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Happily Ever After: Companion To The Selection Series (The Selection Novella)



Synopsis

Go behind the scenes of Kiera Cass's #1 bestselling Selection series with this gorgeous collection of novellas and exclusive extras. Meet Prince Maxon before he fell in love with America, and a girl named Amberly before she became queen. See the Selection through the eyes of a guard who watched his first love drift away and a girl who fell for a boy who wasn't the prince. This must-have companion to the Selection series includes four novellas—two of which are only available in print in this collection—as well as exclusive bonus content. Includes: The Prince The Guard The Queen (in print only in this collection) The Favorite (in print only in this collection) Exclusive new scenes from The Selection, The Elite, and The One Introductions to each novella from Kiera Cass A map of Illia and other illustrations And more!

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Customer Reviews

Before Amberly came to the palace . . . She was a Four in love with a One. Before Maxon met the girl of his dreams . . . He was the boy of someone else's. Before Aspen opened his heart to someone new . . . He was determined to fight for his first love. And before Marlee could fall for a prince . . . She was swept off her feet by a guard.

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For years now, I have read this series so many times, SO MANY TIMES in both Greek and English. There are not enough words to describe my long lasting love for the Selection series. It will always remain my most favorite YA series ever. So romantic, so heart warming and heart wrenching at the same time. The covers are always wonderfully colorful and eye-catching! This one in particular has gorgeous drawings and a beautifully designed map of the Selection world. It was a welcome change to read the point of view of many different characters and the way they interpreted the same events America had narrated in the main Selection books. We even saw a glimpse of some other couples: Clarkson and Amberly, Aspen and Lucy, Carter and Marlee. Very fluffy, very easy to read and finish. No strong violence (except during Marlee's canning), no swearing, no sex scenes. Suitable even to 12 years old readers.

I liked how this book offered different povs of characters I was curious about, and answered questions that weren't really explored in the other books. It was interesting to reread the scenes that correspond to this book so I can tell what both characters were thinking. My favorite one was Celeste's scenes because she's largely misunderstood and I liked seeing things from her perspective. It's so sad how she died right after realizing that she could get so much more out of life! My least favorite was Queen Amberly's because even though she's one of my favorite characters and it was cool to see her as a teenager, it was really sad how even back then King Clarkson was a huge manipulative jerk and she always tried to see the best in him. It was just kind depressing.

I was so excited when I saw this "prequel"/companion novel was releasing. Of course, I thought it was just the Prince, the Guard, and then the Queen and the Favorite in it with some extra pages with maps of Illea and author notes back then. Nevertheless, I still bought it because, um, hello!--it's still a Selection book! I was pleasantly surprised to find that I enjoyed (read: loved) this a lot more than I thought I would. It gives so much more insight to Marlee, Carter, Maxon, Aspen, Lucy, Celeste, Clarkson, and Amberly. You get to see scenes taking place that America never saw and what the other characters seemed to think about certain events and America, which is really cool. There's also a lot more to it than I gave it credit for! I mean, I think it's the biggest book of the series yet. It truly is a "must have companion"!! And besides... the bonus epilogue to The One is so sweet that it's worth buying just to read that part. I mean, c'mon, we all don't mind reading a bit more from America's perspective! ;)

I absolutely LOVE these novellas! It was great to read from the different character's perspectives! I was worried about where Kiera would go with it all (not wanting to spoil my love for the series so far) but, all in all, I was utterly impressed. I especially enjoyed her prefaces to each novella that explained exactly the essence she intended to present with the beloved characters. Here my individual novella reviews: ***MAY CONTAIN SPOILERS*** -The Prince-I very much enjoyed reading from Prince Maxon's point-of-view. Reading through some of the reviews, I realized that many were disappointed in the fact that it only shows a small portion of his perspective compared to the whole Selection series. I mean, come on, who wouldn't want to spend more time in the mind of *sigh* Maxon Schreave?? However, you must note that this is, in fact, a novella not a novel. Overall, I am extremely happy with read and appreciated seeing exactly what Maxon faced during the whole Selection process. -The Guard-I was slightly disappointed with this book. I did, of course, love getting the opportunity to see things as Aspen did during the Selection. Nevertheless, I was frustrated by his view. Aspen was selfish and childish when it came to his and America's relationship. Don't get me wrong, I really like Aspen's character as a whole, but after reading this I jumped completely onto the Team Maxon bandwagon. -The Queen-Reading about Queen Amberly and King Clarkson's Selection process was nothing short of interesting. I liked the portrayal of Amberly pre-royalty. Nevertheless, I CANNOT say the same for Clarkson. The best term, however childish, I can find to describe him is a complete jerk. I was hoping there would SOME redemption for him considering how hated he is in the original series. But no. absolutely not. Yeah yeah, he grew up in an abusive home. Whatever. Look at Maxon! I realize that it's not condoning abusive relationships per say, but really? How could Cass put someone as sweet as Amberly with someone as controlling and abusive as Clarkson! -The Favorite-YES YES YES. Marlee was already MY favorite; this book did nothing but help that! I love her and her adorable love story with Carter. Their love story (despite the caning part, of course) is total -im sorry in advance- GOALS. -Celeste-I'm glad I got to read this. It was nice to see her side of things. She is still portrayed as the same manipulative person; however, she does receive a bit more redemption. As for the other short stories, I am glad I got to read them. I hate when things are left unsaid| these certainly covered all the bases.

So I didn't read this myself, but my wife read it and loved the series so much that she got all of her sisters on board, and all of her girlfriends, and for like a month all they talked about was this book, so it must be good. She did, however, recommend reading this as you read the other ones if you can.

So read the first one and then read the stories that go along with it before moving to the second book. She also said she wished some of these shorter stories in this book would be written into longer ones.

This compiles all the short stories into one and includes illustrations. I wish all of these could be in the original books because you get the perspective of all the main characters involved. Loved it!!

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