

BIANCA TORRE IS AFRAID OF EVERYTHING

by Justine Pucella Winans

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Rating (0 stars is the absolute worst, 10 stars is the BEST BOOK EVER)



Genre(s):

Contemporary

Action/adventure

Science Fiction

Fantasy

Romance

Horror

Mystery

Nonfiction

Historical fiction

Other:

Bianca Torre Is Afraid of Everything follows Bianca Torre, an anxious, 16 year old lesbian with an ever-growing list of fears. Their hobbies include birding and stalking their neighbors through their telescope, and through doing the latter of which they witness a murder. Over the course of the novel, Bianca and their friends work together to uncover a secret murder cult, Bianca all the while figuring out their gender identity and learning to be who they are.

Without a doubt, this is one of my favorite novels I have ever read. Even though it was a mystery involving a literal murder and a creepy cult, there were plenty of heartwarming moments that brought me to tears. Through Bianca's narration, I found that I have never related more to a character in a book. I feel incredibly represented, as I too am a non binary lesbian with anxiety who thinks too much about things and hopes desperately they don't come off as awkward while talking to people they rarely talk to. And it's amazing to see non-binary representation like that in media (so much so that it brings me to tears), especially through reading Bianca's first-person thoughts as they figure out they're not a girl and not a guy either, and especially with them being a lesbian as well- and finding a community and friends they can just be themselves around. If you're any letter of the LGBTQ+ community- and especially if you're one that loves a good mystery- I recommend this book highly.

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