

Battle of the Readathon: The House Trials (Battleathon)

Welcome to the trial of the assassins: The House Trials

As the sun sets on the city of Elfame, those with a more nefarious agenda set out to work. There are four assassin houses in Elfame: the House of Wings, Snakes, Thorns, and Stars. While no one knows for sure who is a member of each house, there are four known houses making their mark on the empire. The House of Wings, Snakes, Thorns, and Stars. Each has a unique gift, a talent that sets them apart from the rest. The king knows of these houses, and typically chooses to turn a blind eye. However, if you are ever caught, the punishment would be death. Now, the king is looking for his official assassins. The house that will be responsible for carrying out all orders of the crown. They will be given pardon for all past crimes and money beyond their wildest dreams. There will be a tournament held to determine which House will become the king's official assassins. You will be set up against one another and compete until only one is left standing.

Structure

Week 1: **Aug 1st-Aug 10th**: Opening ceremony - You must declare your intentions and pick a House

Week 2: **Aug 11th-Aug 17th**: Standings - Chooses which Houses will face off with each other

Week 3: **Aug 18th-Aug 24th**: Elimination - The top 2 and lower 2 will compete

Week 4: **Aug 25th-Aug 31st**: Battle for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th place

Points

You will get points based on your star rating

5 stars - 500 points

4 stars - 400 points

3 stars - 300 points

2 stars - 200 points

1 star - 100 points

DNF - 50 points

The Houses

House of Wings: You are the charming. The members of the House of Wings are hidden amongst the elite. You know how to be discrete, but also how to win anyone over to your side.

(Bonus: Royal word in the title (herald, queen, knight) + 10)

House of Snakes: You are the wicked. The members of the House of Snakes thrive in the underground. They know how to navigate the darkest of places in the empire. People fear and respect you.

(Bonus: Wicked word in the title (snake, death, bones) + 10)

House of Thorns: You are the stealthy. The members of the House of Thorns live and mingle within the city. You are the ones people would least expect to be as deadly as you are. You can get in and get the job done with remarkable efficiency.

(Bonus: Nature based word in the title (tree, leaves, flower) +10)

House of Stars: You are the performers. The members of the House of Stars know how to put on a good show. Jobs are not just a job to you; you want to make sure it is done right and with flourish. No one will question whether you have left your mark.

(Bonus: Star related word in the title (sun, star, heaven) +10)

FAQ

- When does the readathon start?
 - August 1st at midnight EDT
- When do we stop reading for each week?
 - Midnight on the last day of the week
- When do I submit books?
 - You will submit the books as you finish them regardless of how much was read in each week. For example, if you read 98% in week one but we are now in week 2 when you finish, you will submit for week 2. If you forget to submit a book before we have moved on to the next week, you will submit it for whichever week we are in.
- When is the last day to finish books?
 - Midnight on August 31st
- When is the last day to submit books?
 - You will have until midnight on September 2nd to submit.
- What is a bracket?
 - A bracket is used to determine winners in a type of tournament. Two teams will battle each other until only two are left. The last one standing is the winner.
- Do half stars count?
 - No. If you would typically do a half star, you will have to pick the closest full star rating. For example, if something doesn't quite reach 5 star, and you'd give it a 4.5, round down to a 4.
- How much do I have to read to count a DNF?
 - You must read 50% or 200 pages to count as a DNF.
- Do I have to read fantasy?
 - No! Please feel free to read any genre!
- Can I do the bonus prompts more than once?
 - Yes! You can do the bonus prompt as many times as you want.
- Do I have to do the bonus prompts?
 - Nope! They are just in addition. Feel free to just do the star rating if you want.
- Can I join late?

- Yes! You will just start with wherever your team is at at the time.
- Where can I find the submission forms? Is it the same form every week?
 - This is located in the description of the announcement video or in discord.
- How do points work?
 - **Week one and two points are cumulative.** You will get points based on your star rating. You can combine your team bonus prompt with any book for an additional 10 points at any point throughout the month. Weeks one and two are cumulative so the points you get in week 1 will still help your team with placement!

Hosts

House of Wings

[Cassidy - Covers with Cassidy](#)

[Bri - Four Paws and a Book](#)

House of Snakes

[Becca - Becca and the Books](#)

[Lexie - Bookswithlexie](#)

House of Thorns

[Tori - Toribetweenpages](#)

[Kara - Kara's Bookshelf](#)

House of Stars

[Lianne - Literarydiversions](#)

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