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Zed Whisper says

Once I finished reading book 3 of Georgetown Academy, I headed straight to Amazon for Book 4, which again did not disappoint. In this instalment, we see that the Vice President is about to resign and the two nominees for the upcoming vacancy are none other than Taryn's father and Ellie's mother! This of course puts immense pressure on both daughters to ensure that there are no disruptions to their parent's run for vice presidency.

That would be easy in an ideal world, just try not to stir up the media, but if the media is like Big Brother, constantly watching and analysing every single move, then the girls are bound to trip up at some point.

Ellie finds it difficult not to spur the media's attention because she cannot help her feelings for Gabe, despite being just on 'friendly' terms. The last time the media caught whiff of their romance everything went spiralling out of control since the parents of both parties are enemies. It doesn't help that Gabe's father is constantly attacking Marilyn at every event possible, and Ellie's mother retaliates by bringing Gabe's mother into it; much to Gabe's fury.. Ellie and Gabe have an understanding that they won't let their parents' political agendas affect their relationship, but it's easier said than done.

To add fuel to the fire, Ellie's BFF, Brinley Madison, has taken Taryn under her wing to improve her public image and make Taryn the better 'second daughter,' should her father win. Don't be fooled into thinking this is out of the kindness of Brinley's heart because it most certainly is not. Brinley's father has been employed by Taryn's father to help with the campaign and so the entire family are putting in their efforts to help the father's client win.

Taryn, bless her soul, keeps tripping up, whether it is voicing her honest opinion to the media, or accidentally supplying Evan with marijuana! She just can't help herself from causing a problem in her father's campaign. To add to the stress, Brooks who was so charming on the ski trip in book three, has now become increasingly distant since the campaign has begun and Taryn has no clue what their relationship, if it can be called that, is.

I suspected dear (not!) Weston might return, and ruin things for Ellie's mother but he actually didn't. I wonder where he is and what drama he's causing because I don't think the GT girls have seen the last of him.

Most annoying character

This time it was Brinley. She's unhealthily competitive, the most hypocritical out of the lot, and way too self-centred for my liking. All she thinks about the entire way through is that her father's client can't lose otherwise she will lose her popularity and power so she won't be able to go for an emergency facial with Kim Woo or whatever her name was.

I do feel for Shane, the poor soul, because I doubt Brinley could ever make their relationship public in fear of her own status being degraded. I would like to think she will choose Shane and maybe change for him, but I highly doubt that. Although, now that he has come for the surprise visit, I wonder how long their secret meetings will be a secret.

Favourite couple

Probably Hunter and Evan, because despite what is going on and their social differences, Hunter sticks by Evan and supports her, never doubting that she's not worthy of dating him. That's definitely worthy of the 'favourite couple' award.

Favourite Quotes:

It was horrible enough to cost her mother a Senate chairman's seat. But costing her the chance to be vice president was too unforgiveable. Her mother couldn't afford any negative press right now. Nothing that made her appear weak or out of control. Yet again, Ellie would have to put her own life on hold for her mother's.

Brooks shook his head, smiling from the left corner of his mouth. "Do birds sing to you when you walk down the street?"

She laughed. "I think I need to teach you how to not take everything so seriously all the time."

"You're pretty cute when you get embarrassed," he said, giving her shoulder a squeeze. "I might have to try to do that a little more often."

"Please don't," she said. She already felt like she was living in a permanent state of mortification.

Books says

Book four picks up exactly where the third book left off. Scandals abound and tempers flare, leading to friendships under strain and new alliances forming, and as I've come to expect from Etting and Schwartz, they keep the rollercoaster ride of emotions going until the very end. The story continues with Ellie's mom giving her the news about an opportunity she was offered to skyrocket her career in politics, but it's a move which forces Ellie to put her own life on hold to help advance her mom's career. Taryn is preparing to make a few adjustments in her life, which might or might not include to-die-for Brooks, Brinley can't get her mind off Shane and is forced to form a new friendship with someone she despises, while Evan struggles to get accustomed to life in the spotlight.

