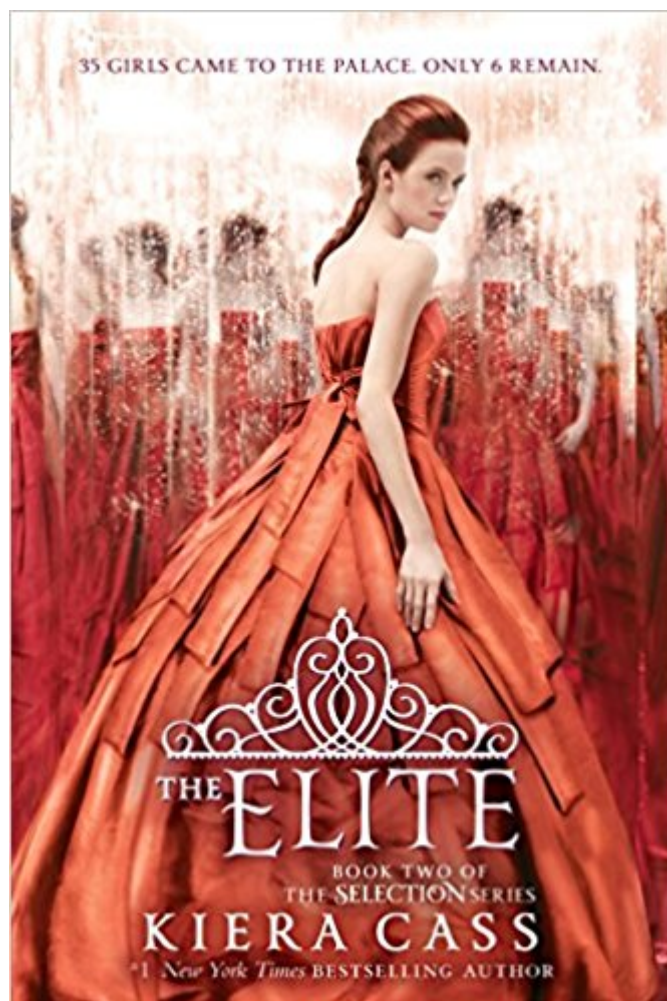


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The Elite (The Selection)



Synopsis

The second book in Kiera Cass's #1 New York Times bestselling Selection series. With even more glamour, intrigue, and swoon-worthy romance, this sparkling sequel to *The Selection* will captivate readers who loved Veronica Roth's *Divergent*, Lauren Oliver's *Delirium*, or Renée Ahdieh's *The Wrath & the Dawn*. 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 is still struggling to decide where her heart truly lies. Is it Prince Maxon—and life as the queen—that she wants? Or is it still Aspen, her first love?

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Kiera Cass's Top 10 Princess Movies In this exclusive list, author Kiera Cass shares her all-time favorite princess movies.

- The Young Victoria**- The clothes alone make this one rad, but the girl falling for the guy who she didn't want to and everyone else did| and it turning out perfect? Love it!
- The Princess Diaries**- I'm still waiting for normal body parts to arrive!
- Elizabeth**- It's cool that you beheaded my mom. I'll make up for it by being a girl and running a country at the same time. Like a champ.
- Enchanted**- "Oh, Giselle! We shall be married in the morning!"
- The Prince and Me**- Gotta love a smart girl who chooses herself. *cough cough*
- Marie Antoinette**- I think I'd go on a crazy spending spree too if my hubby didn't sleep with me for the first seven years of our marriage.

Decadence at its finest! Ever After- Classic Cinderella. Don't we all want to be the girl who was meant for more than she ever knew? Bonus: hot prince. The Princess Bride- "Anybody want a peanut?" Star Wars- Princess Leia: regal, hardcore, and rocker of wicked buns.
--This text refers to an alternate Paperback edition.

"Deliciously entertaining." (Publishers Weekly)

How are you with polygamy? If you are female, chances are you are uncomfortable sharing. Here's a book that will seat you in hundreds of pages of uncomfortable. The more Miss Singer, our heroine, tips her balance toward the prince, the more she has to withstand the emotional rigors of being one out of six wife candidates. The prince cannot ignore the five other young women (by the end, no surprise, there are four) and at this stage, all the women expect to be kissed, or more. Poor Prince, with the creme de la creme of young women competing for his affection, obliges and not so reluctantly. Miss Singer sees it first hand. Meanwhile, secretly, Miss Singer herself is keeping her options open. When she plays her cards in an impulsive, politically naive way, on national television, Miss Singer draws the attention of the King. If she had uncertainty about his impression of her, she now has direct knowledge. How will this game play out? Who of the elite five will win the Prince? Look forward to Book Three this fall.

