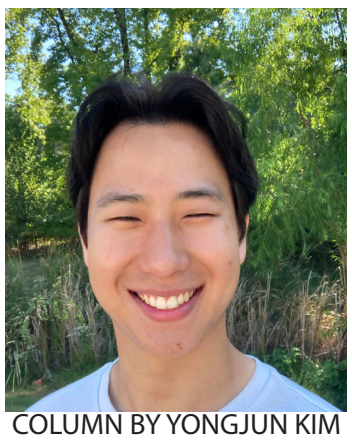
What is the best investment?



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Last week I met my friend and we ended up talking about investments. Recently he's had an interest in investing because he wanted to lessen the parent's burden. I am not a good investor, but I know the truth that investing needs time. Investing is not magic. If people can make the money in the short term, most people would invest. And impulsive advice can cause terrible results.

Instead of advising investment, I talked about making money. There's a lot of ways to make money. Some young people make a lot of money. They are influencers, youtubers and/or businesspeople. However, we know that to work like these kinds of people is not easy.

In our environment, we should not think only of making money, but also saving it. A typical example is getting a scholarship and graduating early. I know that that's what we've heard everyday, but there's some reasons that I talk about it. While we could make money by working a part time job, it does not compare to the cost of our tuition.

In addition, getting a good GPA helps even after our graduation, affecting our ability to get a job. If you want to invest your money, it is inevitable to take some risk. Even if we take some risks, there is no guarantee to make money, however, there is no risk to studying.

At the 2022 Berkshire Hathaway shareholder meeting, one young student attending the meeting asked Warren Buffet, one of the most famous investors in the world, "If you had to pick one stock to bet on, which would you choose?" Warren Buffet said "Well, I'll tell you something even better than that one stock. Maybe we'll get to one stock but the best thing you can do is be exceptionally good at something. If you're the best doctor in town, if you're the best lawyer in town, if you're the best whatever it may be, no matter whether people are paying you a zillion dollars (or not). Whatever abilities you have can't be taken away from you. So the best investment by far is anything that develops yourself and again not taxed so that's what I would do."

I watched this video.

Why do you/don't you attend football games?



Morgan Gray is a junior communication studies major from Benton.

Morgan Gray said:

"I do go to the football games! I think they are really fun, it's a good time to hang out with friends, and to cheer on Arkansas State!"

STUDENT SPEAK



Braelen Lee is a sophomore graphic design major from Jonesboro.

Braelen Lee said:

"I don't go to the football games because I'm just not really a sports fan. I use to go a lot with my friends, but we don't really go anymore."

This Week's Pop Pick

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THE INHERITANCE GAMES

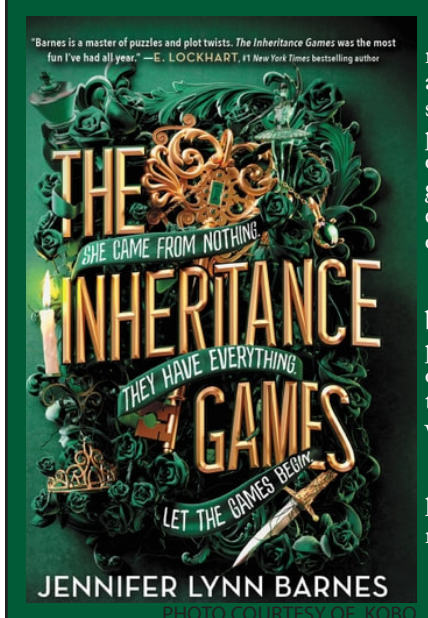


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"The Inheritance Games" by Jennifer Lynn Barnes is this mystery novel that's part of the trilogy I mentioned before. The book is about a young girl named Avery, who is characterized as intelligent, strategic and "curious." Avery lives a hard life and with a lack of parental figures to help guide or support her and the fact that her only sort of guardianship is her (annoying) stepsister, Avery's only goal is to get into a good college with a full-ride scholarship and escape. That goal is completely turned upside down when a dead old rich guy by the name of Tobias Hawthorne grants her his ENTIRE fortune, assets, house, everything.

