

## **The Inheritance Games**

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Avery Grambs is a bright 16 year-old student trying her best to get through high school while also having no real place to live. Her life suddenly gets turned around when she is somehow made the recipient of a multi-billion dollar inheritance from the late Tobias Hawthorne despite having no connections to him. However, to receive the inheritance, Avery is required to live in Hawthorne Mansion for a full year along with the rest of the Hawthorne family. Naturally, Tobias' grandchildren aren't ready to accept the current situation when they had grown up believing that they would be the ones to inherit billions. In this high-stakes mystery novel, Avery is forced to simultaneously adjust to her new reality and unravel the puzzle behind the Hawthorne grandfather's dying wish.

*The Inheritance Games* was a highly entertaining book with enough plot twists to hold the attention of any reader. I loved how its premise was a rags-to-riches story of a girl who goes from having almost nothing to suddenly having more money than she can spend in a lifetime. It was intriguing to see the characters put into all types of precarious situations and solve riddles as they got closer to the truth behind their grandfather's decision. Each of the characters has a distinct personality that brings something unique to the story, and their interactions with each other made this book even more fun to read. I was a bit disinterested in the romances in this book because they felt slightly contrived, but I am glad they didn't interfere much with the main plot. Additionally, the twist at the end of the book was a bit predictable, but it is interesting enough to keep readers hooked for more answers.

This novel is a great choice for fans of the movie *Knives Out* and other dramatic mysteries. Though the story is not particularly original when compared to other books in the same genre, it is unique enough to be a compelling read that makes you not want to put it down once you start it. For this reason, I would suggest finding this book at a library and giving it a try. The most suitable age group for this novel would be teenagers 13 and older since there are some slightly mature themes, but nothing explicit or inappropriate for a younger audience. I would generally suggest this book for anyone interested in a fast-paced, attention-grabbing story.

### **Recommended Books:**

One of Us Is Lying, Karen M. McManus

Truly Devious, Maureen Johnson

White Rabbit, Caleb Roehrig