

## **One for All**

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After her father's unexpected death, Tania de Batz finds herself shipped off to a ladies' finishing school per his dying request. The real kicker? It's a training academy where young women learn how to fight and manipulate high society. Born with a chronic illness, Tania has spent her entire life training with her ex-Musketeer father and yearning to be like him. As a woman, however, society looks down upon her illness and her hobbies. Now that she's part of Madame de Treville's squad, her new goal is to make her father's killers pay all while making new friends and working for a better future for all female Musketeers.

I've always really liked "The Three Musketeers," so seeing that this book was going to be a retelling of it with an all-female cast was really exciting. In hindsight, it really wasn't a retelling so much as being inspired by it. The characters and story are completely different, and the only real similarities are some of the names and the actual Musketeer aspect of it. Honestly, I think that's pretty good for someone who hasn't read the original novels because they can go into this not expecting anything. Tania is a charming teen, and it's easy to resonate and sympathize with her throughout the story as she learns more about the world she lives in. Being a country bumpkin, she has to learn how to glide through Paris at ease. The friendships were what really carried this, though. They're very reminiscent of any teen girl's first friend group, and it was endearing.

The book sort of reads a bit young, but it also discusses more serious issues like death, grief, and illness. I think it's best for young adults to read and really understand what it's trying to do and get at. This could also be a great present for any young girl who wants to see themselves with other girls or fighting as the main character.

### **Recommended Titles:**

A Far Wilder Magic by Allison Saft

Legendborn by Tracy Deonn

Raybearer by Jordan Ifueko

Six Crimson Cranes by Elizabeth Li