

Crazy Rich Asians Book Review by Leah

Crazy Rich Asians is a romantic drama written by Kevin Kwan and published in 2013.

The book is decently long, with a total of 527 pages. The story takes place between Rachel and Nick, who live in New York and have been dating for 2 years now. Rachel and Nick are both professors, were set up on a date by one of Rachel's good friends, and are deeply in love. Rachel feels that she has gotten to know everything about Nick over the past 2 years.

One day, when Rachel and Nick are on a date at their favorite New York tea house, Nick invites Rachel to join him this summer in Singapore for his best friend Colin Khoo's wedding. Rachel excitedly agrees, as she has never even met Nick's family who lives in Singapore. However, she also wonders if Nick is wondering about marriage. Nick already knows how much his family will love Rachel, and how Rachel will perfectly fit in.

However, Eleanor, Nick's mother, is upset when she hears that Nick is bringing his girlfriend who she has never even heard of before! Eleanor does a quick investigation on Rachel and soon learns that she does not come from a rich background, and is therefore a "peasant" in Eleanor's mind. Eleanor then decides that she will do anything she can to break up Rachel and Nick before things get out of control.

Rachel is very surprised when Nick shows they will be flying first class to Singapore, but she just believes Nick was able to pull some strings for this lovely flight. As soon as they arrive, Colin and his fiancée are waiting for them with... *private cars*? Rachel wonders how extravagant this wedding truly is going to be.

The next day, Rachel decides to visit her friend Peik Lin Goh from college to tell her that she is going to Colin and Araminta's wedding. Peik Lin and her family are shocked; Colin and

Araminta's wedding is expected to be equivalent to a royal wedding! Rachel begins asking herself questions about this wedding and who Nick's family truly are.

As Rachel is driving to visit Nick's family for the first time, she rolls up to a mansion that has to be worth a fortune. Nick calmly explains that he grew up in this mansion, as if it is no big deal. The dinner with Nick's family is overwhelming and exhilarating, and some people in his family seem to glare at Rachel more than what would be perceived as normal, and Rachel begins to wonder what she has gotten herself into on this magnificent trip to Singapore.

The book continues with scandals, petty fights over clothes and jewelry, and plot twists in order to reveal not only who Nick's family is, but also Rachel's family. Throughout the novel, Rachel continues to ask herself *Who is Nick's family, and who is Nick?* Just as the wedding day arrives, Rachel realizes what a mess she has gotten herself into.

One thing I appreciated about the book was the fact that the author wrote from different families perspectives all throughout the book, so I could see what was going on in Rachel's life to Eleanor's life. I would recommend this book to those 14+ because there are some inappropriate scenes not meant for younger people. The book was very confusing at the beginning, but I loved how everything came together in the end and we could see how all the different people meant something to the whole idea.

This book is a trilogy, with the books *China Rich Girlfriend* and *Rich People Problems*. I have not read these books yet, though I plan to after how wonderful the first book was. Also, *Crazy Rich Asians* was turned into a movie, which I plan to watch and have heard was very good, so I would recommend reading the book first and then watching the movie. Overall, *Crazy Rich Asians* is spectacular!