

True love isn't always diplomatic.

The
New York
Times
Bestseller

RED,

WHITE &

ROYAL

BLUE

a novel

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1. *Red, White & Royal Blue* has fun with a number of romance tropes. Which ones are your favorites and why are they so appealing?
2. At the beginning of the novel, Alex and Henry are enemies, then they become friends, and eventually lovers. Why does their relationship work so well? How do they balance each other out?
3. What's the most swoon-worthy moment in this book (if you can pick one)? What do you think is the biggest turning point for Alex and Henry's relationship? Discuss.
4. McQuiston adds a great deal of LGBTQ+ historical context for Alex's journey throughout the novel. In what ways is this important for both Alex and the reader?
5. Alex and Henry's communication escalates from texts to phone calls, and eventually to intense emails that quote the love letters of historical figures. How does their correspondence add to the story?
6. While the book is about a romantic relationship at its core, there are a number of other relationships with friends, parents, and siblings throughout. How are these relationships important to Alex and Henry, and how do they enhance the story?
7. McQuiston has provided a rich cast of supporting characters. Who is your favorite supporting character and why? Do you have any favorite secondary pairings? If so, who and why?
8. How do the concepts of community and found family play a part in the novel? How might Alex and Henry's journey have differed without a support system of friends and family in place?

Discussion Questions



9. *Red, White & Royal Blue* takes place in a United States and United Kingdom that closely resemble our own but ultimately exist in an alternate universe. How do the politics in the book reflect what's happening in the real world? Who are your favorite fictional political or royal figures in the book and why?
10. Why do readers have royal fever? What is it about royalty that sparks such interest? What did you think of this royal family? Did it make you think differently about real-life royal families?
11. The book ends with Alex's Democrat 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 years, in ten?