Avery had never met Tobias and didn't know who he was before she googled him to find out that this old man was Texas' philanthropist. She is quickly thrust into a rivalry with his second-oldest son, the former would-be heir of Hawthorne family, the tension of unforgiving and angry family members and staff, as well as a kindling kinship and possible relationships with the other three Hawthorne sons.

This book, besides the main mystery of why Tobias left her all of his inheritance, also includes side mystery plots about the family, mostly about the Hawthorne brothers: Nash, Grayson, Jameson and Xander.

The Inheritance Games was also a booktok favorite and got me out of my reading slump.

I wanted a good mystery and this book had made circles around the hashtag. So with the electronic library card I have from the public Craighead library, I borrowed the book to give it a read.

This is spoiler free and the reason for that is not because I am courteous but because the mystery is still ongoing. I am currently reading the second book, "The Hawthorne Legacy," and though we have the "Why?" (I guess) there are more dominoes yet to fall.

I'll be honest, the trilogy already in my mind (before I finish the second book and before reading the last book), is a three out of five book. I think the mystery is definitely one to capture people's interest but I feel like the fun engagement for readers to follow the mystery or even to solve before it's solved is kind of, non-existent. You just sort of comply with the text by the main character doing the solving in a sense of doing it in her mind, like mostly inner-monologuing. Also, not to be that annoying reader, but some things were quite obvious.

Nonetheless, I am still reading the second book because as I said, the domino set has yet to fall. I also want to briefly mention that I don't think this book was favored by TikTok book readers because of its writing, its mystery or its amazing storyline but because of its characters and their relationships. (Author's Note: It definitely is since the writer recently announced a spin-off book about the Hawthorne brothers.)

I have tropes or book-inspired-traits that I dislike and having a love triangle with the leading lady and TWO of the Hawthorne brothers is exactly what I dislike. I hate love triangles when the main character has to decide between two siblings. Why? Why must you do that? It also gets messy whenever you are informed about the secret history between these two brothers (definite spoiler, I lied to you about it being spoiler-free: the two brothers, before Avery, had another girl that they were both in love with. Love triangle strikes again!)

As I said, I am reading the second book and this part of the story, the relationship part, is having me heaving on the floor with dread but the mystery and desire to finish a book so I can get out of a reading slump is too strong for me to stop.

HOROSCOPES

Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)
The task you think will bring you joy isn't what you think it is, it's the task you complete with others in perfect balance of work.

Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 21)
You may be feeling uninspired and needing more. The greatest inspiration to you is what's just outside of your window.

Gemini (May 21 - June 20)
This week is great for you to network and start relationships with people inside of your profession to guarantee a successful career.

Cancer (June 21 - July 22)
You're feeling out of balance in your life as the smallest of tasks seem daunting, but keep your chin up and keep going as it is key to future success.

Leo (July 23 - Aug. 22)
You have fallen into a pattern of comfort which is making the world around you start to cave in as you struggle to maintain balance in your life. You may need to talk with others to help solve your life's problems.

Virgo (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22)
You are reaching a stable point in your life where everything is going your way but be wary of your ego as it could cause all of that to crumble.

Libra (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22)
You are struggling to make your voice heard and no matter what you do, it feels as if nothing is working. But remember this: walls break down over time.

Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)
You have finally reached a point of your life where you're pushing past your old decisions and making room for a new home in your future.

Sagitarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)
Now is the time to pursue what you love with boundless energy.

Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)
The path ahead to your dreams seems muddy and hard to traverse right now so take time to receive help from others before moving forward.

Aries (March 22 - April 19)
You're so caught up in your thoughts that you've been neglecting to see the emotional wealth of the relationships you have with other people.

Taurus (April 20 - May 20)
You are bringing in the fruits of your labor as you are becoming sure of what you want to do in your lifetime.

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