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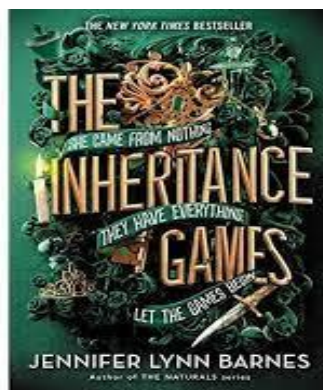
Inheritance Games Book Review

The inheritance games is the first book in this captivating trilogy by Jennifer Lynn Barnes which takes you on a journey full of traps and mysteries. The book follows young girl Avery Kylie Grambs who has a clear plan for her future: survive high school, win a scholarship and get out. However, her life changes in an instant when billionaire Tobias Hawthorne leaves her virtually his entire fortune in his will. The catch? Avery has no clue who he is nor why he did it.

To receive the inheritance, Avery must move into the billionaire's decadent home where the whole house is just a facade masking the secrets and hidden passages that lie within, where every room bears the old man's touch: his love of puzzles, codes and mind-twisting riddles. Unfortunately, Avery must also deal with Tobias's disgruntled family who are just as perplexed as to why she received the prodigious fortune. Four of those family members are the infamous Hawthorne brothers: dangerous, charismatic and intelligent boys who for their whole lives grew up with the expectation that one day they would inherit the great wealth of their grandfather. Heir apparent Grayson Hawthorne is certain that the only explanation of this strange turn of events is that Avery is a con woman hoping to deceive his family. His brother, Jameson, views her as the only way his grandfather could say goodbye, through one last puzzle.

WRITER'S NAME: ZOE FINNEGAN

As bonds grow and enemies are created between Avery and the Hawthorne family, the story unravels in an array of guessing and intrigue that can only be described as utterly thrilling and will leave you constantly turning the page. If you are looking for your next jaw-dropping mystery that'll make you second guess everything, I would highly recommend reading *The Inheritance Games*.



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GLOBAL NEWS

King Charles III coronation

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The coronation of King Charles III marks a significant chapter in UK history.

The King's Coronation was the coronation of King Charles III and his wife Camilla which declared them King and Queen of the United Kingdom and other Commonwealth realms. This historic event was held on the Saturday 6th May and took place in Westminster Abbey – the same place his mother was crowned Queen. The last coronation was almost 70 years ago, so for a lot of us, this is the first coronation we have experienced and celebrated. The coronation will reflect the monarch's role today and look towards our bright future, while being rooted in long-established traditions, rituals and pageantry. It is a huge step in our history books, and we look forward to what our new leaders will accomplish in their time on the throne.

Dating back to the Anglo-Saxon times, we have been having a coronation for over 1,000 years. The first documented coronation was that of William the Conqueror on 25th December 1066. Even then we read of grand thrones, resplendent crowns and rows and rows of people dressed in extravagant robes. We see the priest blessing the newly crowned king and we see candles being lit in honor of the new monarchy. It seems that tradition still stands strong since the coronation of King Charles III wasn't much different. Charles walked down the aisle to his throne adorned in historic, priest-like, velvet robes that dates back centuries. He was bathed in gold, from the flowing robes to the crown delicately placed atop his head which symbolises his royalty. This crown is named the St Edward's Crown and it is the centerpiece of the Crown Jewels of the United Kingdom. This infamous crown was named after Saint Edward the Confessor, and it is tradition for English and British Monarchs to be crowned with this. The grand hall was packed with a plethora of people, from the young choir to much of the royal family and of course King Charles and Camilla. The choirs' voices made a melody that drifted down the halls filling every corner with their angelic voices. Several celebrities also made an appearance, including Ant and Dec, Katy Perry and Lionel Richie and Emma Thompson. This proves the significance of this event and the importance of it throughout the community. As tradition, most of the royal family were there, including Prince William and Catherine, Prince Harry, Prince Andrew and Princess Anne. They wore elaborate gowns and velvet cloaks, signifying their membership of historic orders and eminence.