"That's what was hard about having friends across political lines. Your personal agendas never lined up and you had to decide how much of a friendship deal-breaker that was."

Not only is the story incredibly engaging, the authors ingeniously present the reader with the same impossible choices the characters have to make. Who would you root for to become the Second Daughter? Especially if the choice is between two characters you adore equally. I often asked myself what I would've done in the same situations these characters had to face where you have to push your needs to the side and make an unselfish choice to benefit the career of one or both your parents. Amidst the glitz and glamour of Ellie, Brinley and Taryn's lives, the decisions they are obligated to make are oftentimes the price they pay for the perks and prestige that goes along with having a parent with a high-flying political career, and where social status is of utmost importance. The one character to be the exception here is Evan, who is very aware of her "outsider" status, as one of the few scholarship students at Georgetown Academy. As an unpaid intern after school at the nightly news show "Today in Politics", Evan keeps her head down as much as possible, but trying to navigate the social minefield in her quiet way whilst dating the son of one of the U.S. President's closest advisors, seems like a near-impossible task.

What I absolutely love about this series is that every book can be read as a stand-alone, but of course I'll recommend that anyone who is interested in reading this exceptional series start with the first book to get to know the histories of these carefully sculpted characters and to see how their different personalities evolve from the first book to the fourth. Where the previous three books were just cruising along, detailing the dramas of the main characters' daily ups and downs in the Washington DC political whirlpool, the authors really packed the heat to take it up a notch in the fourth addition to this unparalleled series. Outrageously clever with a phenomenal storyline for each protagonist, Georgetown Academy is chick lit wit pizzazz for YA readers, and a series I highly recommend!

Andrea Ika says

Georgetown Academy Book four

Jessica Koosed Etting

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Rating

Blurb

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My thought

Georgetown Academy: Book Four is like the icing on the cake. now I'm hooked on Georgetown Academy! These kids have extraordinary lives that lead to high drama and a great story. It's been a crazy first month for the kids of Georgetown Academy and I've loved living every minute of it

Ellie, Brinley, Evan and Taryn, polar opposites in almost every way, have successfully traversed the dangerous waters of high school, political intrigue. Each has grown and become their own person, and are learning to navigate their lives with more control. sure, there were more scandals, more romantic tensions, but there was a light at the end of the tunnel for these girls

If you've read the rest of the series than read book four and if you haven't started yet, what are you guys waiting for!

Gen says

For anyone who has not already caught on to Georgetown Academy series this is the perfect way to get all four books in one. As I already had read & LOVED the three previous books, I was excited yet worried about the fourth installment... how could Book Four live up to the previous three installments? But the GTA authors did not disappoint me! In fact I would have to say that Book Four was my favorite! More scandalous drama, more twists & turns, more intrigue and more fun--- this excitingly addictive series just gets better and better. Here is my review of Book Four:

The story is so well written and so descriptive that you feel like you are watching a movie in your head. The four main characters are Ellie, Brinley, Evan and Taryn and each have their own strong yet distinctly different personalities. If I had to pick one I would say my favorite part was the party where the reader gets to make the choice of which character to follow or you can follow each of them and see the party from each point of view. This section is brilliantly written as you get to see how each person's thoughts and actions affect each of the other characters from the 4 separate points of view.

I love the fact that the series takes place in DC and that their lives and issues revolve around the political world without being boring - a world I must admit I was previously never that interested in. But after reading the GTA series, I have noticed I am now more aware and more interested in what is happening in the real life political world.

I can honestly say that this is one of the best (and most addictive) YA series I have ever read. Once you start you will not want to put it down. I have recommended the 3 previous books to all my friends and they also have come away huge fans. Now Book Four gets my same FIVE STAR recommendation. Can't wait to see what comes next...Book Five please, NOW!

