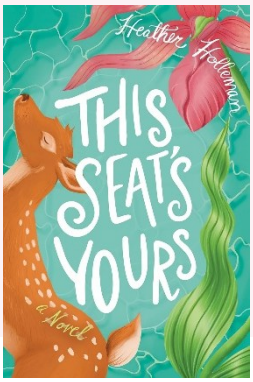
TEEN'S BOOK CLUB GUIDE



THIS SEAT'S YOURS

By Heather Holleman

"How was I to know summer would be full of broken things? Laws, expectations, and my heart" – Elita Brown

GENRE

Juvenile Fiction

THEMES

Faith | Repentance | Brokenness + Disapointment | Shame + Saddness

CHARACTERS

Elita Brown

Elita loves mysteries, unexplainable, and supernatural things. She feels most like her true self in the forest, where she imagines magical moments and intently observes nature. She writes more than she talks and loves journaling. Elita is learning important lessons about healing, repentance, shame and faithfulness.

Allie

Allie is one of Elita's closest friends. She is a natural leader, as well as smart and caring.

Stephen Rackley

Stephen is a funny, curious and athletic boy; he is also Elita's crush.

Mrs Burgley

Mrs Burgley is Elita's Christian mentor. She is kind and compassionate, and always has the right advice to offer.

Margo and Kee

Margo and Kee are Elita's childhood best friends. Margo is popular, energetic and famous on social media. Kee is talented, fierce and focused.

Joy

Joy is a sweet and joyful character who loves nature and joins Elita in the nature club.

STORYLINE

Summer is finally here. And while Elita should be enjoying newfound freedom, she finds herself wilting under the summer sun and the accusations of friends who feel she's too focused on herself and her own problems. When she tries to find joy and solace in an abandoned fox kit, she lands herself in even more heat—this time with the law. And just when she thinks things can't possibly get worse, she receives a text message that breaks her heart.

Crestfallen, and feeling like a criminal, Elita takes a trip to visit her wise friend Mrs. Burgley, where she learns about sea glass and how God uses tumbling and turbulence to make things beautiful.

Elita experiences the Lord's kindness in opening a place for her as a junior counselor with her friend at Camp Cherry Hollow. But when a camper goes missing, and night begins to fall, Elita must trust God as she races through the deep, dark forest in search of the lost girl.

In the final book of the Elita Brown series, Elita learns to forgive herself and love others. She discovers that the scars of life, both inside and out, are meant to make you into someone beautiful, someone who depends on and reflects God. Readers grasp, with Elita, the mark of true friendship and the precious reality that they are seated with Jesus, meant and sent to be blessings and to tell others This Seat's Yours.

1 QUESTION ONE

Elita experiences feelings such as disappointment, shame and sadness. How does her faith in Jesus help her to deal with these emotions?

2 QUESTION TWO

Elita lives through the scariest day of her life. Have you ever experienced a day that left you shaken and feeling terrified? If you're comfortable, share about it with your book club.

3 QUESTION THREE

Elita prays to be sent, saying: "God, send me to help someone else. Send me to invite someone to Your table (p. 152)." Who could you invite to church?

4 QUESTION FOUR

Discuss Elita and Stephen's relationship throughout the series. Were you happy with the outcome? Or would you have written a different ending for them?

5 QUESTION FIVE

Bullying is a theme in this story. What did Elita learn through this experience? Have you ever experienced bullying?

6 QUESTION SIX

Fairytales are mentioned in this book. Do you have a favourite fairytale?

7 QUESTION SEVEN

What might the summer setting represent in this story?

8 QUESTION EIGHT

How has Elita grown and changed throughout this four-book series?

9 QUESTION NINE

Do you keep a journal or savour life differently since reading this series?

10 QUESTION TEN

What's one lesson you'd like to always remember from this story?

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