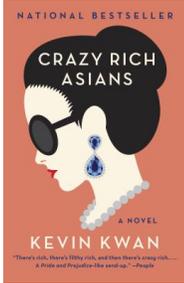


Books by the Stack



Crazy Rich Asians by Kevin Kwan

Envisioning a summer vacation in the humble Singapore home of a boy she hopes to marry, Chinese American Rachel Chu is unexpectedly introduced to a rich and scheming clan that strongly opposes their son's relationship with an American girl.

Why you'll like it: *Exaggerated. Fast-paced. Gossipy. High-drama. Witty.*

About the Author: Kevin Kwan is the author of the international bestsellers *Crazy Rich Asians*, soon to be a major motion picture, and *China Rich Girlfriend*. Born in Singapore, he has called New York's West Village home since 1995. (Amazon)

Questions for Discussion

1. What are your thoughts on the title? Did you read it as "Crazy-Rich Asians" or as "Crazy, Rich Asians"?
2. In the Prologue, Reginald Ormsby – GM of a posh London hotel – wouldn't let Eleanor, Felicity, Alexandra and their families stay at the hotel. What did you think of this opening? This happened in the 80's; were you surprised by racial implications?
3. What did you think of the characters in this book? Who was your favorite? Who drove you crazy? How did you react to the stereotypes portrayed in the book? Were you able to relate to any of the characters? The families? Why or Why not?
4. Were you aware of the wealth in Asia before reading this book?
5. As Part Two begins there is a quote from Marco Polo "I did not tell half of what I saw, for no one would have believed me". Kevin Kwan said in an interview that his editor had him "remove certain parts of *Crazy Rich Asians* because there were too unbelievable, even though they were ground in reality?" What did you think of the descriptions of mega wealth in this book?
6. Given the opportunity would you want to live the super rich life style? Do you think it could be stressful?
7. What do you think of the "old money" versus the "new money" divide in this book?
8. Nicholas didn't feel his money would change his relationship when Rachel found out. What are your thoughts?
9. What do you think of the role women play in this book?
10. Sophie told Rachel, "No matter how advanced we've become, there's still tremendous pressure for girls to get married. Here, it doesn't matter how successful a woman is professionally, She isn't considered complete until she is married and has children". What do you think of this statement and do you think it would ring true in the United States:?
11. Do you think any couple in this book has a "good" marriage? Are the relationships different than the average marriage?

- 12.** Rachel goes with Araminta's friends to her super exclusive bachelorette party, but she does not seem to be accepted by the group. Why do you think that is? What relationship do you think these women have with each other? Was there anything from the bachelorette party that you were fascinated with?
- 13.** What did you think about Colin's bachelor party?
- 14.** Both Nick and Astrid offered to leave their family for their respective partners. What do you think about this? Can family ever be left behind completely?
- 15.** What did you think about the disclosure of Rachel's father?
- 16.** How would you characterize Astrid's friendship with Charlie Wu?
- 17.** Do you think Nick and Rachel get married? Should they?
- 18.** In Chapter 16, Dr. Gu, said that Rachel is "a fortunate girl, then, if she marries into this clan." What do you think about that statement?
- 19.** What did you think about Singapore? Were you curious to learn more?

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