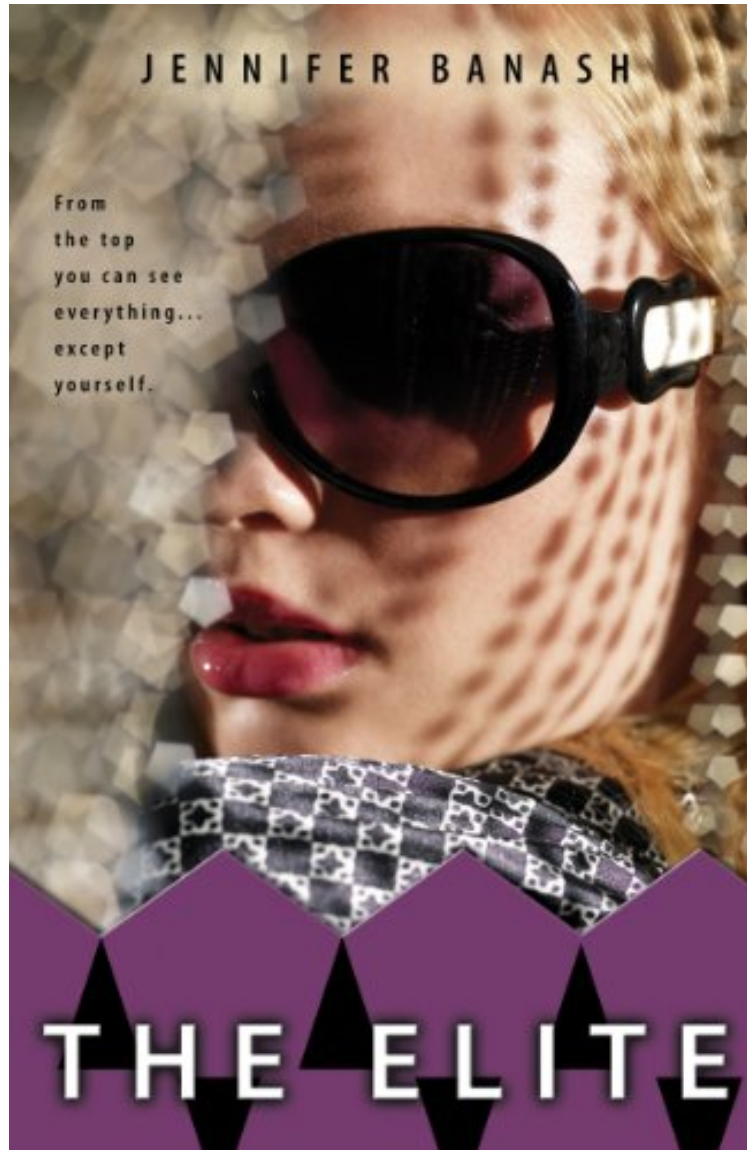


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KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Courtesy of Teens Read TooVon TeensReadTooAs soon as Casey McCloy steps into the luxurious Bramford apartment building, she knows that she has entered another world.Everything seems so much more elegant and sophisticated then even the nice places in her hometown of Normal, Illinois. Casey has moved to Upper-East Side Manhattan to stay with

her grandmother while her feminist mother travels to England to do research for her up-and-coming book. Before Casey even steps foot inside her grandmother's apartment she is greeted by Madison MacAllister, the ultimate It Girl, and her posse. Even though the girls seem intimidating, Casey thinks that maybe, possibly, they could be her friends. They even invite her to the park with them after she has settled in. When Casey finally makes it to the park she is thoroughly introduced to Madison's sidekicks, Sophie and Phoebe, who seem to be a lot nicer than Madison. Casey is also introduced to Drew, who just happens to have something going on with the Queen Bee herself, but definitely has eyes for Casey! During the last few weeks of summer vacation, Casey finds herself hanging out with Madison, Phoebe, and Sofie quite a bit. They even give her some fashion advice for her first day of school outfit. Casey's stoked that she has found some friends, but when Casey starts talking with Drew, jealousy overcomes Madison and things aren't as bright for Casey anymore. Madison is determined to get Drew back, and she always gets what she wants. Will Casey's sweet demeanor trump Madison's nasty attitude? This book was awesome. I couldn't put it down. Originally, I was a little skeptical because the book sounded a lot like the GOSSIP GIRL books, which I don't really care for -- but I made the completely wrong assumption. While there is drama in this book, it doesn't overpower the story; it actually makes the book even more devourable. The characters are extremely real and, in most cases, likeable. Yes, the girls were rich, but money wasn't the main focal point of the story. Actually, I liked how Casey was able to lead a very interesting life without all the glitz and glamour that money provides. I also liked how two of the supporting characters, Sophie and Phoebe, got their chance to shine, too. I haven't read many books where this happens and I really liked how the reader got to take a little break from the main character(s) to see what else was going on in the story. Another great thing about this book is the humor. I found myself laughing out loud a lot and just smiling at what Sophie would say, or how Casey would act. This was a great first novel from Jennifer Banash and I desperately wish that the sequel, IN TOO DEEP, was already on my bookshelf -- but I guess I'll have to wait until October...! Reviewed by: Tasha

