Crazy Rich Asians

"There's rich, there's filthy rich, and then there's crazy rich... A Pride and Prejudice-like send-up." —People
Synopsis
When New Yorker Rachel Chu agrees to spend the summer in Singapore with her boyfriend, Nicholas Young, she envisions a humble family home and quality time with the man she hopes to marry. But Nick has failed to give his girlfriend a few key details. One, that his childhood home looks like a palace; two, that he grew up riding in more private planes than cars; and three, that he just happens to be the country’s most eligible bachelor. On Nick’s arm, Rachel may as well have a target on her back the second she steps off the plane, and soon, her relaxed vacation turns into an obstacle course of old money, new money, nosy relatives, and scheming social climbers.

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Customer Reviews
Being half Asian I’ve heard stories of the wealthy Asians of the world-especially the division between "new money and old money." (I am neither!) So, I was excited to read this novel. But author, Kevin Kwan, missed so many opportunities. The book isn’t overly long-403 pages—but he simply tried to cram too much in here, and as a result I was left feeling force fed, and yet still hungry. Nick is from THE family on ‘the island’ in Singapore, and yet he’s in NYC trying to build something for himself with his beautiful, smart girlfriend Rachel. When his best friend decides to marry, Nick convinces Rachel to fly with him to Asia for the summer. And here is where you know things COULD get wild. The type of wealth Nick grew up with is simply beyond most people’s comprehension. (MILLIONS of dollars on couture clothing every season) We know Rachel is in for the shock of her life, and yet just as I think we’re going to experience how shell shocked Rachel really is, Kwan skips to the next chapter and along with that other characters. Storylines are left
dangling, and that leaves me wondering why I bothered to get invested in the characters in the first place? IF this is going to be a series, that’s one thing, but I haven’t been able to find any verification on that. With all that being said, it’s the ending that left me, well, annoyed. Here I am waiting for Rachel or Nick to lay into Nick’s meddling family, one of the nasty girls that peppered the story...something...and then...nothing. The book ends on a somewhat happy note, but the characters that deserved a ‘good talking to’...nothing. As a reader, I was left high and dry, and after devoting myself to 400+ pages, I wanted a more concrete resolution.

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