

CODEBREAKER

by Jay Martel

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



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Codebreaker by Jay Martel showcases a brilliant teenager Mia Hayes, whose world is shattered after an government raid causes the death of her mother, and her CIA father to flee. Weeks after the violent event Mia receives a cryptic message from her father, she teams up with her hacker friend Logan in order to decrypt the message. Together, both rush into a high stakes chase in Washington and D.C.'s historic landmarks, both work desperately in order to expose a massive political conspiracy before they are caught up and silenced.

I think this book is an absolute blast for people who want a book without hiccups and is flowing at all time, never ever at one place at one time. What makes this genuinely special is that the author integrates cyphers and codes within each chapters making this book interactive. The bond between Mia and Logan keeps the emotional stakes grounded, even when the plot become tight and wild.

You all that is reading this review and want an extremely fast and engaging read that made you feel included into the book then absolutely pick this up. This is a perfect depiction of fast paced action, and true crime who loves to decode puzzles. However, if you wanted a slow, deep, more emotional book then don't consider picking up this book. Overall, this book was an absolute blast for me to read, and if you read it you'd learn why it was so good.

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