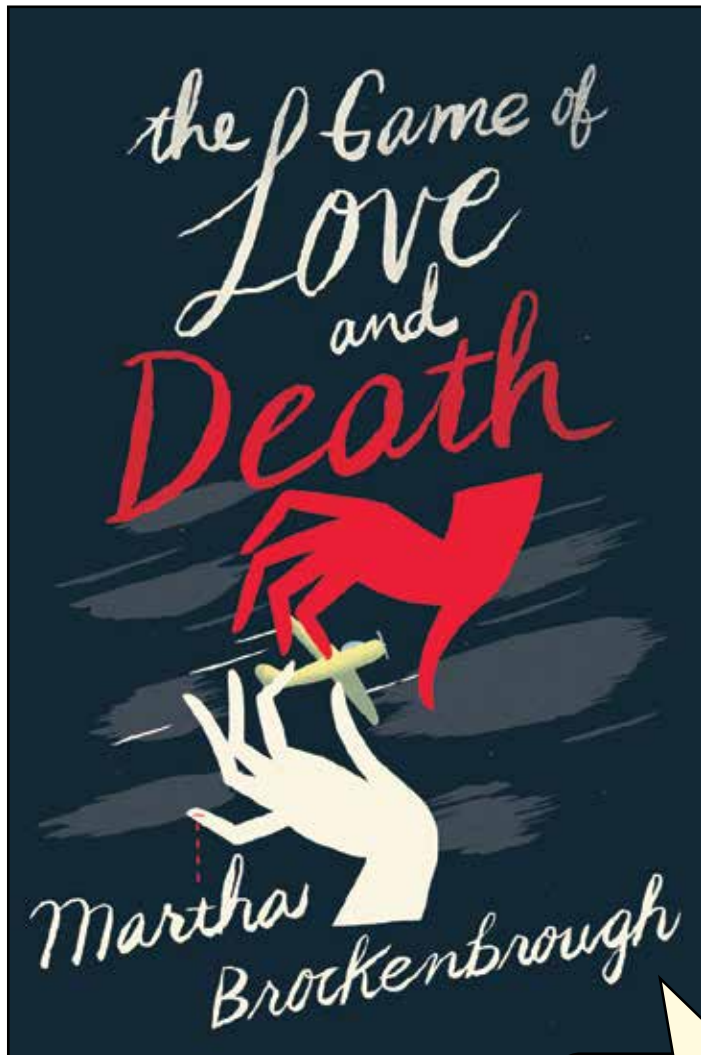


Book Talk

Books We Love This Month



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Fans of *The Book Thief* might especially enjoy this.

The Game of Love and Death

By Martha Brockenbrough

Flora and Henry were born a few blocks from each other, innocent of the forces that might keep a white boy and an African American girl apart; years later they meet again and their mutual love of music sparks an even more powerful connection.

But what Flora and Henry don't know is that they are pawns in a game played by the eternal adversaries Love and Death, here brilliantly reimagined as two extremely sympathetic and fascinating characters. Can their hearts and their wills overcome not only their earthly circumstances, but forces that have battled throughout history?

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Ages 12 & up

"I love this book because of Love and Death, the immortal characters who are the stars of this show. Death was particularly entrancing, charming and seductive, with an unexpected and refined sense of justice. Add an interracial love story and a young man desperately afraid he is gay (all set in the 1920s when these things were not just frowned upon, but illegal and dangerous), and you have a book that is perfect for sophisticated, thoughtful readers." —Janet

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