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RED QUEEN-Victoria Aveyard

Genre-Dystopian Fiction

Victoria Aveyard is an American writer of young adult and fantasy fiction and screenplays. She is known for her fantasy novel Red Queen. Aveyard wrote the novel a year after graduating from the University of Southern California's screenwriting program in 2012. She was born on 27th July 1990. She is now 30 years old and was born in east Longmeadow, Massachusetts, United States. Victoria's nationality is American, and her mother is called Heather Aveyard. She also won the award of the 'Goodreads Choice Awards Best Debut Goodreads Author'. Her education was at the 'USC School of Cinematic Arts (2012), East Longmeadow High School.

The book is about a girl called Mare whose name soon gets changed to Mareena as she finds her hidden power and enters the world of violence. On the way, she finds that she had to get used to the life of living like a royal but keeping a secret that she was not like the rest. She endeavours to protect her family and her friends except that it is no use. Her sworn enemies hate her and she soon got to know that she was more unique than she ever thought. There were people called Silvers and Reds which were enemies and disgrace each other as they violently try to kill each other. Healers save the lives that are lost but some may be too badly wounded to save quick enough. The Silvers are always the stronger ones as they live in royalty because they have a lot more money than the Reds. Fearful of Mare's potential, the Silver's hide Mare in plain view, declaring her a long-lost Silver princess.

I loved the book because it creates tension between characters as hatred turns into happiness between two completely different people. The author also presents the characters like hidden souls as they soon find out who they truly are. Mare is torn apart from her family that were raising her and that is when I started to empathize with Mare because it is just like you are stepping into her eyes and seeing what she can see and the pain that she is going through. I also liked that Mare always thinks about other people before herself because it really makes the softer side of the story.

I think that the people that would enjoy reading this book would be 12+ because it has a complex plot and you need to be able to follow the connections and links between the characters. The links are used to defend each group which needs to be understood very clearly and I think that year 7 and upwards could understand it more than the Primary School years. The other things in the book that the reader needs to understand between that mare could have used to be a Silver even though she is red blooded now. Also, the link that there were more people like her before that were red blooded with a silver connection.