Praniti says

Book 4 of the series picks up right where Book 3 had left off with its cliffhanger. I quite liked this book as the author shifts the book to many more issues such as friendships, trust, family then only romance and power in many cases. This book was much better than the previous three and I even liked the ending for it. For the first time the new girl does not win??

Heidi says

What can I say? I love these girls!! I couldn't wait for the release of Book 4 as I was so interested in finding out what would happen next. Book 4 is all about the position of vice president which is up for grabs for either Ellie's mum or Taryn's dad.

What I love about these books is that you can either read it as it stand alone (the authors have a real talent for highlighting all the important facts in the beginning of each book again) or as part of the series. Although reading it as part of the series is a lot more fun!!

As with all the other three books there is an interactive content which allows the reader to chose one of the girl's paths. I always enjoy reading all the perspectives. At first, I was afraid that there would be a lot of repetition this way but there isn't any at all. On the contrary, I feel by reading all the choices, I get an even bigger insight into the storyline.

This books dips into Evan's life a bit more. Because Evan visits Georgetown Academy on a scholarship, her parent's do not work for the congress but are from a middle class standard. Her relationship with Hunter all of a sudden catapults her to a "higher circle". I thought the authors brilliantly highlighted the pressures she suddenly is under.

I wish there would have been a lot more about Luke in the book. I really warmed to him during the other books but I am sure he will play a bigger role in the books to come.

Pretty in Fiction says

The girls of Georgetown Academy are back and the stakes are higher than ever in Book 4 of the Georgetown Academy series by Jessica Koosed Etting and Alyssa Embree Schwartz. Stress levels are high for Taryn and Ellie as they not only try to survive high school romances, but also survive being pitted against each other while their parents run for Vice President of the United States of America. But they aren't the only characters being put through the ringer in this one!

Brinley really won me over in Book 3, going from a character I felt sorry for to one I really liked. And I liked her even more in Book 4! I liked seeing the hardworking PR side to her as she helped her dad groom the Reyes family to be in the political spotlight. She took her role seriously, even though she was never the biggest fan of Taryn Reyes. I also like the way Brinley always handles the men in her life. She doesn't get so worked up over boys the way the other girls do. She knows boys come and go and while she has a couple of crushes in this book, she knows that boys aren't the be all end all of life. Brinley has always held my respect and I hope she gets a guy who respects her too! *cough* Shane the Bellhop! *cough*

Evan has always been one of my favorite characters in this series. She's dedicated and hardworking and her relationship with Hunter has always been so cute. And the way she deals with her problems in Book 4 has just reaffirmed what I've always thought about her. She's an incredibly good person at heart and deserves much more than she gets. At least she has the adorable Hunter to comfort her while everything else seems to be going wrong in her life.

I would love to see Ellie and Taryn get together and talk about all of their fears and worries. I think those two would see the world, and themselves, a lot differently afterward. It's so funny to see them both dealing with the pressure of possibly becoming the Second Daughter and constantly questioning their choices, from what they say to the press to which dress they wear to the Dedication party. They are so much alike, yet they both wish over and over to be as cool and collected as the other one. It was interesting to see two totally different people having the same worries and how they both handled the stress. I'd really love to see them become friends now that they aren't being labeled as enemies in the press!

Okay, now, if you've read my reviews for Books 1, 2, and 3 already then you know I have a slight crush on Brooks Madison. Alright, maybe it's more than just slight... But, boy, does Brooks earn every bit of that crush in this book! I don't want to give away any details, but the advice and comfort he gives to Taryn is just... I can't even! He's just too incredible, and getting better and better in each book!

If you've read these books you know just how fun all the politics and drama can be, so you'll definitely want to get a copy of Book 4 as soon as possible. If you haven't read this series yet then now's the perfect time to start. You can find all four books in one amazing bundle, Georgetown Academy: Season One! Trust me, after finishing book one you'll be glad you have the other three handy!

