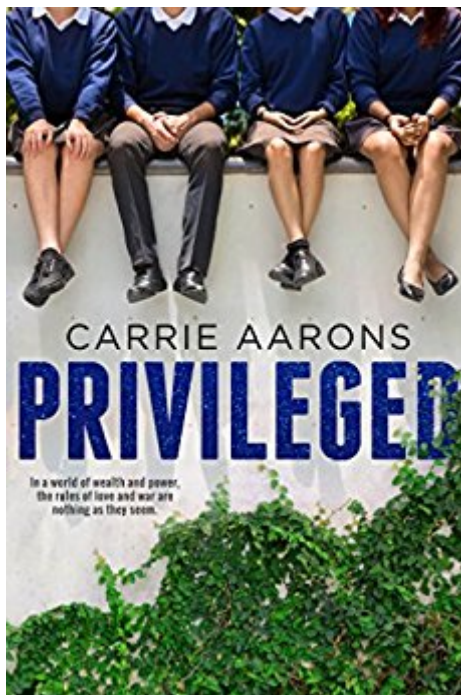


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# Privileged



## Synopsis

In a world of wealth and power, the rules of love and war are nothing as they seem. Nora Randolph never wanted a life of luxury. But when her mother falls in love with the heir to the British throne, their small-town lives are uprooted and every little girl's fantasy becomes her reality. All too quickly, she learns the dangers of running in circles with the world's elite, especially when she attracts the attention of Winston Academy's resident golden boy. Asher Frederick has known nothing but favor and fortune. The son of London's most influential family, his future has been written in stone since infancy. But a tragic childhood loss redirects his course, and revenge has been boiling in his blood for years. When innocent and unaware Nora lands in his path, it's as if the universe hands him the ammunition to finally drag his enemy through the mud. But as his plan for vengeance gets more twisted, so do his feelings for Nora. And as her immersion into the upper crust dives deeper, she struggles to keep the secret she's been guarding for eighteen years. Heavy lies the crown, and when the ultimate betrayal blindsides her, will either of them survive the consequences that come crashing down on their heads?

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## Customer Reviews

Growing up in a single parent home barely getting by, Nora Randolph's life has

changed 100%. Her mother is set to marry a British heir. Moving away from a small town in Pennsylvania to live the life of royalty in England. Starting her first day at Winston Academy, she is noticed by Asher Frederick. Taunted by Asher Frederick is more like it. But holding her head high and wishing to succeed at her new school, Nora survives. Asher Frederick is a vicious young man. When he says jump, people ask how high. He notices the new American at school. Of course he did. He is out for vengeance, he wants everyone involved to suffer. He's been programmed for this day. What he wasn't programmed for is to truly fall for Nora. But can his feelings trump the devastation he has set out to perform? Can these two survive the destruction that will happen once the story is revealed? Or will these two young people realize that the ocean that separates them is big enough for them to survive without each other.

4.5 stars! Carrie Aarons teased her readers with the full first chapter of *Privileged* and normally I wait until the entire book is out to read it, but this time I read it, and I was hooked! I started reading this book the same day it appeared on my kindle and could not put it down! I love how *Privileged* finely crosses the line between young adult and new adult. It deals with feelings and adapting to changes, as well as what's important and what's not. It's got that angst I love and have come to expect from Carrie's stories, while also maintaining a freshness. As someone who is not often impressed by the cover, *Privileged's* cover is stunning and perfect for the book. I can easily see Nora and Asher sitting on that wall. Speaking of Nora and Asher, I loved being in their heads. Nora was really easy to like and relate to. Asher, was the more complicated of the two, and even though he wasn't always my favorite, I loved him. There was something about him showing vulnerability that really tugged on my heartstrings. Of course the two had great chemistry. I loved how that was showcased, but the physical didn't overpower the emotional. I've said it before and I'll say it again, Carrie Aarons is one of the most underrated authors out there, but her work is consistent. If you haven't read her, you don't know what you're missing out on.

I really, really wanted to like this book. The idea is right up my alley. But I just couldn't get past all the mistakes. It seemed that more care could have been taken with the research of the British culture. For example, they do not call their final year of high school Senior year. Also, they don't call it high school. In Paris, it IS an apartment. London has flats. And England is not the only country that call the US "The States". Also, if Bennett were the third in line for the throne he would never inherit, because each time the heir or second in line had a child, they would supersede Bennett.

Plus the fact that an American would never be queen! Argh! If this book was set in a NY private school, it would have been much more believable.

Excess, scandal, deceit and possibly love? Aarons' has written a fun story about a sweet American girl thrust into the public eye and a boy determined to bringing her down. This is a pretty straightforward enemies to friends to lovers story. Nora and her mother move to England after her mother becomes engaged to a member of the royal family. The transition is less than smooth because of paparazzi coverage and the uptight English monarchy. With all of the newly acquired fame and social status Nora is enrolled into the country's best prep school. Already a fish out of water, Nora's new classmate make her the centerpiece for their entertainment. None more so than Asher, a local from a powerful family. Like I said above this is a pretty straightforward story. Asher had a chip on his shoulder and makes Nora the target of his anger. Her character is sweet if not a bit naive, but she always held her head high and didn't let herself be a doormat. Asher went from angry saboteur to doting pseudo boyfriend pretty quickly and Nora fell under his spell a little too fast for my liking. The plot was slightly predictable but I still enjoyed this story. It was very fast paced and I finished it in an afternoon, so it's a great weekend read. If you love stories about wealthy teens and revenge then you'll like this one. 3.5 stars.

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