

# BOOK RESUME: MY MOST EXCELLENT YEAR

#### **BOOK SYNOPSIS**

Best friends and unofficial brothers since they were six, ninth-graders T.C. and Augie have got the world figured out. But that all changes when both friends fall in love for the first time. Enter Al. She's pretty, sassy, and on her way to Harvard. T.C. falls hard, but Al, is playing hard to get. Meanwhile, Augie realizes that he's got a crush on a boy. It's not so clear to him, but to his family and friends, it's totally obvious! Told in alternating perspectives, this is the hilarious and touching story of their most excellent year, where these three friends discover love, themselves, and how a little magic and Mary Poppins can go a long way.

**Title:** My Most Excellent

Year

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Age Range\*: 12 and up
Grade Range: Gr 7 up

## **REVIEWS AND PRAISE**

"The many characters are well-drawn and believable, and readers will care about them. The innovative format works well in relating the multiple love stories, and the story ought to appeal to a wide range of readers." —Kirkus Reviews

"The results are unexpectedly positive, opening up the audience to adults as well as the target reader" —Publishers Weekly

"At the center are heart-pulling romances...and a broadening sense of what family means... the appealing characters are bright, passionate, and fully engaged in their lives, and many readers will lose themselves in this original, high-spirited story."—Booklist

### **AWARDS AND ACCOLADES**

- An ABA Indies Choice Book Award honor
- A NCTE Amelia Elizabeth Walden Award winner
- An Arizona Grand Canyon Reader Award selection
- A Georgia Peach Book Award for Teen Readers selection
- An Indiana Eliot Rosewater Indiana High School Book Award selection
- An Oregon Battle of the Books selection
- A Rhode Island Teen Book Award selection
- A South Carolina SCASL Young Adult Book Award selection
- A Vermont Green Mountain Book Award selection

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