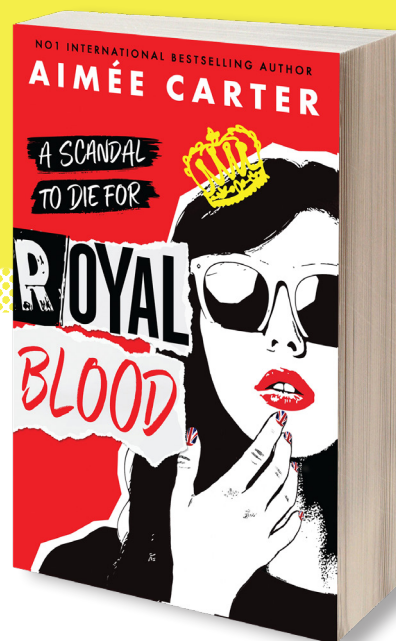
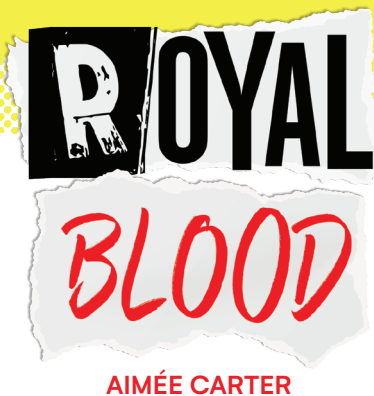


YA Book Club

Discussion notes



1. Despite keeping her classmates at a distance, Evan was expelled from her previous boarding schools for breaking school rules and burning maths results, among other things. What does this tell us about her character?
2. At first Mary wanted nothing to do with Evan, do you feel her initial reaction was justified considering Evan was the 'product of her father's adultery' against her mother? Can you think of other reasons for why Mary did not like her half-sister?
3. King Alexander confirmed the rumours of a second daughter with 'both pride and shame'. How do you think the king should have dealt with the illegitimate child allegations?
4. How does Evan's upbringing, including both her family life and being born in America, influence her world views? How does this begin to change throughout the story?
5. When feeling upset, Evan would turn to Jenkins over her father. What were your favourite friendships and/or relationships in this story?
6. Do you think things would have been different had Evan stayed in touch with her dad throughout her time at school? Would she still have been expelled from her boarding schools or kept everyone at a distance?
7. Did you guess who the blackmailer behind the video was? If yes, what was it that made you suspect them?
8. The Regal Record provided an account from a former roommate that Evan was a drug addict at school. Has this book caused you to reflect upon what you read in tabloids and social media?
9. Despite initially wanting to stay with her mother, Evan decided to return to London. What do you think were her reasons for this?
10. If you were royalty for the day, what would you like to do?