The Margot Affair by Sanaë Lemoine

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The Margot Affair by Sanaë Lemoine is a standalone, coming-of-age novel sure to excite the reader. Its vibrant cover drew me in almost immediately and as soon as I read the blurb I knew it was going to become one of my favorites. This is the story of seventeen-year-old Margot, the daughter of a famous theatrical actress and a politician, who must live a secret life in an apartment in Paris. However, she is conflicted and desperately wants to live a normal life. The reader is taken on Margot’s fascinating journey of self-discovery and decision-making, as well as exploring Paris through the protagonist’s eyes. Margot is a main character that I loved getting to know, especially when some of the choices she made had me reading on the edge of my seat! She is full of life, and relatable to other teenagers even if we are not living the same life. This story does not remind me of others in terms of the plot, however, the setting feels familiar because Paris is a popular setting for many books. However, Lemoine’s description of Parisian life is refreshing and uniquely her own. I would recommend this read to those who enjoy stories set in places far from their own, and those who are excited to follow a main character who exhibits agency over their own story, taking their story into their own hands (this is what made it one of my favorites)! This story lays beneath a mysterious yet vibrant cover, with bright colors and small glimpses of certain characters from the story, leaving the reader to wonder about who they are and what will happen, which in turn will convince them to pick up the book and begin reading.

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