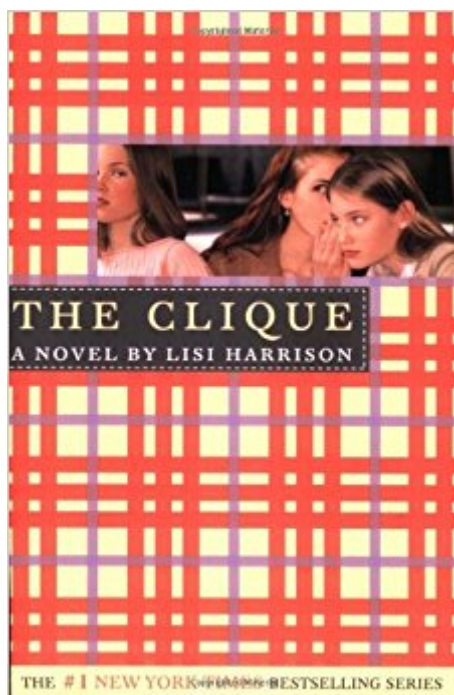


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# The Clique



## Synopsis

Mean Girls meets Middle School in The Clique... The only thing harder than getting in, is staying in. Enter Claire Lyons, the new girl from Florida in Keds and two-year-old Gap overalls, who is clearly not Clique material. Unfortunately for her, while they look for a new home, Claire's family is staying in the guesthouse of the one and only Massie Block -- Queen Bee of Octavian Country Day School. Claire's future looks worse than a bad Prada knockoff. But with a little luck and a lot of scheming, Claire might just come up smelling like Chanel No. 19. Meet the rest of the Clique: Massie Block - With her glossy brunette bob and laser-whitened smile, Massie is the uncontested ruler of The Clique and the rest of the social scene at Octavian Country Day School, an exclusive private girls' school in Westchester County, New York. Massie knows you'd give anything to be just like her.

Dylan Marvil - Massie's second in command who divides her time between sucking up to Massie and sucking down Atkins Diet shakes. Alicia Rivera - As sneaky as she is beautiful, Alicia floats easily under adult radar because she seems so "sweet." Would love to take Massie's throne one day. Just might. Kristen Gregory - She's smart, hardworking, and will insult you to tears faster than you can say "my haircut isn't ugly!"

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## Customer Reviews

Grade 5-8 - Claire Lyons moves with her parents from Florida to wealthy Westchester

County, NY. Until they can get settled, the family stays in the guest house of Mr. Lyons's college buddy, who happens to have a daughter who is also in seventh grade. Expected to welcome her, Massie instead chooses to make Claire's life miserable for no other reason than she's the new girl. Massie enlists her clique of friends at Octavian Country Day School, all part of the beautiful and popular crowd, to help with the harassment, which ranges from catty comments on Claire's clothes to spilling red paint on her white jeans in a conspicuous spot. Tired of it all, Claire tries to fight back, but then the abuse worsens. The book has trendy references kids will love, including Starbucks in the school, designer clothes, and PalmPilots for list making. However, this trendiness doesn't make up for the shallowness of the characters or the one-dimensional plot. Nor is the cruelty of the clique redeemed with any sort of a satisfying ending. The conclusion leaves one with the feeling that a sequel is in the works. Amy Goldman Koss's *The Girls* (Dial, 2000) shows the same cruelty of girls with a more realistic story and resolution. —Diana Pierce, *Running Brushy Middle School*, Cedar Park, TX Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved.

Gr. 5-8. Head-to-toe Calvin Klein is in. So is Ralph Lauren. Burberry is so out. And as for Claire's platform navy Keds and two-year-old, white Gap jeans--doesn't she know that clothes are like milk or cheese with a "best-before date" and a limited shelf life? Claire is clueless when she enters seventh grade, a newcomer and total outsider when it comes to [...] Massie's friends at an exclusive private girls' school. Massie leads her clique in humiliating [Claire] (including splashing those jeans with red paint to make it look like Claire has her period), and the instant messaging is very mean. It's also hilarious, especially because the viewpoints switch between the two [girls] and Claire gets her revenge--sort of. There's too much detail about how the superwealthy live, but Harrison, who writes for MTV, knows peer pressure, and her first novel has fun with the tyranny of brand names ("she was wearing . . ." is a constant). Buy this quickly, though, because the very specifics that teens will recognize will be "so out" before the year is over. Hazel Rochman Copyright © American Library Association. All rights reserved

This is a pretty interesting book. But some things are baffling. Like how important money is to these girls. Honestly, I can see some of this things happen in real life, which makes it interesting; but the importance of money and the way some of the girls speak kind of ruins the book. But overall it is an interesting book and worth reading.

I have bought all the Clique books on , they come in GREAT shape! Even the "used books" haven't been opened! My daughter loves reading these books and this is surely the place to get them!

When I heard of this book I was very excited to buy it. I opened this book and found all of the rich-girl glamour that I loved about the original series. I loved the charm theme and the punny title but I raised my eyebrow at a few small details. Number one was the girls age. Apparently they are in fourth grade and still at OCD. The second is the setting. The whole book centers around News Years Eve. It would have been nice to see more of the Pretty Committee's early days, such as taking over OCD or their first friday night sleepover. However, the whole thing is tied together nicely, and there is no visible out of order off details. Out of Ten I give a 9. Enjoy Reading!

I read this book a while back but it's until now that I decide to write a review for it. Let me just say that this book is half good and half bad. Let me show you why:GOOD POINTS:-The writing is really good. The author has a flow with the words that makes it an easy and interesting read.-Even though the plot was kinda cliché, I think that the events were interesting for the resolution that the author wanted.-(may be a spoiler) Claire's plan made me laugh and Kristen's secret surprised me.-The PC members do act as if everything was centered around Massie...which in my opinion, they should, since Massie is their "alpha" and could kick them out of the group anytime they want too.BAD POINTS:-Idiotic and cliché idea. When haven't I read books about the good girl moving to town trying to get into the mean girl's clique? However, Claire moving in with Massie changes it a bit.-Some of the thoughts and dialogues are so dumb, I can't even...-I've been in private schools with snobby girls, and if I walked in with Keds I wouldn't be considered an "LBR".-What's up with all the "ehmagawds" and "LBR" stuff? I know that the girls are supposed to talk like that, but when I try to pronounce them aloud it just makes me laugh.-The characters...I found myself disliking the main ones. Claire is too...I don't know, she seems whiny to me. And Massie, well, I kinda like her and kinda not.Overall, this book is good but bad at the same time. However, young kids can read this as long as they have in mind that they should not act like this if they don't want to ridicule themselves.

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It was a gift and my friend loves it!

The Clique is pretty good. It was an entertaining read, but the characters were shallow. Its ridiculous

how much they care about their shoes! Additionally, the characters were stereotypes. I mean, the rich kids who are snobby and brats and have everything, and then the sweet, naive poor girl. The reason I gave it four stars was because it was an entertaining read and the writing was pretty good.

My 13 year old loves this series.

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