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Description

Dear Anthony:

I appreciate your recent interest, but I'm not accepting applications at this time. Your letter will be kept in our files and someone will get back to you if there is an opening. Thank you for thinking of me.

*Respectfully,
Alejandra Perez*

P.S. It's not Allie. It's Ale.

Meet T.C., who is valiantly attempting to get Alejandra to fall in love with him; Alejandra, who is playing hard to get and is busy trying to sashay out from under the responsibilities of being a diplomat's daughter; and T.C.'s brother Augie, who is gay and in love and everyone knows it but him.

Insightful reviews

Hallie: My feelings are a bit mixed (yes, again!), as there were a lot of things I loved about this book: T.C.'s beautifully described memories of his mother, and the ways he dealt with them, and how he and Augie came to be 'brothers' were especially good - funny and very real. And of course the whole heart-string tugging storyline of Hucky tugged very effectively, even if it was easy to see how that one would end up from the beginning. I also *liked* the fact that everyone around Augie was so far beyond just 'okay' with his being gay that it became funny, but also had some hesitation about that. His sections were almost unreadably sappy at times, as he went on **endlessly** over his swooning love and every single high and low of the whole relationship. And a lot of the humour of everyone's cheerful acceptance of his being gay came from his hitting every single stereotype of a *camp* gay teen ever encountered. Which left me a bit distressed. But as I said, much good, and mostly the sappy bits were countered by T.C.'s puncturing of them and Alé's sharpness and the families' coolness.

~Tina~: This is an incredible story!!

This book is written entirely in assignment form, e-mails, texts, diary entries and journals, so at first I thought this would be distracting since I'm not use to this style and usually don't prefer it. But, I liked it and thought the way this book was delivered was very well put together and only added to it's appeal.

My Most Excellent Year tells the tale of three people, TC, Alejandra, and Augie (and then later on Hucky) as they tell about there most excellent year and then some...

These characters were very well developed which isn't something I expected with this type of writing format, thinking the characters would be lost somewhere amongst the letters and e-mails, but sure enough, these characters are very defined.

I loved there story, there personalities and how they are linked.

This was a very touching, amusing and magical book that really took me by surprise, I really love when books do that!

An Excellent Read!

Kristi: My feelings are kind of torn about this one. There's no doubt that the book is full of hilarious moments. But sometimes the funny felt a little forced. All of the characters are so clever and amusing and witty that sometimes I wanted to scream that real people aren't like this! (At least not where I'm from - maybe Boston is a whole 'nother world.) All of the characters of course had the exact same sense of humor, and their voices started to sound an awful lot alike after a while. And some of the subplots are so unbelievable and tied up so neatly that it jolted me out of the story. Still, there were quite a few times while reading that I literally laughed out loud, and that's fairly unusual for me. So I guess maybe I'll give it one thumb up instead of two.

Kelly (and the Book Boar): five Sickeningly candy Stars T.C., Alé and Augie are high-schoolers who've been assigned an English lesson of journaling their "most first-class year". stick to alongside via those magazine entries, chats, I.M.s, etc. because the 3 come of age and are available into their own. Obviously, this one isn't ever going to win a Pulitzer, yet judging the booklet for its style – it's totally useful of five stars. I don't care if it's thoroughly cliché, the characters are too mature to be 14, the plot isn't realistic. So what? occasionally it's simply excellent to learn anything that makes you're feeling so good. It's so saccharine candy that I'm particularly convinced i've got a hollow space and my face goes to harm from smiling for DAYS. Steve Kluger, the place have your books been all my life????

Jennifer Wardrip: Reviewed by way of Randstostipher "tallnankyrn" Nguyen for TeensReadToo.com T.C., initially Anthony Conigliaro Keller, was once born right into a family members who loves baseball, and speaks with a really specific accent. Like his family, T.C. loves the game and virtually is aware all there's to understand approximately baseball. It definitely is helping him along with his grades; if basically it may possibly aid him get the lady of his dreams. With really a strange family, a knack at problematical these round him, ensuring he merely will get a B+ on every thing (except for algebra, on the grounds that he is not a poser), and being a trendsetter, T.C.'s lifestyles thoroughly replaced while his mom handed away. Augie, T.C.'s non-biological, chinese language brother, grew to become his ally after his mom died, supporting him cope. With a love for theater, movies, and every thing dramatic, Augie certainly hasn't discovered his real id yet, although each person round him, particularly those he loves, has. along with theatrics, Augie is a superior football player, in particular while he's fiddling with T.C. Of course, those distractions cannot potentially pull his brain clear of how his middle is pulling him in a truly assorted direction. Alejandra, a.k.a. T.C.'s dream girl, hasn't ever healthy in, either in class or home. With a father who used to be the ambassador to Mexico, her

dream used to be by no means with politics like her brother yet extra in the direction of dance, which she needs to maintain a secret. as a result of her father, Alejandra has been in a position to meet a few very recognized politicians and celebrities. Of course, all the well-known humans she met did not aid her prestige in school, when you consider that she was once instantly thought of stuck-up. yet T.C. nonetheless loves her, other than she does not love him back, or so she thinks. now not one to conceal her opinions, who would not be fearful of her? starting of their overdue junior year, the 3 flash again to their inexperienced persons year... their appropriate year. The 12 months the place love, sexuality, identity, friendship, and power have been discovered. each writing within the diaries for his or her English class, all addressed to an enormous person: T.C. to his mama, Augie to the diva of the week, and Alejandra to Jacqueline, the spouse of her favourite president, JFK. Laughter, tears, and reduction may be felt through not just the characters but additionally the readers. MY well suited yr takes 3 very distinct, sincere youth who all have difficulties in their own, and who desire one another desperately within the end. Steve Kluger permits the reader to have an in depth interplay with the characters, who're all very well-developed and defined, making the tale all of the extra enjoyable.

Lauren: My best suited 12 months tells the tale of 3 students- now seniors-most first-class 12 months (their freshman year) and the way their lives all replaced for the better. First, there's T.C.(Anthony), who's enthusiastic about all issues regarding baseball, his ally Augie, and Alejandra, the lady he's in love with, yet who doesn't go back his feelings. Augie loves all issues that experience to do with Broadway and his ally T.C. Also, we all know Augie's gay, yet he simply hasn't discovered his precise emotions yet. Lastly, there's Alejandra. Alejandra grew up in a really political and basic family. Her father is a wealthy diplomat. Though, Alejandra is anticipated to develop as much as be similar to her mom and dad and her brother her real love is dancing and making a song that's unacceptable to her family. As, she pursues this ardour in existence she starts to turn into acquaintances with Augie and T.C. and simply could fall in love with the T.C. My perfect yr used to be a very hysterical and adorable learn that had me turning the pages nonstop. Steve Kluger instructed this tale in diary entrees, speedy message conversations, and letters. I've learn this kind of writing before, yet have by no means loved it up to during this novel. It enable me get to understand the characters, most likely greater than it being advised in first or 3rd person, and it stored the tale attention-grabbing many of the time. before everything his writing may well believe a piece so- so , yet because the tale continued, and because the characters started to get extra developed, it picked up and began to get beautiful funny. specifically in the course of Augie's parts. Also, I loved seeing how every one personality started to develop in a single approach or one other in the course of the novel. on the end, i used to be unhappy to work out it come to a close, yet knew that it used to be simply the proper time to finish it. Overall, this tale used to be a adorable coming of age novel that i like to recommend to all age groups. Be aware, though, that the start used to be a tad boring.

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