finds out some other secrets. Then, He realizes he has fallen in love with her and doesn't want to leave Dreamland. He has to figure out how to solve the problems that he started between them. I would say the theme of *The Fine Print* is choices that feel right, aren't often the right choices.

I would rate *The Fine Print* by Lauren Asher a 7/10. This book was good but it didn't have me hooked the whole time. At some parts I found myself bored and at other parts I found myself super excited to read the next page. When I was bored it was mostly because there was nothing interesting happening and the book was talking about Rowan's job and what he had to do. But in other parts there was lots of drama which had me intrigued. This is the first book in a three book series. I've read multiple reviews on social media stating the third and final book is the best so I'll have to read that and the second. I would recommend this book to anyone who enjoys romance and drama. But be ready for some tax scenes and foul language.

- *Question pitch* - Is not admitting your love worth losing the people you love?
- *The One Word Pitch* - Selfish (Rowan was being selfish with all of the choices he makes)

	throughout the book that have a big impact on Zarah.) • <i>Subject line pitch</i> - Cold boss has feelings for his coworker.
Maryn	Great job Gigi! This blog was a super great representation of your book; It helped me understand this book so well by telling me about Zarah's career and how her boss favored her all because of his love for her. I'm very interested in your rating and would have loved a little bit more detail about the more exciting parts and why they kept you so intrigued. Your SWBS was very descriptive and helped me understand both people's points of view as Rowan only respected her as he realized what she meant to him and Zarah didn't realize his manipulative idea with texting her secretly. I love your subject line pitch showing how the boss has a narcissistic rude personality towards his coworker. This seems like a book I would like to read because I'm interested in romance and drama novels and I would probably like this book because it has the romance aspect to it. If you liked this book I would recommend <i>The Summer I Turned Pretty</i> series because it has drama and romance between a teenage group of family friends and is somewhat similar to this story. This blog was super great overall and I can't wait to hear more about this from you! Again, great job!!
Kaila Fielden	I really enjoyed this blog, I like how you explained what a creator was because I would've been lost without that, and I now know a lot about Zarah and her career and what she wishes to become, I also enjoy what words you used to describe Zarah. However, I would like to know more about the drunken proposal and how it happened, and what she was doing to get to the point where she submitted it. I like how you also describe Rowan and how he makes a big impact on the story, and how he favored her especially That helps me know more about both characters, but I'm wondering if there are any other characters that make an impact on the story big or not, or are there just these 2, I would also like to know more about Dreamland, in the Subject line pitch you described the boss as cold, and I would like to know more about that, and how the boss was also impossible. I am happy you explained why the book was a lower rating then a 10/10, because from this blog you made it sound so interesting so I was kind of surprised. I would personally enjoy this book because I love books about the main characters journey and career, and how love is twisted in the story because I love romace books, amazing job.
Other things I read this month:	

September

My Post



This month I read *Twisted Games* by Ana Huang. This book is about Bridget Von Ascheber, a princess who just wanted to live a normal life. But this becomes difficult when she is given the throne she never wanted, because of this she is forced to marry royal blood. So Bridget has to work hard for her place as queen while also trying to get along with her new cranky bodyguard. Her and her bodyguard get close, too close, their love is forbidden because the bodyguard isn't of royal blood, but that doesn't stop them. I think the theme of *Twisted Games* By Ana Huang was to fight for satisfaction, even if it brings no satisfaction.

I loved *Twisted Games* and would most definitely rate it a 10/10. I was always excited to read the next chapter and find out what would happen with Bridget and her secret love with Ryhs (the bodyguard.) This is the second book in the series, this one and the first book both had major plot twists that made me finish this book in a week. This is definitely my favorite book in the series so far. I would recommend this book to anyone who enjoyed *Twisted love* (the first book), but be ready for some major "tax" scenes and foul language.

- One Word Pitch - Want (Bridget wants to stay with Ryhs, and she doesn't want to be queen)
- The Math of the Book - love + enemies + fantasy = *Twisted Games*
- The Question Pitch - Will princess Bridget get to live a happy life with Ryhs. Or be forced to marry someone of royal blood?

Comment Emelia

This blog was overall really good. I wanted to point out how clear your SWBS was, which made it really easy to understand. One thing I thought interesting was how Bridget doesn't want her throne, but instead just wants to be "normal". I would like to know more about why Bridget needs a bodyguard in the first place. Did something happen to her? Is it because she is the next heir? Or maybe something completely different? I made a connection to Bridget because I have a cranky friend (*cough cough, you*), and we end up becoming very close buddies. I would love to read this book because you made it seem very intriguing and exciting, but it turns out

	that I haven't learned how to do my taxes yet. So unfortunately, I cannot read this book. 😞
Comment Maryn	This is a very intriguing blog post and it gets me very interested in reading this book. One way this intrigued me is how much I learned without having spoilers, I learned that Bridget is not allowed to be seen with Ryhs because he is not of royal blood. I also learned that Ryhs is her bodyguard and is not supposed to love her. This was a very interesting blog post and makes me want to read this or books like this, you really detailed their love relationship and really helped me understand the storyline. Since you liked this series I would definitely recommend <i>"The Summer I Turned Pretty"</i> series because it has a love storyline similar to this book. This was a very incredible blog post and was very detailed, some questions I do have though are: Why was she forced to the throne? Did some of her family members die? Otherwise, this was a super intriguing blog post and it made me very excited to possibly read the series!
Comment Elsa	Great blog! This blog taught me that not everyone wants to be royal blood. What was interesting to me is the fact that the main character and her bodyguard's love is forbidden. I really wanted to know more about why exactly she didn't want to be given the throne. I would read this book because it seems interesting, I also wanna know what the plot twist is and how it contributes to the story.

Other things I read this month:

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Partner 2	

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