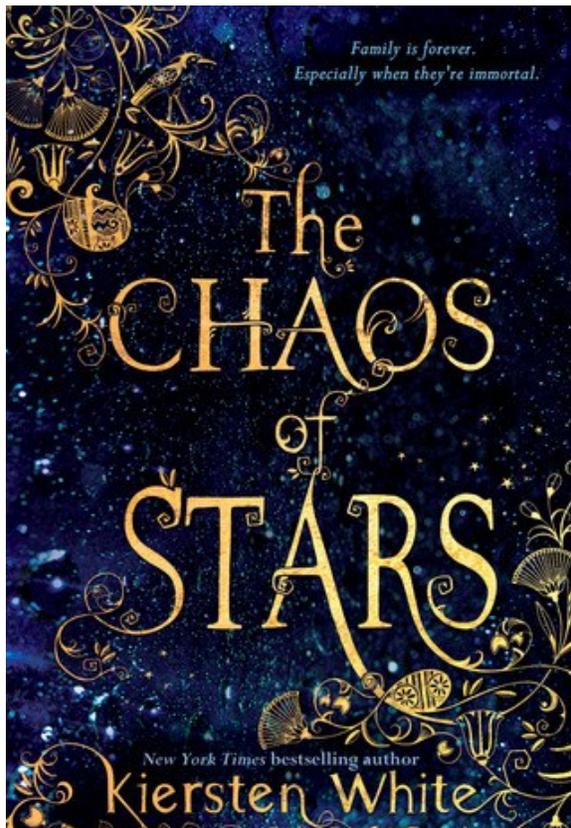


The Chaos of Stars

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Before Reading:

- ★ How much do you know about Egyptian mythology? Look up some basic information about some of the gods and goddesses such as Amon-Re, Isis, Osiris, Anubis, Horus, and Nephtys. You can do this individually or in small groups. This will give you some background information about the characters.
- ★ What do you think it would be like to have Egyptian gods for parents?
- ★ What do you think about when you gaze up into the night sky? Do you have a favorite constellation?

After Reading:

- ★ Isadora wants to get away from her parents and experience the real world. Do you think all teenagers go through this stage? Do you think this feeling would be worse for Isadora because her parents are gods?
- ★ Why do you think Isadora chose an astronomical theme for the museum exhibit?
- ★ Why do you think Isadora likes doing Interior Design? How does her creativity contrast to the control her mother has over her?
- ★ What do you think about Isadora's character? Does she come across as angry, stubborn, and cynical? Why or why not? What could explain her personality?

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After Reading cont...

- ★ Isadora and her mother both have dreams/premonitions? Do you believe this could really happen? Have you ever had a dream that came true?
- ★ Do you think Isadora and Ry make a good couple? Why or why not?
- ★ Do you feel sorry for Isadora because of her difficult family relations or do you think she should have tried harder to understand her family and to communicate better with them?

Activities:

- ★ Design and draw a constellation to represent yourself. Write a short paragraph explaining why you chose this particular design and why you chose it to represent you.
- ★ If you were designing a museum exhibit using your family's artifacts, what theme would you choose to use for decoration? Bring in some examples of photos, images, colors, etc. to illustrate your choice.

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