The day started off with the grand arrival at Westminster Abbey. Thousands and thousands welcomed King Charles III and Queen Consort Camilla to Buckingham palace. Royals waved from the windows of their Rolls Royce as it cruised from Clarence House through the Palace gates. The cameras then showcased Charles standing beside the coronation chair. Trumpets and shouts of our national anthem, "God Save the King" completed the next stage of this service. The King then swore an oath, declaring to uphold the law and the Church of England. The next stage is called "The anointing". This is where the King would be concealed from view by a canopy of cloth and the archbishop would anoint the Kings hand and head with a secret recipe (reportedly including jasmine, cinnamon and roses.) From that point, the King would then be gifted with items such as the Royal Orb – representing religious and moral authority - and the Sovereign's Sceptre, a golden rod topped with a peaceful white enameled dove, a symbol of justice. This particular bit is evocative of when his mother, Queen Elizabeth III, was crowned and we recognise this stage as one that will forever be remembered. The final part would include peers kneeling before the King and the Queen Consort to pay homage to them. After all these traditions, the King would be formally declared as the King of the United Kingdom and other commonwealth realms.

We will forever recognise this grandeur as one of the few traditions that still poses strong after all these years – the traditions and rituals bringing us all together to witness this new era. As we celebrate this new chapter in our history books, we are left eager and intrigued towards our future with a different leader on the throne.



INTERVIEW

Mr Moffett's interview

WRITER'S NAME: MAE BAXTER

Our newspaper team interviewed Mr Moffet, both a Drama and Music teacher, to learn more about his life in and outside of school. He is unfortunately leaving after this half term, so we decided to interview him to celebrate his work throughout Ellesmere Park.

The first question we asked Mr Moffet was what he thought of music and drama during his time at school. He surprisingly replied that "he didn't do drama and hated english." He then told us that it was "music he loved and enjoyed in school, despite the fact he only started it in GCSE's." But this sparked his love for music and theatrics and so he continued down this path.

We then went on to ask Mr Moffet what he likes to do outside of school. He came up with multiple answers including "playing rugby on Saturdays and gigs almost every Friday." He continued and said he "likes walking his dog and going to dinner with his other half."

Asking him what made him become a teacher, he responded saying that he "finished University and began teaching one on one, but quickly realised he'd much rather be in front of an audience and a full class." That was the point Mr Moffet decided to teach Music and Drama here at our school. He also told us that when he was younger, he "wanted to be a handful of things including a paramedic and even went to university to study engineering for 2 weeks before deciding he wanted to be a music teacher."

Our team then asked what his favorite part of teaching is and he answered saying he "loves seeing the success of a pupil and seeing the development day by day" and the reason why he chose music was because he "believes everyone can play music, no matter who you are or where you come from."

We concluded this interview with his advice to students. He answered, "don't take life too seriously and remember to enjoy school because they're the best days of your life."

We wish Mr Moffet good luck in his new job and thank him for everything he has done for the students here at Ellesmere Park.

MUSIC EXCLUSIVE

Eurovision's 2023

Europe's biggest music competition.

WRITER'S NAME: ZOE FINNEGAN

Liverpool, England – where the highly anticipated Eurovision Song Contest Final 2023 took place, captivating millions of viewers across the globe with its extraordinary musical talent, flamboyant performances and unexpected twists. The annual competition, known for its unique blend of national pride, cultural diversity and friendly competition did not disappoint, delivering an unforgettable evening bursting with surprises.

Hosted by England, this year's edition of Eurovision showcased an impressive line-up of 26 countries, each vying for the title and the chance to bring the contest to their home country next year. The performances throughout the evening varied from energetic pop to slower, heart-felt songs, with artists from all corners of Europe. Displaying remarkable vocal skills, dazzling choreography, and innovative stage designs, the contestants embraced a wide array of musical genres, reflecting Europe's music scene.

While every participant left a lasting impression, a few acts stood out to the viewers. Sweden delivered a powerful song, leaving the audience captivated by the raw talent of their vocalist. Finland surprised everybody with a high energy, creative and catchy performance, that had the crowd singing along throughout it. As the evening progressed, the tension rose, and viewers eagerly awaited the announcement of the winner. After a lengthy voting process that involved both the professional juries and the public votes, the overall winner emerged: Sweden.

The representatives of Sweden took the stage to receive the iconic Eurovision trophy, solidifying their place in Eurovision history. Singer Loreen stated, "In my wildest dreams, I didn't think this would happen." Their charismatic performer and infectious song managed to capture the hearts of both the audience and the international voting public, securing their place in Eurovision history. They won with 583 points, only 53 points ahead of popular rival Finland, who got almost 100 more points on the public vote.

Aside from the competitive aspect, Eurovision 2023 also celebrated unity, diversity, and the power of music to bring people together. The event served as a platform for countries to showcase their cultural heritage, and with Eurovision's 2023 now concluded, fans and participants eagerly await next year's edition, wondering what surprises await.

