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Massie Block has long led the Pretty Committee through boy drama, clique mutinies, and jealous wannabe attacks while always in ah-dorable outfits. Over the past thirteen novels, avid fans of Massie, Alicia, Dylan, Kristen, and Claire, have made The Clique one of the premier bestselling series in the world. After the myriad of juicy escapades, the Clique is finally ready for their curtain call.

The Clique . . . the only thing harder than getting in is saying goodbye.

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Lauren Tracey says

Okay, okay, I know by the title ALONE this sounds like a cheap thrill, and that's exactly what it is.... or is it?

The whole Clique series was my escapist literature, filled with the petty antics of preteen girls, and makes me thankful everyday that I am no longer at that age, yet at the same time makes me miss it. Harrison makes the dialogue shallow and yet poignant, something that makes the books that much more interesting and entertaining. The whole series revolves around fashionista Massie and her new roommate/neighbor, the down to earth, humble Claire. As the series progresses, the reader sees just how one person can effect another, and that it often times goes both ways, and ha positive and negative effects. As Claire's rationality and minimalist nature rub off on Massie, so Massie's over the topness and attitude seep into Claire. In the final book in the series, "A Tale of Two Pretties", the girls grasp the fact that Massie is leaving because her family, who had lost all their money, got a job offer in London, where they would be rich. The girls have to grapple with growing up, and moving on, that in life it doesn't matter who you are associated with or what clothes are on your back. And Harrison seems to be trying to tell girls that who they are is all that matters

And I think everyone is always in need of that.

Alex says

I'm kind of embarrassed that I continued to read this series, but there was something almost charming about it. The last few books have been less than stellar, and I really didn't think I would care when it finally ended.

This last book ended very well, and I was surprised at how much I liked reading it. All the characters seem to have grown up and are moving on from each other. The ending was surprising, and I liked that she left it sort of up in the air.

I forgot how many pop-culture references are in these, though. I started to roll my eyes at them after the first or second one. It takes me out of the story every time!

Becca Ohlman says

So sad! I cried a lot reading this. I literally grew up reading these. It sounds silly, but I started reading the first one in 5th grade when Massie, Kristen, Dylan, Alicia and Claire all seemed like these AMAZING people. I looked up to them. But as I grew up...they didn't and they just seemed like little kids to me. However, I loyally kept reading until the end of the series. I finished this in two days, and I wish it had taken me longer. I will truly, honestly, with everything in me, miss reading the Clique books. They're like Disney movies. Cheesy, funny, and they always make you feel good. (: Thank you for these books for the past 7 years, Lisi Harrison. I heart you!

Celina says

In the beginning of this book Massie's father lost his job and Massie was middle-class for a while. She kept the secret from and suffered weeks if no shopping, eating good food, or having stong heat in her house. While Massie was middle-class, all her friends were doing their own business and didn't have time to hang out with her. Her dad finally gets a new job and they are rich again but, he announces that they have to movie to London. When she breaks the news to her friends, they were extremely upset and the Pretty Committee will loose their top Alpha (Massie) forever. During The New Years Eve Party, Massie and her friends went to see a fortune teller. The fortune teller tells them that they all have moved on and that it's time for Massie to move on too. She decides to move to London with her parents even though they allowed her to stay with Claire until the semester is over.

Bridgit Morgan says

Such a great way to wrap up this series! My middle-school self would be proud.

Kelsey says

I'm not going to lie. This book made me sad! *The Clique* is a series that has stuck with me since I read it at 14, and now, 11 years later, I still enjoy it, and I'm sad to see it end! I love Massie, I love The Pretty Committee, and I loved escaping into this rich, high fashion world. It was fun!

I still think there should have been one more book in this series, BUT, I wish there were two books added. How does that make sense? Well, I would have completely cut *Dial L for Loser* out of the series. I think it was the worst of the bunch, it doesn't really forward the story, except for making Claire stand out more, and it totally (or *toe-dally*, as Massie says) wasn't needed.

Personally, I would have started out the series with a book before Claire even got there. That way, readers could have seen The Pretty Committee in its hay day, when everything was glittery and fun and perfect. I wanted to see how they operated as a group before they went through major changes. That way, with the addition of Claire, we could have seen how they really changed as a group.

I also think that, instead of the last book focusing on Massie moving, I would have ended it with a summer vacation type book, where Claire, Alicia, Dylan, and Kristen visited Massie during the summer, so we could see how much everything had changed by them being split up. The ending was great, don't get me wrong! It really focused on how much growth the characters went through, and it was an amazing ending, I think, almost tonally perfect, but I still wanted something more. I wanted to see what the girls were up to, PMS (post Massie squad). I've been with these characters for 14 books. How is Alicia handling Alpha status? How does the world perceive Dylan on her show? Does Claire love photography, and does she still love Cam? How big of a soccer star is Kristen now? I don't want to be left hanging!