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The Elite- Kiera Cass
Synopsis- The kingdom has gotten a lot smaller. 29 people smaller to be exact! Six girls remain in the selection. The Elite. Marlee, Kris, Natalie, Elise, Celeste, and America. Maxon and America spend more time together it seems like in each page of the book. Maxon invites all the girls family over for dinner one night. At the dinner America dances with both Aspen and Maxon. At the dinner America basically tells Aspen they will never be together again and she dances with Maxon. This is a SPOILER Maxon basically tells America they are going to get married! SPOILER OVER The next day there is an elimination. Or there was supposed to be anyway. When America wakes up she knows there is bad news. There are only five girls. SPOILER Marlee was caught with Carter Woodworker which is against the rules. Marlee and Carter are whipped for their consequences, and casted as eights. America runs through the crowd trying to reach her best friend. Who Maxon was forced to place the punishment of whippings SPOILER OVER. The 6th girl was gone. Gone forever. America starts thinking about her and Aspen. And if they were even caught holding hands for the slightest second, they could both die. Maxon wouldn't do that though. Right? The elite is a book with a choice. The choice is made, but

will it come true. Will the girl have to take his word for it. Will they get married. Is his words more powerful than a ring! America loves her maids, they are a blessing. And quite good friends. Anyone who read the first book knows America is a stubborn person. She won't rest until she gets what she wants. America and Kris are assigned to welcome to the Italians to Illea. America becomes good friends with Nicoletta. Nicoletta talks to America about the people of Illea are unhappy. Unhappy about jobs, caste, and the rebels. Nicoletta tells America if she does become Queen Italy and Illea could become good friends. And Italy would support Illea. Maxon leaves with the King to take care of business. America realizes how difficult it is to have Maxon not in the palace. Rebels start targeting the selection girls families. Threatening to kill them. America gets ready to go home, at least for a while. She thinks back to the times with Maxon. She can't go, she won't go.

My Review-Okay, so the selection is my favorite series of all time! But I have to say this was my least favorite book in the series. That doesn't mean it's a terrible book! No, no, no! It is amazing! And is still in my top 20 all time favorites! I get asked a lot what's my least favorite, and I answer honestly The Elite. And for some reason everyone think that means it's a terrible book! It NOT! Please do not think that! It's one of the best books I've ever read! Okay, now that we got that out of the way! I'm giving this book 4.5 stars. I did take off one star because, I can't give every book give stars, and I wish we would have seen a little bit more of how Maxon interacted with the other girls! Okay, so first the cover! Who doesn't love it! No one! I loved the action in this book, even though it was really sad! It was fun to see America interact with some people outside of Illea like the Italians. And of course it's always fun to read about Maxon and America! Over all I loved this book! It was SOO good! I am very dearly attached to America! Sometimes I really to wish I lived in Illea!

Please please please go out and read this series! I promise I does not disappoint!

Spoiler Free Review: I always read the second book in a series with a more generous heart because I feel badly for the authors sweating out the 'sequel curse' that seems to happen inadvertently when the original book is a grand success (hard shoes to fill!). However, in the case of The Elite, despite wanting to give it the benefit of the doubt, I feel its fair to say it fell very short of the potential left by The Selection. The concept of this series is absolutely fantastic in its creativity and originality, and the series is well outlined for a trilogy. But where the characters in The Selection were well developed and the story lines held depth, The Elite is the opposite on both accounts. The exchanges felt forced and phony, the story lines felt flat and rushed and even more unsatisfying was that America is virtually unrecognizable as the heroine we originally met. In The Selection, we could

see how her humility and honesty could garner her two suitors in Prince Maxon and Aspen and we were left empathizing with her divided heart. The empathy I felt in The Elite was which poor suitor would get stuck with this selfish and childish America who offered nothing in return for the endless sacrifices and gestures by either one of them. For a 'love triangle' I actually felt like it just lacked any 'love' at all. I do believe the third book has its own potential so I would not hold The Elite against finishing the series entirely, the interest America's dad showed in the knowledge of the library and then finding the rebels with backpacks of stolen books leads to me to wonder if her dad is in fact a rebel himself, and the odd sendoff conversation with Kota in The Selection and the equally odd letter from Kota in The Elite left me intrigued as to what exactly the deal is with her older brother. However with that said, I will not buy The One, I will just wait for it at the library. After The Selection was so good and more than worth its cost, I happily paid the price increase for The Elite because I felt the series has earned the price tag, but The Elite didn't deliver the same in value so it doesn't justify an additional price increase for The One.

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