

**Slay**

**Brittney Morris**

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“Slay,” was written by Brittney Morris. It follows Kiera, a 17 year old high school student preparing to go to college. She has her entire life planned out and has a loving relationship with her family and her boyfriend, Malcolm. However, there is a side of her that no one else knows about. She is the creator of the online video game named, “Slay.” She plays the game with people all across the country. However, her video game is under fire after a teen is murdered over the game and labelled as racist and violent. She has to learn to navigate through the negativity the game her game is receiving while simultaneously dealing with the relationship she was with herself and others.

I have to admit, when I read the first chapter, I was a bit disappointed by the slow pace the book had. However, when Slay was introduced to the story, I was captivated. The way the story described the players and the setting made me feel as if I was actually in the game. Not only that, but it tackles serious issues. It tackles racism, discrimination, and sexism. These are very important topics that aren’t really present or discussed in young adult books.

This book is definitely for teens. It deals with heavy subjects, so if anyone opposed to that, this isn’t the book for them. I would say that this is a book that you should get from the library. It’s a pretty easy book to get through and you’ll finish it pretty quickly.

**Recommended Titles:**

“Akata Witch,” by Nnedi Okorafor

“16 Ways to Break a Heart,” by Lauren Strasnick

“The Way I Used to be,” by Amber Smith