It was hard for me to put down this book, which I wasn't expecting at all. I reread these to get a dose of nostalgia, to inject light fun into my reading for the year, but what I got instead was a devotion to five teenage girls, and, just like The Pretty Committee, I didn't want to say goodbye.

Elizabethcd96 says

It may sound crazy or weird but I am really upset that this is the last book because when I read these books I feel like I'm one of them. I feel that excited feeling when something good happens 2 them. When they get a date to the dance or something like that I cant help smiling 2 myself and thinking about how Massie Kristen Dylan Alicia or Claire are feeling, they have become a part in me that I will always have.

At the beginning of the book Massie and her parents are poor and Massie is adapting to this new change. Massie is also having a hard time telling her friends. It isn't very long before William block finds a job again but this time its not in Westchester. In fact its not even in the country!!!!!! Once Massie finds out she has to come clean about her almost being poor. When she does all of her friends are trying to help as much as possible. They decide to try to help her an they all offer to have her stay at their houses until the end of the year but what Massie doesn't know is that all of them have something that they are hiding. Kristen was just accepted to the soccer sisters, a traveling Westchester soccer team. Its a huge deal but practices are every day and that would mean no more Friday night sleepover with the Pretty Committee and no more weekend shopping trips. That was a risk she was willing to take. Dylan's secret was a little more severe. Her Mom and sisters and of course her were on a reality tv show called the "Marvilous Marvil's." Everyday was sacrificed to the new tv show. Alicia...Alicia had no secrets. She was kind of boring in this story, and Claire well Claire's going to move into a new house with her family and its not on the blocks estate. In the end Massie ends up moving to London and meeting a new guy name James and thats where the author leaves us Clique fans.

Ashley says

Did anyone else break down crying? I couldn't help it, I've loved this series for years. Farewell to the girls who changed my life.

I feel like these books are a part of me. They helped me survive my first few years of middle school. They changed me somehow. These five girls became my favorite book characters, they became my friends.

Massie taught me to be loyal to your friends, that's the only way you'll gain their trust.

Alicia taught me that despite your flaws, you can still be beautiful.

Dylan taught me that no matter your size, people will still love you.

Kristen taught me that no amount of money can buy you friends.

Claire taught me that being the best person and friend you can be is what helps you through.

Some of the supporting characters taught me:

Layne taught me to be who you are and not care what everyone else thinks.

Skye taught me to be fearless.

Chris taught me that its okay to have your heart broken.

I love these characters so much. I've read the series about 5 times in the last 3 years. They just teach you so much.

Goodbye, The Clique Series. You'll be in my heart forever.

Ashley says

I didn't know this was the last book of the series until I read the author's note. I found that disappointing, since I was hoping it would be like Toy Story where the characters grow up with you, so to speak.

I liked the ending, though I think the next book would have been soooo much more ah-mazing than the others if it continued from the ending point.

I think in the end, my favorite Clique Girl was Massie. She always tried so hard to fix everything and everyone, never gave up on what she wanted, and still meant well. I felt the most like her, even if Claire matches me more appearance-wise.

I don't see the point of having Dylan in the story, though. I get that she was supposed to portray the humorous one with weight problems, but she's not anywhere near overweight and her burping every single word she says is just plain annoying.

I like Alicia and Kristen, though. They add a good amount of contrast to the book. :) I even loved Olivia, airhead genes and all. xD

Linna says

I cried so much during the fortune telling part when Massie was telling the clique their best qualities and such. Gahh!! Why did it have to end?! If the series continued it would be like Massie had a new clique in england and the PC got another clique member. Why did she have to move?! :(:(:(:(:(:(SOOO SAD...But really good (:

Sarah says

Honestly best book of the series. It was great to watch everyone grow up and make changes for themselves I

really wish there could of been after books following massie in her life because she is by far my favorite character. So I guess thanks Lisi for spending your time making these amazing books and clique was the best series I have read so far.

Trina Marie says

cried all over the last several pages. long live the PC.

Tiffany says

OMG! Or, actually, EH-MAH-GAWD! Anyways, NOOOOOO!!!!!!! It's the last book in the series! I really liked reading this! Even though it's soooo not extra high reading level like the books I like to read sometimes, but I like this book! Boo....

Genese says

im sad this is the last book): any spoilers yet?

Jessica *The Lovely Books* says

You know, it may be a bit embarrassing that I still read these books all these years later, but there's just something about them that make me feel good. I never did read the last book because I never wanted it to end. Well, I finally read it and now I'm sad! It ended great but I would not be upset if Lisi ever wrote more books with them as adults. Or maybe even picking up from high school! I already miss all the girls.