



My Most Excellent Year by Steve Kluger

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Romantic comedy, YA Fiction

Give a summary without spoilers!

My Most Excellent Year is a book about three ninth graders living in Brookline Massachusetts. T.C. Keller, Alejandra Perez, and Augie Hwong embark on their journey through their freshman year of highschool. Having self declared themselves brothers, Augie and T.C. are best friends and have their futures set. Although, soon enough they both fall in love and suddenly their world corrupts. Alejandra Pérez also has her future set but things change when she crosses paths with these two brothers. Fun adventures, school shows, Fenway Park, purple balloons, and Mary Poppins bring these three friends together as they learn to be true to themselves and the ones they love.

What drew you to this book?

What drew me the most to this book was the setting and characters. It's about teenagers falling in love and who can relate more than a teenager like myself. I wanted to have a nice time reading about high school life with the drama, the heartbreaks and the family struggles. The cover was also quite intriguing because the bottom said "A novel of love, Mary Poppins, & Fenway Park".

Did it remind you of something that you've previously read?

The book reminded me of Mary Poppins and the movie since she was a big influence on the theme and the book.

To whom would you recommend this book?

I would recommend this book to anyone who is looking for a good laugh, a feeling of nostalgia, and something to relate to. Teens and even adults can find a place to relate or look back at the stress and rollercoaster highschool is, making friends, and falling in love. One can have a nice time looking back at what it felt like being a teenager and maybe feel some fun nostalgia of the past.

Overall, did you like it and would you recommend it to others?

Overall I loved this book! It always gave me a good laugh and I got very attached to all the characters. I could also relate to them which made me feel understood.

Anything else that you would like to add to this review? What made you choose it? Did you like the cover? Was it recommended to you? Did you find it at the library?

This was a summer reading book for my school and out of all the books I chose this one because it was a romantic comedy which I knew would be fun to read. I was also intrigued as the characters right off the bat showed diversity. The cover was also really interesting as it looked like a love triangle might be happening.