Tasha Turner says

Stakes are higher in this book. What the kids do could make or break their parents careers... Or at least that is what they are led to believe by their parents. Teenage angst is at an all time high. The kids play as down and dirty as their parents or do they? Can you be with your true love if your parents are political enemies? Can you remain friends if your parents are suddenly rivals for the 2nd most important position in the country? Can the parents do the right things for their children? This was a real page turner full of surprises, pain, anger, forgiveness, friendship, love, and family.

As always I loved the option to choose one of the main girls to follow. I always go back and read all four. It's a great way to learn about each one without interrupting the flow.

I really hope we don't have long to wait for the next book. I'm glad I took a chance and read something outside of my normal genres of the moment (SFF).

I received this book from the publisher through netgalley in exchange for an honest review.

Jennifer Jensen (Literally Jen) says

On June 11th, the fourth installment in the addicting Georgetown Academy series by Jessica Koosed Etting and Alyssa Embree Schwartz became available for kindle, nook, and other android platforms. I've been reading this series for almost a year now, eagerly awaiting each new book. In Georgetown Academy Book Four, the future of one of the main characters is about to change forever. When the President of the United States must choose a new vice president, the race is on between Taryn's father and Ellie's mother. The United States will either have its first Hispanic vice president or its first female vice president.

As the media watches both families closely for any sort of gossip, both Taryn and Ellie must do what they can to remain perfect in the light of the flashing bulbs. When Taryn's words are twisted by news reporters, she fears she has ruined everything her father has ever worked for. The final nail in the coffin of her father's political career happens when Taryn indirectly is the cause of a car accident involving Hunter McKnight and Evan Harnett. Meanwhile, Ellie is having a secret relationship with Gabe, the son of her mother's adversary. If Ellie goes public with her relationship, her mother will be under intense scrutiny.

Georgetown Academy Book Four was the perfect book to read in between books with heavier subject matters. Although the book is centered around the world of politics, the focus is on teenagers who are just

trying to be kids while being groomed for careers in politics when they are older. Like the previous books in the series, this one contained plenty of drama and excitement and kept me happily distracted for an entire afternoon. Once you start reading these books, you will not want to stop!

I received a copy from the publisher for review. All thoughts and opinions are 100% my own.

Sue (Hollywood News Source) says

Are you looking for your next Young Adult Contemporary read? Why don't you grab your Kindle and read Georgetown Academy by Alyssa Embree Schwartz & Jessica Koosed Etting. Georgetown Academy has been hailed by Gossip Girl producer, Josh Schwartz, as "Smart, sexy and insanely addictive."

Georgetown Academy, Season One follows the story of Ellie Walker, the DC Sweetheart, Brinley Madison, the DC Princess, Evan Hartnett, the goody two shoes & Taryn Reyes, the new girl in town. They all attend the most exclusive private school, where all fancy parties are being held, where life isn't actually drama-free and the place where all the spectacle unfolds. Georgetown Academy has a very engaging plot. I finished it in one sitting down. I don't have any qualms getting into the story. That's how gripping and fun it is to read. The characters are vivid, real and relatable. Their stories offer a valuable lesson we can always learn. One of the greatest things about reading Georgetown Academy is that politics play a significant part of the plot and even If I have zero interest in politics it certainly piqued my buds. It was perfectly executed. It's like reading a Scandal slash Gossip Girl episode. Georgetown Academy has been easily one of my favorite reads this year. A highly recommendable series to everyone.

Jessica Etting says

Hi guys!

We are super excited about the launch of books 1-4 of Georgetown Academy as a Season One bundle!

If 1000 people add Georgetown Academy Season One to their "To-Read" shelves by June 30, 2013, we'll release a never-seen-before, deleted scene from the series on the Season One Goodreads page!

If 2000 people add it, we'll release a never-seen-before Book One scene from one of the GA guys' perspectives -- finally a chance to get inside their heads!

Add Season One to your shelf now! <http://www.goodreads.com/book/show/18...>

And join the Ask Alyssa and Jessica Goodreads group! <http://www.goodreads.com/group/show/1...>

xx Jessica and Alyssa

ktheland says

Since the authors are seemingly not going to be returning to this series, I am done too.

