



Fourth Wing

Rebecca Yarros

A high-stakes fantasy about a fragile-bodied scholar thrust into a deadly dragon riders' war college, brimming with fierce friendships, sharp banter, and slow-burn romance. It's the kind of book you want to discuss curled up with someone who gasped at the same pages you did.

Reading level: Easy

Best for: A close-knit club that loves fantasy with heart, swoony tension, and characters worth fussing over

Discussion

WARM-UP

1. Where were you when you read your favorite scene, and did you have a snack or drink that became part of the memory?
2. If a dragon showed up in your living room tonight, what comfort food would you offer it to make a good first impression?

DIGGING IN

1. Violet is told she's too fragile for her world. What's something in your own life you were told you couldn't do, and how did it feel watching her face that same doubt?
2. The friendships at Basgiath feel like little pockets of warmth in a brutal place. Which friendship moment hugged your heart the most, and why?
3. This book leans hard into found family. Who in your real life has been a 'squad mate' for you during a hard season?
4. The romance simmers through sharp words and small gestures. What's a small moment between characters that you keep coming back to in your mind?

GOING DEEP

1. Without giving anything away, was there a turn in the story that genuinely shook you? How did you sit with that feeling after you closed the book?
2. Violet leans on knowledge, preparation, and the people who love her to survive. What do you lean on when life feels like a war college, and did this story shift how you see your own quiet strengths?

On the table

- 🍲 **Slow-simmered beef and barley stew**
Hearty mess-hall comfort food fit for cadets coming in from the cold parapet
- 🍞 **Warm rosemary garlic bread with honey butter**
Easy to tear and share, like passing comfort around the table during a hard chapter
- 🥧 **Cinnamon apple hand pies**
Pocket-sized treats that feel like something Mira would tuck into Violet's bag for luck

To sip

- 🍷 **Spiced honey cider (warm) (no alcohol)**
Non-alcoholic, smells like a fireplace and tastes like a hug after a long flight
- 🍵 **Vanilla chamomile tea with cream (no alcohol)**
A soft, soothing pour for the quieter, more tender stretches of the book
- 🍷 **Mulled red wine with orange and clove**
Warm, a little fierce, a little sweet, perfect for swoony scene replays

Run of show

- 7:00** **Soft landing**
Greet at the door with a mug of warm cider and cozy socks optional but encouraged
- 7:15** **Stew and settle**
Serve dinner buffet-style so people can curl up on couches and floor cushions
- 7:35** **Warm-ups**
Open with the two warm-up questions while everyone's still eating
- 8:00** **Into the story**
Move through theme questions, letting tangents breathe (this is a cozy night, not a syllabus)
- 8:40** **Hand pies and deep dives**
Bring out dessert and tea, then ease into the two deeper questions
- 9:15** **Trivia and scorecards**
Wrap with low-stakes trivia and fill out scorecards together before sending bookmarks home

HOST TIPS

- Pile the room with blankets, throw pillows, and battery candles before anyone arrives so it feels like a nest, not a meeting
- Keep a 'no spoilers past chapter X' sign on the door if anyone is still finishing, and protect them gently
- Let silences sit. Cozy nights are about people feeling heard, not racing through a question list

Playlist

Crackling-fireplace fantasy: cinematic strings, hushed folk vocals, and a little smoldering romance

- 01 Wildest Dreams - Taylor Swift
- 02 Arsonist's Lullabye - Hozier
- 03 Bones - Ben Howard
- 04 To the Stars - Two Steps From Hell
- 05 Carry You - Novo Amor
- 06 Bloodflood - alt-J
- 07 Atlas: Heart - Sleeping At Last
- 08 Skinny Love - Birdy

Trivia

1. Who wrote Fourth Wing? (Rebecca Yarros)
2. What is the name of the series Fourth Wing belongs to? (The Empyrean)
3. In what year was Fourth Wing first published? (2023)
4. What is the name of the war college Violet attends? (Basgiath War College)
5. What quadrant is Violet originally expected to join before becoming a cadet rider? (The Scribe Quadrant)
6. What creature bonds with riders at Basgiath? (Dragons)
7. What is the protagonist's first name? (Violet)
8. Fourth Wing is most often shelved in which popular genre blend? (Romantasy (romance and fantasy))

Rate the book

Cozy Factor

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Swoon Level

☆☆☆☆☆

Dragons

☆☆☆☆☆

Friendships

☆☆☆☆☆

Reread-ability

☆☆☆☆☆

One word for how this book made me feel: _____

The scene I'd reread under a blanket: _____

Character I'd invite to this book club: _____

YOU'RE INVITED

Dragons, Stew, and Soft Blankets

Bring your slippers and your feelings: we're curling up to talk Fourth Wing over warm cider, hand pies, and very strong opinions about a certain rider.



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