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Perfect Scoundrels by Ally Carter

Perfect Scoundrels is the third and final book of the Heist Society series by one of my favourite authors, Ally Carter. This series features the life of Katarina Bishop, a teenage girl originating from a family of thieves and con-men. Throughout the series, Kat tries to find her own path, at first trying to escape the fast-paced lifestyle, then to accepting it and going onto robbing the Henley, a high-security art gallery, and conning one of the greatest con-women of all time, one of her great-uncle Eddie's old flames. Perhaps you're wondering why I'm suggesting the final book in the series rather than the first. I suppose that that's because the final book, Perfect Scoundrels, is by far my favourite. This is because in this book, you can really get to know all the characters and it almost feels like you are a character in the book yourself. This is why I recommend Perfect Scoundrels... however, if you did want to read the entire series, I would highly recommend doing so before reading this book because it will help to understand some of the background on the characters.

As in every other book in the series, Kat shares the spotlight with the people in her team. The first in her team is W.W.Hale V (personally my favourite character). Hale comes from a wealthy family and is especially important in this book because it is his grandmother's will which is accused of being a fake. Next is Kat's glamorous cousin, Gabriella. Both beautiful and intelligent, she's deadly. Then we have Simon, the computer genius. He can hack into any security system... but he's definitely better behind a screen rather than in the field. And finally we have the Bagshaw Brothers, Angus and Hamish. They are the bomb-experts, but they are rather childish and prefer to play with explosives than think logically. However, this being said, the team, when together, can think around any loop-holes, proving that everything has a rather simple solution.

In this book, Kat and her team of teenagers aren't only battling a shady lawyer, Garret, who is after the Hale Family's business and profits, but they must also battle their fears of losing Kat's closest friend, Hale. When Kat receives a tip off that Hale's late-grandmother's will is a fake, Kat must attempt to find the real will and stop Garret before it is too late and Hale, who has been made head of the company, loses everything. However, in doing this, Kat feels repeatedly obliged to go behind Hale's back to try and save his feelings, and overall to keep him safe from the darkness which Kat discovers in his family. But, when Kat sees Garret burn the real will, all hope of saving the company seems to be disintegrated along with it... or was it? Throughout the entire book, the reader is on edge, questioning whether Kat will or won't and if she is willing to save Hale's company if it means losing Hale. Would you be willing to risk a friendship if it meant saving your friend?

Overall, I think that this book would best be suited for ages 12-15. If you like action, mystery and romance this book is definitely for you. Also, the layout in the series, unlike some books which will be suggested, is nicely spaced so, although it seems like a lot to read, it's quite easy and less daunting than some older and more classic novels. Call me biased because this is my favourite book, but I would give it 10/10. I must've read it three times by now and I'd still read it again and again and again. If you chose to read it, which I hope you do, I really hope that you like it!

