



Red, White & Royal Blue by Casey McQuiston

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*Age Range: Adult (Suggested by Publisher)

BOOK SYNOPSIS

- * Instant NEW YORK TIMES and USA TODAY bestseller *
- * GOODREADS CHOICE AWARD WINNER for BEST DEBUT and BEST ROMANCE of 2019 *
- * BEST BOOK OF THE YEAR* for VOGUE, NPR, VANITY FAIR, and more! *

What happens when America's First Son falls in love with the Prince of Wales?

When his mother became President, Alex Claremont-Diaz was promptly cast as the American equivalent of a young royal. Handsome, charismatic, genius—his image is pure millennial-marketing gold for the White House. There's only one problem: Alex has a beef with the actual prince, Henry, across the pond. And when the tabloids get hold of a photo involving an Alex-Henry altercation, U.S./British relations take a turn for the worse.

Heads of family, state, and other handlers devise a plan for damage control: staging a truce between the two rivals. What at first begins as a fake, Instagramable friendship grows deeper, and more dangerous, than either Alex or Henry could have imagined. Soon Alex finds himself hurtling into a secret romance with a surprisingly unstuffy Henry that could derail the campaign and upend two nations. Can love save the world after all? Where do we find the courage, and the power, to be the people we are meant to be? And how can we learn to let our true colors shine through? Casey McQuiston's *Red, White & Royal Blue* proves: true love isn't always diplomatic.

"I took this with me wherever I went and stole every second I had to read! Absorbing, hilarious, tender, sexy—this book had everything I crave. I'm jealous of all the readers out there who still get to experience *Red, White & Royal Blue* for the first time!" - Christina Lauren, New York Times bestselling author of *The Unhoneymooners*

"*Red, White & Royal Blue* is outrageously fun. It is romantic, sexy, witty, and thrilling. I loved every second." - Taylor Jenkins Reid, New York Times bestselling author of *Daisy Jones & The Six*

REVIEWS AND PRAISE

"[An] exquisite debut... It's hard to watch [Alex] fall in love with Henry without falling in love a bit yourself — with them, and with this brilliant, wonderful book." - [The New York Times Book Review](#)

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"[A] fireworks in the sky, glitter in your hair joyous royal romance that you'll want to fall head over heels in love with again and again. A+" - [Entertainment Weekly](#)

"A rivalry between the son of a U.S. president and the Prince of Wales turns into a whirlwind romance in this charming story about true love." - *Us Weekly*

"[An] escapist masterpiece... It's a truly glorious thing to live inside the world of this book and to imagine it becoming reality, too." - [Vogue](#)

"The super specific love story you never knew you needed." - *Cosmopolitan*

"Effervescent and empowering on all levels, Red, White & Royal Blue is both a well-written love story and a celebration of identity. McQuiston may not be royal herself, but her novel reigns as must read rom-com." - [NPR](#)

★ "In between sweet and steamy love scenes, Red, White & Royal Blue allows readers to imagine a world where coming out involves no self-loathing; where fan fiction and activist Twitter do actual good; and a diverse, liberal White House wins elections. This Blue Wave fantasy could be the feel-good book of the summer." - [Booklist](#), **starred review**

★ "The much-loved royal romance genre gets a fun and refreshing update in McQuiston's debut... The love affair between Alex and Henry is intense and romantic, made all the more so by the inclusion of their poetic emails that manage to be both funny and steamy. A clever, romantic, sexy love story." - [Kirkus](#), **starred review**

★ "With a diverse cast of characters, quick-witted dialog, and a complicated relationship between two young people with the eyes of the world watching their every move, McQuiston's debut is an irresistible, hopeful, and sexy romantic comedy that considers real questions about personal and public responsibility." - [Library Journal](#), **Starred Review**

★ "[An] outstanding debut... with quick wit and clever plotting. The drama, which involves political rivals, possible betrayals, and even a meeting with the queen, is both irresistible and delicious. Readers will be eager to see more from McQuiston." - [Publishers Weekly](#), **starred review**

"Red, White & Royal Blue is funny and fun, and the family and political dynamics feel spot-on, but it's the frank and unforgettable romance between these two young men that will compel readers to start it all over again when faced with the last page. It's that hard to say goodbye to this couple." - [BookPage](#), **Top Pick**

AWARDS AND ACCOLADES

- New York Times and USA Today bestseller
- Goodreads Choice Award Winner for Best Debut and Best Romance of 2019
- A Vogue Best Novel of 2019
- A Vanity Fair Best Book of 2019
- One of NPR's Favorite Books of 2019
- One of Entertainment Weekly's Top Ten Romance Novels of 2019
- A BookPage Best of the Year
- A Kirkus Best Book of 2019
- A Library Journal Best Romance of 2019

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- A Shelf Awareness Best of the Year
- A She Reads Best Romance of 2019
- One of TIME's 50 Best Romance Novels to Read Right Now

MEDIA AND RESOURCES

- [Library of Congress interview](#)
- [CBS News interview](#)
- [LA Public Library interview](#)
- [Vanity Fair interview](#)

***A NOTE ON AGE RANGES**

A publisher-suggested age range covers the gamut of readers that publishers envision using the book, whether for independent reading, family sharing, group study, or in other ways. Educators have the best sense of the appropriate age range for the diverse learners they work with and understand these ranges vary depending on a book's intended use.