

The Inheritance Games by Jennifer Lynn Barnes

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For a long time, I was unable to get immediately hooked on a book the way I used to when I was younger. However, when I picked up *The Inheritance Games* by Jennifer Lynn Barnes, I was instantly pulled out of this reading slump. This YA mystery is the first of *The Inheritance Games* series and centers around a 17-year old girl named Avery Grambs who has little money to her name and lives with her half-sister Libby after her mom died. Avery's life is completely turned upside down when she finds out she has inherited multiple properties and 46.2 billion dollars from Tobias Hawthorne, an eccentric billionaire who she's supposedly never met before. However, this good news is soured by the Hawthorne family, many of whom are furious with Avery's good fortune. Using the riddles and clues Tobias left behind, Avery and Tobias's grandsons embark on a quest to figure out why Tobias gave nearly everything he had to Avery.



I originally became interested in this book after hearing so many good reviews about it on Instagram and after reading it, I would give it a 9.5/10 and recommend it to nearly everyone. It's such an enthralling and unpredictable story with many distinctive, well written characters that have their own strengths and flaws. Avery, for example, is an intelligent, practical, logical young woman who knows how to survive in a tough and changing environment, which I love about her, but she also gets so wrapped up with her own problems that she sometimes neglects the people who are there for her. I think people who enjoy plot twists, solving mysteries and being kept on their toes will enjoy this book because the ending will definitely surprise them.

Honestly, I haven't read too many mystery novels recently, so I can't think of any book *The Inheritance Games* would remind me of, but I have heard of it being compared to Agatha Christie's work.

I think the cover conveys the story quite well. It's very eye-catching and includes many objects that are used in the novel to solve Tobias's riddles, such as keys and chess pieces.

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