Kurzbeschreibung From the top, you can see everything?except yourself. When Casey McCloy steps into the elegant Bramford building, she?s overwhelmed. Fresh from the Midwest, she?s moved to New York?s Upper East Side to live with her grandmother and attend the prestigious Meadowlark Academy. Here all that matters is who you know. The girl to know is Madison Macallister: popular, pretty, platinumblond. She?s not just Casey?s new classmate and neighbor; she?s an icon. So Casey aims to get in with Madison and her gorgeous gal-pals from the start. As the reigning queen of coolness, Madison is capable of destroying reputations with one welltimed whisper. Better to be on her good side. But after a city-haute makeover from her new frenemy Madison, Casey is wearing the right clothes, saying the right things, and meeting the right people?including Drew, the boy-about-town who Madison thinks belongs to her and her alone. Pressestimmena Banash is destined for great things. a Scott Bradfield, author of "The History of Luminous Motion" a If you love all the drama, scandal, and high-end fashion of "Gossip Girl" as much as we do, chances are you'll want to check out author and Manhattan native, Jennifer Banash's new fiction novel "The Elite, ". The novel, set in Manhattan, will introduce girls into the super-exclusive world of New York City's high-society teen cliques. In "The Elite," the first novel in the new series, girls will meet Casey McCloy, who moves to a luxury Manhattan apartment from the midwest to live with her grandmother and attend Meadowlark Academy, which is run by it girl Madison MacAllister. Madison, complete with popularity, a pretty face, and platinum blonde hair reigns as Casey's classmate and neighbor, and something tells us Casey's city transformation will only go as far as Madison lets it. a--Seventeen.com a "The Elite" is Pretty in Pink for the millennium generation, somewhat akin to the television show Gossip Girl. Casey is a small town girl, used to shopping at Target and department stores. Living with the elite of Manhattan, for whom money is no object, is a definite challenge. But she's met three potential new friends, Madison, Sophie, and Phoebe, and, even better, a potential new boyfriend, Drew! Unfortunately, Drew is still somewhat dating Madison, which immediately puts Casey in Madison's bad books. But before you think Mean Girls, Ms. Banash humanizes all of the characters, and readers get a glimpse into Madison's psyche just as much as they do Casey's. At the end of the day, money can do many things, but it can't help you escape from life or heartbreak. a -- Romance s Today a "The Elite" is a great start to a new series by Jennifer Banash! It was a bit heavy on the fashion brands and the language is a bit strong (but that's how it is for many teens nowadays in the US) but the characters all had some very interesting stories to tell. I loved how the point of view switched between the characters so that we could get a bigger picture of their lives. Most of them deal with issues that plenty of teens have and it was nice to get to know more about the others, besides Casey it definitely helped develop the characters more, and readers will find it easier to understand these dynamic teens! They all had realistic, believable feelings and actions that were wonderfully expressed throughout the novel! It was also great to see down-to-earth Casey shine and show that you don't need to be rolling in gold to be happy with yourself. There's more to even the rich and popular kids than all that glitz and glamour they live with! And it would seem that Casey has it easy with just her frizzy-hair problems, after seeing what some of those oh-so-perfect teens have to deal with, behind their sophisticated and happy faAdea]wealth may not necessarily guarantee happiness]a --The Book Vault Blog a This book was awesome. I couldn't put it downa]The

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