

Title: Book Scavenger Series

Hi friends! Anna here. How are you all doing today?

So, today's book club selection is the Book Scavenger Series by Jennifer Chambliss Bertman. She is an American author who is originally from San Francisco Bay Area.

I read her books when I was in third grade, and I thought they were very detailed and kind of heavy on codes and puzzles, which seemed complicated at first.

To give you an idea about the series, the main character's name is Emily, and she is 12 years old. She moves to San Francisco with her parents and her older brother. Her family moves a lot, because her parents have a goal to live in all 50 States. The constant movement causes Emily to never have the chance to make real friends. So, when they moved to San Francisco, Emily gets very excited because it is the hometown of Mr. Garrison Griswold, the creator of Book Scavenger Game. The Book Scavenger game is a type of scavenger hunt, where you can earn points by solving puzzles to find books hidden by other game players.

In San Francisco, Emily becomes good friends with her neighbor, James. Emily introduces him to the Book Scavenger game. They heard that there is a new game coming but also, they learn that Mr. Griswold was attacked at a BART station and may not survive. Emily and James visit the station and they find a special book behind a garbage can. That book sends them on a quest to find out if it is part of the new game. With the help of new and old friends, Emily and James begin to sort out the clues. Together, they unlock the secrets of Mr. Griswold's new game.

I liked that while the book doesn't contain many images when needed to explain a complex cipher, there are visual aids and keys to show you what you need to know. There are three books in the series. Every book offers different plots and adventures and interesting clues and sleuthing.

Also, there are websites that were featured on the book jacket, and I learned that there are places where people can hide their copy of Book Scavenger and post a clue to where it's hidden so others can find it. People are already hiding and finding books all around the world. And I think that's very cool!

So, to sum it up, I really like the book series and I think they're interesting books to read, and they're well-written and engaging, overall, a good read. I think the author, Jennifer Chambliss Bertman has done a nice job of developing characters while inserting and weaving in the true history of Edgar Allan Poe, Mark Twain, and other authors in the books.

That's all for today. Thank you for reading my book review. Let's keep reading!