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MY BLOGGER PLEDGE

I'm fairly new to the book blogging community, but I've been around to see dramas come and go – from author attacks on bloggers, to bloggers attacking each other. But this week has pushed me past my limit. The hippie in me just wants to step in and say, "Peace, Love, and Good Books, people." That's what it's all about. I've seen all the attacks going back and forth and read enough posts to make informed decisions for myself – but as none of these battles were my own, I've kept quiet. Until a blogger used a serious situation which involved one blogger and turned it around to accuse the entire book blogging community. I have to say I was seriously offended and I was certainly not the only one. Still, I felt like responding to that post would only feed her power, so I didn't say anything then and it's why I'm not linking the post here.

There are always going to be bullies, but if you can control the situation and not give the bully power – their accusations won't hold as much weight. But really, if you don't support their opinion, by all means voice your own opinion, but please don't attack.

So I want to write here my own pledge as an individual who has made the decision to join the book blogging community. I'm sure there are other versions of this out there, but these are the values I feel are important to uphold.

My Pledge:

I understand that by blogging about books, I have joined a community. I understand that the book blogging community is well established and is composed of fierce, smart, and passionate individuals.

I reserve the right to decide what content is published on my own blog, so long as the words are my own or the proper credit is given. I believe I have the right to my opinion; therefore, I respect that others may have their own opinion as well.

If I don't agree with an opinion and feel the need to join the conversation, I will state my views and support my beliefs without purposely provoking anger or attacking the opposing side. If I cannot join a discussion in a thoughtful way, I will not join it at all. If another blogger makes a mistake, I reserve the right to make my own judgement and will respect others' right to do so as well.

I will never degrade or verbally attack another blogger, author, or publisher. I will always remember that I represent a group of people and I will do my best in my part to keep the blogging community a safe place to discuss and voice opinions.

I will remember that I should treat others as I wish to be treated.

I will always do my best to be original in my content and stay true to my own self.

I will always respect the book blogging community.

Now, please, can we remember why we're here? The good books and the lovely people who love those books. We all have the same love, so can't we all just be friends?

Posted by Hannah Lorraine at 11:52 AM

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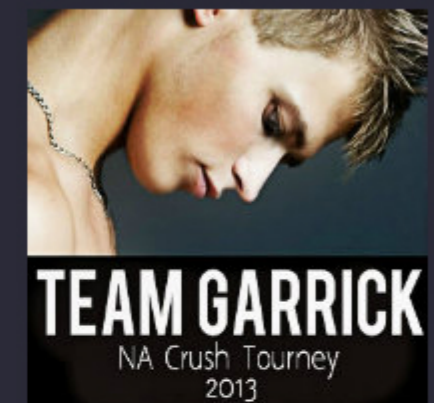
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