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The Elite (The Selection)



Synopsis

The second book in Kiera Cass's #1 New York Times bestselling Selection series, *The Elite* is a must-read for fans of fairy tales, *The Bachelor*, and dystopian YA fiction. This sequel to *The Selection* delivers even more glamour, intrigue, and swoon-worthy romance, and will captivate readers who loved Veronica Roth's *Divergent*, Ally Condie's *Matched*, and Lauren Oliver's *Delirium*. Thirty-five girls came to the palace to compete in the Selection, and to win Prince Maxon's heart. Now six girls remain, and the competition is fiercer than ever. But America Singer's heart is torn. Is it Prince Maxon and life as the queen that she wants? Or is it still Aspen, her first love?

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Customer Reviews

This is such a guilty-pleasure read series for me. I read this book twice in one week just to make sure I absorbed every last detail and could start to analyze what will happen in the last book. This was such a fun read, I can gush for quite awhile. I know this series has a lot of contractions for readers. Yes, there is a LOT of drama. The same old love triangle between America, Maxon and Aspen is far from over. In fact, it is stronger than ever in this book. Yes, America drove me crazy with her indecisiveness and bouncing back and forth! Yet it is the way Kiera Cass presents the story to us that sucks me in past those annoyances, into the very center of a rich world. This book is also a bit darker than the first one which is nice. While the first books had me on a fluffy cloud of giddiness while reading this one kept me right where I was but completely riveted to what was

unfolding. King Clarkson is a piece of work! And I have a funny feeling this book just scraped the surface of his true character. And Marlee, oh Marlee! I love her character! We also get a lot more information on the rebels. The attacks are stepped up and secrets revealed. This has me questioning a lot of things for the last book. I have a few theories and suspicions although these suspicions has me very concerned for certain characters...And now for the romantic drama. We last left off with Maxon utterly devoted to America, Aspen pinning after her and America was finally willing to focus on Maxon. Well situations and Maxon's behavior turns America into a yo-yo of emotions for both guys. While I like Maxon, certain actions and responses (or lack thereof) really throw America into a spin. Hence, drama! So while this series is very frivolous in many ways, they is a level of depth. The fairy tale-esque style to it all has me addicted. Honestly, it is not easy to explain. All I can say, is check this out. You may love it, you may hate it. For me, it sent me to a happy place in my mind that I didn't want to leave.

I've been dying to read *The Elite* after finishing *The Selection* the only reason I've avoided it the last few months is because the wait for *The One* is so long. *The Elite* starts off right after the end of *The Selection* with the six remaining girls still all attempting to win over the prince Maxon. America is torn between being with the man she's falling in love with and the man she's loved for so long. While the girls remain focused on winning the prince's heart around them attacks from both the north and south pushing to end the Selection before the prince makes his choice. As the threat's get more violent the king press's his son to eliminate more girls moving closer to ending the selection before the rebels can end it themselves. As the Selection progresses she will best tested in more ways than she can imagine as all the girls are each tested some in harsher ways than others. I really love America's character she is very strong, stubborn, defiant, acting rashly. Yet she follows her head and heart even when it's not always the best choice speaking out for what she feels is right. I have enjoyed reading about her adventure in the selection watching how she grows from just wanting to be there for her family to really wanting to be the one. I'm kind of torn on the whole Maxon and Aspen thing, at first I hated Aspen for the way he treated America and now I'm not so sure. As for Maxon we kind of have a love hate relationship, every time I think he's perfect he end up doing something to make me hate him. I tend to avoid love triangles but this seems to be the exception. *The Elite* is a fun continuation of America's journey through the selection process. Like the first the elite is very much *Revolution* meets *The Bachelor* which I kind of love. I can't stop talking about this series I even tried to push the books onto people I've just met. I love the concept it brings a unique twist into the whole dystopian genre which I also love. The characters are fantastic

you can't help loving them even the ones who are oh so bad you just love to hate. I'm torn over America's choice but that's to be expected I just hope The One ends the way I want it to when I figure that out. The Elite is a fast paced story just like the first I finished it in an afternoon so captivating I was unable to put it down. I'm dying for the next book can't wait to see how it's all going to end.

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