

## **CILIPS COVID-19 Book Reviews – Red, White and Royal Blue**

**Reviewer name:** Anonymous

**Book title:** Red, White and Royal Blue

**Author name:** Casey McQuiston

**Genre:** Romance

**Overall Rating:** Excellent

**Brief summary:** Alex Claremont-Diaz, the son of the US president, manages to embarrass himself very publicly at a British royal wedding. To solve this PR crisis, his mother stages a fake friendship between Alex and Prince Henry of England, whom Alex has always heartily despised. As they are forced into each other's company much too often for Alex's taste, he discovers that Henry isn't as boring or bland as he always imagined - far from it. Instead, Alex discovers something surprising about himself and embarks on an overseas romance that could very well make history...

**What you liked:** Everything! This book makes you feel so good from the first page to the last. The author writes with irresistible wit and humour and I found myself immediately sucked in. Every character is well drawn. Alex is an extremely loveable hero, and his story is so uplifting and satisfying. Underneath the humour, this novel is beautifully sensitive and passionate. It wants to believe that love can change the world and it makes a pretty convincing case... I have read this three times already, including one time when I was ill and confined to my sofa; it was such a comforting story and cheered me up so much. It's just perfect for the times we're currently in.

**Anything you didn't like:** That the book ended, and that there isn't a sequel yet! There are also a few little details that the American author didn't quite get right about British royals, but it's easy enough to suspend disbelief.

**Who should read this book?:** Romance lovers and/or anyone who wants a warm, fluffy and hopeful read.