



The Wizard Heir
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About the book:

Sixteen-year-old Seph McCauley has spent the past three years getting kicked out of one exclusive private school after another. And it's not his attitude that's the problem. It's the trail of magical accidents that follow in his wake. Seph is a wizard, orphaned and untrained--and his powers are escalating out of control.

After causing a tragic fire at an after-hours party, Seph is sent to the Havens, a secluded boys' school on the coast of Maine. At first, it seems like the answer to his prayers. Gregory Leicester, the headmaster, promises to train Seph in magic and initiate him into his mysterious order of wizards. But Seph's enthusiasm dampens when he learns that training comes at a steep cost, and that Leicester plans to use his students' powers to serve his own dangerous agenda.

In this companion novel to the exciting fantasy *The Warrior Heir*, everyone's got a secret to keep: Jason Haley, a fellow student who's been warned to keep away from Seph; the enchanter Linda Downey, who knew his parents; the rogue wizard Leander Hastings, and the warriors Jack Swift and Ellen Stephenson. This wizard war is one that Seph may not have the strength to survive.

Pre-reading:

Brainstorm everything you remember from *The Warrior Heir*. Predict what characters, settings and details may be important in book two of the trilogy.

Discussion guide:

1. What makes Seph McCauley stand out from the rest of his friends in Toronto? Why do you think Alicia would intentionally drug him at the warehouse party? How does Seph react to the wizard flame?
2. Describe the physical setting of the Havens. What would you enjoy about attending a boarding school like Havens? What would you dislike?
3. Compare Trevor and his dining hall friends with Warren Barber and the other Havens alumni. Despite their differences, all of them appear to be hiding secrets. How are those secrets related?
4. How does Leicester punish Seph and the other students who refuse to obey him? How does Seph fight back? Who comes to Seph's aid?
5. What distinguishes Jason Haley from the other students at Havens? How does he escape the tortures of the Havens? What inspires him to stay?
6. Evaluate the power struggle between Leicester and Linda Downey. How is Linda able to prevail? How much of her success depends on magic?
7. Assess the reasons why Seph is attracted to Madison Moss. How is Madison different from other girls Seph has known? Why isn't Seph able to use his powers of persuasion on her?
8. Do you agree with Linda's choice to keep Seph's existence a secret from everyone? Do you think she regrets this decision? What would you have done in her place?
9. Discuss Leander Hastings' assertion that "relationships are a series of small, daily sacrifices." What does he mean by this? Do you agree with him?
10. Leicester and D'Orsay propose a new constitution that would establish them as guildmasters for life, reinstate the subservient status of the "lesser guilds," and implement a warrior-breeding program. How would you classify this type of government? How does it compare to the political regimes you've learned about in world history?