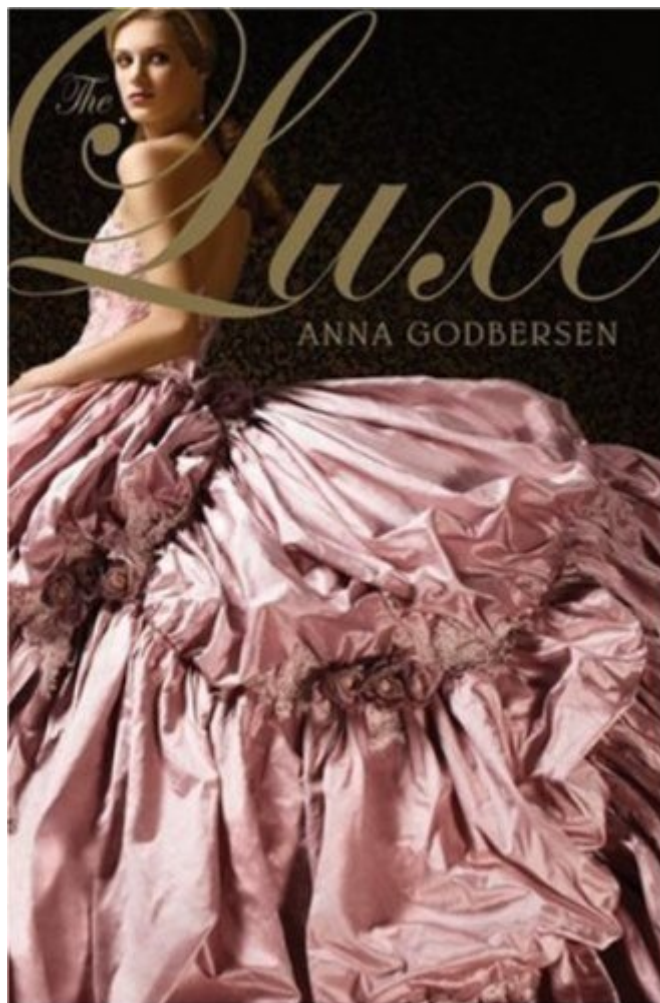


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The Luxe (Luxe Novel Book 1)



Synopsis

The Luxe is the first book in the New York Times bestselling Luxe series by Anna Godbersen. In a world of luxury and deception, where appearance matters above everything and breaking the social code means running the risk of being ostracized forever, five teenagers lead dangerously scandalous lives. This thrilling trip to the age of innocence is anything but innocent. Pretty girls in pretty dresses, partying until dawn. Irresistible boys with mischievous smiles and dangerous intentions. White lies, dark secrets, and scandalous hook-ups. This is Manhattan, 1899. Beautiful sisters Elizabeth and Diana Holland rule Manhattan's social scene. Or so it appears. When the girls discover their status among New York City's elite is far from secure, suddenly everyone's from the backstabbing socialite Penelope Hayes to the debonair bachelor Henry Schoonmaker to the spiteful maid Lina Broud threatens Elizabeth's and Diana's golden future. With the fate of the Hollands resting on her shoulders, Elizabeth must choose between family duty and true love. But when her carriage overturns near the East River, the girl whose glittering life lit up the city's gossip pages is swallowed by the rough current. As all of New York grieves, some begin to wonder whether life at the top proved too much for this ethereal beauty, or if, perhaps, someone wanted to see Manhattan's most celebrated daughter disappear... Mystery, romance, jealous, betrayal, humor, and gorgeous, historically accurate details. I couldn't put The Luxe down! Cecily von Ziegesar, author of the #1 New York Times bestselling Gossip Girl series

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Customer Reviews

I felt this was a great book from the time period. I enjoy reading books from different time periods and this made me feel transported back in time. It was a little predictable but still an excellent read.

The Luxe is a fairly entertaining, if fluffy read. The characters are highly anachronistic for the turn of the century, but it's still easy enough to get lost in the high-society world of gossip and backstabbing. This is Gossip Girls set in a different era. There is plenty of sexual innuendo but nothing graphic. I went into this with fairly low expectations (having read some of the negative reviews) so I was pleasantly surprised to find myself wanting to know what happens to these characters and curious to read the sequel. Though we hardly see much of the character Will - the poor love interest of a wealthy debutante - I liked that he wasn't a stereotypically gorgeous guy and that he had integrity. This is perhaps one of the main reasons I found myself caring about the love story. The same goes for the character of Henry, who is presented as a cad, but ultimately has more depth. I'm looking forward to seeing more of what happens with these characters. Overall, this is a decent debut novel. Perfect for a lazy Sunday when you want some simple, light fun.

Good book

The Luxe is like Gossip Girl set in 1899. It was so rich in social history and scandal. You get to know characters from different social classes and even a few historical figures. The prologue more or less tells you what's going to happen at the end of the novel. Normally, I don't like being spoiled like that but in this case, it gave a sense of doom to the whole thing. I was intensely curious as to how the story would unfold. I kind of saw the twist at the end coming, but the story itself held enough surprises that I enjoyed reading it. The point of view changes frequently, but since the story is told in third person, it's easy to tell which character you are seeing the events through. It was easy to follow and enjoyable to see the same events from different angles. What I found most unique about this book was that by the time you got to the end, you knew so many characters so well that you could start to see the same event from all their points of view, even when it's just being told by one person at the time. In one scene a character would be the villain, and in the next you would

empathize with them and see them as the hero. In fact, by the end of the book you could say that all the characters were a villain and a hero in their own way. I didn't find myself incredibly moved or amazed, but it was entertaining to read.

Really good series highly recommend reading!

I downloaded this ebook when it was offered free by the author or publisher.***spoilers***I have to give this book two stars since I had a hard time finishing it and began skimming half way through. The plot was very predictable, the scenery and clothes overly described, and the author tosses in big words from time to time that actually made me laugh. I kept thinking "Really? Oh - I get it. You're smart." I read many classics and if this author was trying to imitate them she did a poor job. I think she likes research and wanted to throw in her findings. One story arc (Lina) took an odd turn at the end and then just disappeared. You are left caring for only two of the characters and you have to get the next book to find out what happens to them since the book ended in a quite irritating fashion. The entire book was about these two people and their relationship. You have to wrap up something! Why would an author do this? I realize this is a series, but nothing is resolved. I've read lots of books in a series and none of them were this choppy. I suggest you pass on this one or wait until the entire series is written, then pile them up in front of you and start reading.

This was the weakest of the series.....recommend reading entire series.... don't judge it until you've read the entire Luxe series. Different. Not the same old ending and, other than too much boring costume description, held my attention.

The Luxe series is one of my favorite book series I have read the entire thing twice and I never reread books. I highly suggest it - super interesting and impossible to put down. It makes my commute on the subway something I actually look forward to!

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