I gave it the 4 stars because it is the last book and some characters have wormed their way into my heart (not Evan). Plus I'm really trying to finish this reading challenge and currently I have 14 more books. Fingers crossed.

Stephanie says

Review originally posted at Love.Life.Read

The Georgetown Academy books just keep getting better and better. At the end of Book Three, we are left with a cliffhanger for Taryn and Ellie. We learn in Book Four that their lives are going to forever change—Taryn's father and Ellie's mother have made the short list to take over as Vice President. Once again they are pitted against each as their parents do battle to win the approval of their peers and the President in order to take over the second highest office in the country.

All the girls are dealing with some sort of drama—how could it be high school at Georgetown Academy otherwise? Ellie is dealing with her mother's candidacy for Vice President and her desire to go public with her relationship with Gabe. While she wants it desperately, how could she go public with her mother's nemesis' son? Will she listen to her heart or sacrifice for herself for her mother's campaign again?

Taryn knows her relationship with Gabe is over and on top of it, she cannot get over her feelings for Brooks. When her father hires Brook's father to help him get the candidacy for Vice President, they are drawn together even more. When Taryn begins to lose herself to be the press-perfect daughter, will Brooks be able to pull her back? And what will happen if they finally admit that they have feelings for each other?

Brinley seems to have her head on straight. She had the hook up with the townie during the ski trip but that's over—right? Patrick is flirting (and a side benefit is it makes Brooks mad), and she should be interested but she cannot get Shane out of her head. Will she continue on the Madison pathway or veer off to follow her own path?

Lastly, is the good girl Evan. She has the popular boyfriend and suddenly she is dealing with being the it-girl she never thought she would be at Georgetown Academy. When she accidentally takes some drug-laced candies, will she be able to earn back the trust of her parents? Will Hunter and her stay together after this horrible headline making incident?

How can you not like girls and guys of Georgetown Academy? These books are pure fun mixed with real life in a perfect setting for all the drama. They are normal young adults dealing with high and lows of life including boys, pressures of being popular/fitting in/being perfect and finding themselves in the chaotic world of Washington D.C. Whether you want to be right there with them or far, far away from it, you will want to jump into these books and fall in love with Ellie, Brinley, Evan and Hunter.

Keely says

Originally posted at [http://myspinonbooks.blogspot.com.au/...](http://myspinonbooks.blogspot.com.au/)

Ellie and Taryn are back in the spotlight when their parents are named frontrunners in the race for vice president, Brinley is still hung up on her Stowe hook up and with the interest shown from Patrick who is a better fit for her world and Evan is finally with Hunter but will picking up the wrong coat change her life forever?

Ellie has to put her feelings behind her about Gabe, so that she doesn't ruin her chances at becoming the vice president. But when they said that they wouldn't get involved in their parents political drama, that didn't include with what Ellie's mum says about Gabe's when she is taking a stab his father. However, sometimes it might just be better if she just tells her mother the truth about Gabe and everything that has happened between them.

Taryn and Brooks seem to be getting all well, but when Brinley's dad is in charge of his father's media campaign, Brinley and Brooks are in charge of Taryn making sure that doesn't say anything that she shouldn't in front of the cameras. But when a scandal that ruin her father's chance of becoming vice president she doesn't know whether or not she should fess up or let someone else take the blame.

Evan is finally with Hunter and everything seems perfectly fine, expect that her parents want her to spend more time at home, studying, volunteering, not off with Hunter at some socialite party. When she takes the wrong coat from the party she finds what she thinks is mints, not pot candies. Driving Hunters car home from the party she crashes because of the 'mints', when she confesses to Hunter about the coat, he tries to get the person responsible to fess up about what happened.

Brinley doesn't know what to do about the boy drama that she has going on right now, especially when Shane is still texting and Skyping her, then there is Patrick someone for suited for her lifestyle. With her father siding with Taryn's family she has to look like that her and Taryn are friends in public and showing her the ropes of the media. For once Brinley isn't the one with the scandal following her since she kicked her habit, which allows everyone to see a new side of her.

