January Selection

*Let It Snow* by John Green, Maureen Johnson & Lauren Myracle

Sparkling white snowdrifts, beautiful presents wrapped in ribbons, and multicolored lights glittering in the night through the falling snow. A Christmas Eve snowstorm transforms one small town into a romantic haven, the kind you see only in movies. Well, kinda. After all, a cold and wet hike from a stranded train through the middle of nowhere would not normally end with a delicious kiss from a charming stranger. And no one would think that a trip to the Waffle House through four feet of snow would lead to love with an old friend. Or that the way back to true love begins with a painfully early morning shift at Starbucks. Thanks to three of today's bestselling teen authors—John Green, Maureen Johnson, and Lauren Myracle—the magic of the holidays shines on these hilarious and charming interconnected tales of love, romance, and breathtaking kisses.

Discussion Questions:

1. Almost the sole way that Jubilee describes Noah is that he is “always really busy” (5). What is it about him that she finds so incredibly attractive? What draws her to him?

2. What happens to Jeb? After introducing him on the train and then placing him at a phone booth outside the Waffle House, Maureen Johnson never mentions him again. Does he resolve the situation with his kind of girlfriend?

3. What do you make of Stuart’s mom’s reaction to the “Christmas miracle” of Jubilee’s appearance? Is her behavior kind of strange, or is it just that of a typical mom who wants her son to be happy?

4. Were you surprised by the fact that Stuart and Jubilee end up together? In what ways might he be better for her than Noah? Do you think that their relationship will work?

5. Why is Tobin so nonchalant about not spending Christmas with his parents? What might be advantageous about spending the Christmas holiday with friends instead of family?

6. What is the allure of the cheerleaders? What is about cheerleaders that Tobin and JP find so attractive? Conversely, what is it about cheerleaders that the Duke finds so unattractive?

7. How will Tobin’s parents react after they find out that he crashed Carla into a snow bank? Will they be upset with him, or will they be understanding given the circumstances?

8. After the Duke essentially confesses to liking him, Tobin says, “I always had this idea that you should never give up a happy middle in the hopes of a happy ending, because there is no such thing as a happy ending” (207). What does this mean? Do you agree or disagree?

9. What led Addie to cheat on Jeb? Why did she do it, if she was (and is) still in love with him?

10. What problems does Addie’s self-absorption cause for her? Why is she unable to see outside herself to the needs of others?