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The book *Powerless*, by Lauren Roberts, is a fantasy novel that takes place in the kingdom of Ilya. In this kingdom, almost everyone is said to have special powers, the Elites as they're called, except for a small group called the Ordinaries. This story revolves around a girl named Paedyn Gray, who was born as one of the few Ordinaries in the kingdom, but has to hide who she really is in order to survive in the kingdom. One day, after unexpectedly saving one of Ilya's princes, she ends up having to compete in the dangerous Purging Trials while trying to keep her true identity hidden. As the story goes on, there are constant plot twists, tension, and romance that makes the book hard to put down.

While reading this book, I really enjoyed it because I loved how it was exciting the entire time and had a continuous storyline. My favorite character in the book by far was Kai Azer. I loved his humour and his dialogue, and he was definitely not the kind of prince you usually think of when hearing "prince". His character ended up having a lot of depth and importance in the storyline and I especially loved his funny and caring personality, especially when it came to Payden. My favorite part of the book was definitely the banter between Paedyn and Kai because their chemistry was amazing and in my opinion the main part of the book. There were some times in the book I thought I knew what was going to happen, but it ended up being something completely unexpected which kept me on my toes and made me love the book even more.

I would definitely recommend *Powerless* to anyone who likes romance and fantasy novels and books that keep you wanting to read. I would also strongly recommend this book to people who love enemies to lovers but with lots of plot twists. This book strongly reminded me of two other books: *Hunger Games* and *Red Queen*. It was similar to *Hunger Games* because of the dangerous trials and high risk, and *Red Queen* because of the weak vs strong powers. Overall, I thought this book was a really fun read and was hard to put down.