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This book is told from the perspective of 16-year-old Grace Blakely after she moves to Embassy Row as she attempts to uncover what exactly happened to her mother three years before. Everywhere she goes, she seems to see the man she believes is responsible for her mother's death- and she is determined to figure out his purpose for being on Embassy Row. While there, she is constantly monitored by her brother's best friend, Alexei. Additionally, she meets an enthusiastic boy named Noah who is determined to be her new best friend.

My favorite thing about this book was the methodical way the information is revealed. I thought the writing style was fitting to the story, and I was hooked from page one. One minimal thing I disliked was how Grace pushes her friends away when they could make everything easier, but as the plot goes on, she starts letting them in more. Additionally, my favorite character was Megan, who is one of the most helpful of Grace's friends, as well as Alexei, her brother's genuinely caring friend. The ending was extremely shocking and unexpected, which was a feature I enjoyed greatly. *All Fall Down* kept me in suspense from the get-go.

I would highly recommend this book to anyone who enjoys mysteries with strong ties of friendship at their center, since this novel is the epitome of those qualities. The twists and turns of the book reminded me of the Inheritance Games series by Jennifer Lynn Barnes, which I also recommend to interested parties. All in all, I enjoyed this book a lot, and I hope other teen readers in the future do too!