Georgetown Academy 4 is best one yet, scandals, relationships blooming & failing, a vice presidential race and well some characters get what they want & deserve. Once you start you won't stop until you're done, following each character through their story is the only way that you will be able to put down the ebook!

Rating: 5/5

Keely xx

Julie says

NOTE: This review is for Season One, a collection of the first four titles in the Georgetown Academy series. This review is for all four titles, but does not contain spoilers and each title has been given appropriate star

rating on its own merits.

Digital ARC provided by publisher for honest and thoughtful review.

From the start, I loved the idea of these books and jumped at the chance to review them - with their backdrop of Washington DC politics (I'm a political junkie and I love vacationing in DC), the Gossip-Girl-esque drama (I watched the show for several seasons and reveled in the frivolity of it all), and an updated "Choose Your own Adventure" feature (I absolutely loved those books as a kid!) they were right up my alley. And though I went in eagerly with high hopes, I found that the first four books in the Georgetown Academy series just weren't able to give me the substance I look for in a four or five birdie review. But you all know that "man cannot live on bread alone" and these four titles were a decent break from the heavier stuff I'm reading right now - all four books are light reads, filled with enough romance, backstabbing, and excess to rival any soap opera on daytime TV.

Each of the four main characters (Ellie, Brinley, Evan, and Taryn) can be broken down into typical characters you see in YA books and movies - the beta good girl, the alpha bad girl, the pretty brain, and the new girl/DC outsider, and they don't often deviate from those roles. Each girl has a secret they're hiding and I found certain characters (Taryn) more enjoyable than others, though none of them are among my favorites. I just like more substance in my characters, even for "fluff" reads. There was too much time spent establishing the excess, wealth and power these girls (and their parents) had and not enough on THEM. I also like at least one character to have some redeeming qualities, but each girl has moments (some much more frequently than others) where they rationalize their drug use, cheating, libelous behavior, etc. as necessary. I work with teenagers every day and even the most spoiled and inane ones have moments of humanity that didn't often appear for these girls. In this series, the characters who take action based on their consciences are the love interests and I found myself enjoying those characters more than the girls.

Don't get me wrong, I enjoy the escapism of books like this and am sure girls who live like this do exist, but I just didn't find the scenarios and actions believable as a whole. The authors attempt to insert varying levels of hardship into the girls' lives, but it ultimately isn't successful because the stories focus so much on the luxury and excess, with shopping trips to Paris for school clothes, vacations with the President of the United States, and 24/7 chauffeurs to avoid any DUI's that might befall them. I also found the plot lines too predictable - I predicted every hook-up from Book One on and only one thing in all four books caught me off guard (beginning of Book Four, I won't spoil it for you though :)).

A final point of contention, which has absolutely nothing to do with the writing, is the "Choose Your Own Adventure" (CYOA) feature and technology; it frustrated me and on more than one occasion it made me put my Kindle down and take a break. If you're like me, you still read every path in the CYOA books even though you aren't supposed to (bad reader, not following directions! ;)) and part of the reason the CYOA appeals to you is that you can see how things turn out differently when different decisions are made (à la the movie Sliding Doors). The CYOA feature in the Georgetown Academy series is set up so the reader can view a single evening through the lens of a different girl each time. While this is still pretty cool, it didn't really offer any new perspective on the events or motivations for me (à la Midnight Sun) and the technology is frustrating. Each time I wanted to go back to the decision point to start another path, my Kindle took me elsewhere in the story and (I'm assuming here because I haven't had this trouble with any other e-books) because of the CYOA technology, the Kindle locations were all out of whack and made no sense.

Final Word: A drama-filled read with really good clothes. The Choose Your Own Adventure technology needs some work and there aren't a ton of deep, meaningful themes, but it's a decent light, fluffy read.