GLOBAL EVENTS

Eid Mubarak

The biggest holiday in the Islamic calendar

WRITER'S NAME: ABIGAL MA

To mark the end of Ramadan, on April 21st this year Muslims from all over the world celebrated Eid al-Fitr -which means 'the festival of breaking fast'. After a month of fasting from dawn to sunset, Muslims join friends, family or even strangers to share feasts, pray and celebrate this euphoric religious occasion. Ramadan is a month in the Islamic lunar calendar and, by fasting, allows Muslims to devote themselves to their faith and Allah (God) and it allows them to empathize with the less fortunate. Eid begins with the first sighting of the new crescent moon in the sky, so the date of the event varies each year but what never changes is the amount of exuberance and love that is shared.

With there being approximately 2 billion Muslims across the globe, it's not a surprise that there are many variations as to how people celebrate, but I spoke to a Muslim in our very own school to see how she commemorates this sacred ceremony. "The day before Eid we usually clean the entire house and put on henna." Henna symbolises good health, protection and spiritual enlightenment and is mainly used in the special occasions in which there is a joyous gathering of people. "We start the day off with a special Eid prayer early in the morning and then get dressed into our new Eid clothes and eat breakfast. Later, we meet with family and friends and have lots of sweets and snacks. For our meals I usually have tandoori chicken with rice and salad. My family also usually give money to charity the day before or of Eid."

"...The different dishes and sweet treats we eat are unique and peculiar to others so they have little knowledge about them."

An Ellesmere student

During this holiday, you will often hear Muslims greeting each other by saying "Eid Mubarak" meaning "Blessed Eid" and "taqabbala allahu minna wa minkum" or "may God accept your deeds". Eid al-Fitr is a time to reflect on the month that has passed, to be proud of achieving a month of fasting and to hope that the deeds have earned the pleasure of the Lord.

However, later on in the year - this year it will take place in or around June - another Eid takes place: Eid al-Adha (Festival of sacrifice). This festival remembers the prophet Ibrahim's willingness to sacrifice his son when Allah ordered him to. Eid al-Adha is the second major Muslim holiday and as well as representing Ibrahim's devotion to Allah, the holy event also marks the end of Hajj. Hajj is a five-day pilgrimage that all Muslims - if able to - should carry out at least once in their life. The festivities of this day include sacrificing an animal and sharing it amongst family, friends and the poor. Even though both Eid's are major religious holidays for billions of people, many of us don't actually know much about the significance of them and the traditions that they bear.

A Muslim in our school had this to say about the subject, "I think most people acknowledge the occasion but don't know a lot about it. For example, the different dishes and sweet treats we eat are unique and peculiar to others so they have little knowledge about them. Also, - depending on where you're from - our clothes would be different to what you would normally expect someone to wear. Overall, I think it is acknowledged but people should educate themselves a little more and try to recognise it more."

SCHOOL NEWS

Y9 options evening

WRITER'S NAME: MAE BAXTER

On the 17th of March, the Y9 options evening took place in Ellesmere Park High School. Lots of time and preparation was taken towards this evening as it is a huge step in a student's education. Stalls were set up to exhibit what their subject had to offer and why they should choose it as a subject to continue their learning journey on. The Ellesmere Executive team interviewed teachers and students alike to find out more about what their subjects offer and advice on how to choose them.

When asked what their advice on picking their options were, several teachers response was that "you should not pick the same as your friends, and instead choose a subject you love and have a passion for." Mrs St. John replied that, "you need to be prepared to work hard and you need to think about careers and aspirations you want to pursue in the future." "Do what you love, and you'll never work a day in your life" was Miss Smalley's reply to our questions.

We then went on to ask how they themselves chose their options. Mr Connolly answered that he "chose them solely based on the school trips and explained that they got to go to America if they picked geography", so he picked that. Mr Parsons followed that up by saying that he "remembers thinking a lot about what he wanted to do in the future and all the careers he could do." We then asked Mr Ritchie the same question and he told us that he "picked IT, business studies and food technology."

Our last question of the evening was what their subject offered for students picking them. We asked art teacher, Mr Davies,

and he answered that "art gives you the opportunity to be open and expressive with new ideas and that it gives you freedom to create beautiful pieces of art." Mr Herbert tells us that "it allows students to see the world around them and to see how everything works. Science also gives you the critical thinking skills which are vital for life and vital for success."

This evening was an overall success and our year 9's have now chosen their options and are well on their way through their education at Ellesmere Park. We would like to thank everyone who helped out to make this jump in so many lives a step less stressful and made sure they picked a subject they are good at and enjoy.



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