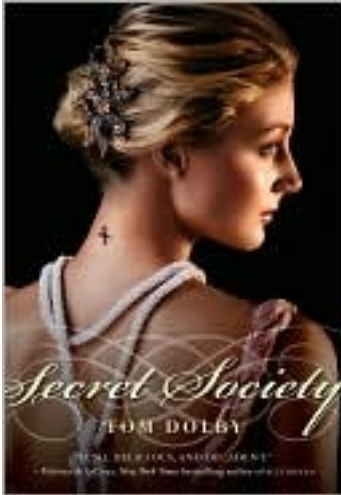


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## Description

*Secrets, secrets are no fun. Secrets, secrets hurt someone. . . .*

An eccentric new girl. A brooding socialite. The scion of one of New York's wealthiest families. A promising filmmaker. As students at the exclusive Chadwick School, Phoebe, Lauren, Nick, and Patch already live in a world most teenagers only dream about.

They didn't ask to be Society members. But when three of them receive a mysterious text message promising success and fame beyond belief, they say yes to everything—even to the harrowing initiation ceremony in a gritty warehouse downtown and to the ankh-shaped tattoo they're forced to get on the nape of their necks. Once they're part of the Society, things begin falling into place for them. Week after week, their ambitions are fulfilled. It's all perfect—until a body is found in Central Park with no distinguishing marks except for an ankh-shaped tattoo.

Tom Dolby makes his teen fiction debut with this riveting novel about a dangerous society so secret that once you get in, you can never get out.

## Insightful reviews

Emeebee: Short version: I didn't like this book. If you want a great YA book with similar elements - prep school and secret societies - pick up *The Disreputable History of Frankie Landau-Banks* by E. Lockhart.

Long version: As far as I could tell prior to opening this book it had everything going for it. I love me some New York City socialites, exclusive prep schools, and Secret Societies... I couldn't see how I wouldn't like this book.

But it was awful.

The writing wore me down and about halfway through (I made it to page 152) I had lost track of what the plot was. It seemed like 4 teenagers thinking "I've got this great opportunity! But did I earn it?" And each of them were thinking this, page after page after page of this awful, shallow, thin thought spiral.

The story is told from four different character's perspectives which made things hard to follow and confusing. And also frustrating because, apart from Patch, they could have all been rolled into one character they were so lacking in unique personality. And Patch only needed to be different for plot reasons. Even his personality was lacking. And for the most part, they all seemed thin and frail. They had little backstory, no personality, and no thoughts beyond "I am sad because I don't think my friend will do what I ask of him even though I won't tell him why." It was vague and not at all vivid. I cannot stress enough how frustrated I was with the characters. They were all hoping to do great things but seemed far more consumed by doubts and double thinking and overthinking. Which I can relate to, sure, but the way it was approached was simply agonizing.

Sab H. (YA Bliss): You'll be desperate for a sequel! The book was good, but the ending was awesome! What is it with these new books and incredible endings? I kept thinking in the middle

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of the book that it was kind of boring, but at some point it got me and I enjoyed the final parts where you finally understand what the book is about.

The writing was great, the story was told from four different points of view. But, it could be kind of confusing sometimes. The characters were not the best, hard to relate. The plot didn't have what I would call rhythm, it was tedious sometimes. But if you like to read about fashion and socialites this a good read for you.

The cover is really appealing, I like it and I like the tattoo. We all have an idea of Secret Societies and it was fun to read about it. If you are a Melissa de la Cruz fan, this book is for you.

Debbie: I would really rate this around a 2.5. Not quite a 3.

This book was somewhat a disappointment for me. I was so looking forward to it but as I read I kept wanting to hurry the story along. I've always had a fascination with secret societies, the part they play in the larger world and what sort of rituals they used. Combine this with my love of YA books I thought it sounded like the perfect read. The biggest negative point was the pacing of the book. It really dragged and I kept hoping for something to happen and while eventually the story comes to a head it took so long that it seemed like a let down. I did not find myself caring much for Patch or Nick. I did like Lauren's character and Phoebe has potential. The most interesting part was seeing how the perks of belonging to this society helped each of the students and the cost this help comes at. I may pick up the next book just to find out what happens as the last 30 or so pages did spark my curiosity. Most likely it will be a library pick though.

Jennifer Wardrip: Reviewed by way of Samantha Clanton aka "Harlequin Twilight" for TeensReadToo.com In mystery SOCIETY, we stick to the lives of 4 scholars from Chadwick Prep, some of the most elite prep colleges in ny City. Phoebe is the eccentric new lady in town, Nick is the up-and-coming member of 1 of the wealthiest households in New York, Lauren is the budding socialite, and Patch is an beginner filmmaker. there's something else approximately those scholars that cause them to detailed - 3 of them have won the curiosity of The Society. The Society is a mystery staff of individuals whose venture is to "preserve a fashion of life." I, for one, have regularly had a huge curiosity in mystery societies and so i used to be already fascinated with this book, and Tom Dolby has certainly performed his learn with this. The imagery is so bright that i really came upon myself waking up from goals approximately this e-book and approximately those characters, that's a tremendous factor for me on the grounds that so much books do not get in my head like that. a few everyone is most likely pondering "Oh no, no longer whatever else a few mystery society," yet this is often majorly different. imagine Gossip woman (the show) meets The Skulls (Paul Walker/Joshua Jackson motion picture from 2000). After receiving textual content messages that inform them to visit a gritty downtown warehouse, the 3 scholars start the initiation into The Society. This initiation concludes with every one of them receiving an ankh formed tattoo at the nape in their necks. when they are entered into The Society, they begin gaining every thing they have been promised: fame, fortune, buddies in excessive places, parties, deepest city autos that bring them to and from events. yet what is the rate they have to pay with a purpose to have those rewards? Things begin altering while the physique of a tender male is located in vital Park with out distinguishing

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marks, apart from the ankh tattoo in this neck. Then they begin to ask yourself - is all of this well worth the risk? yet wondering The Society in that manner should be very harmful not to in simple terms their careers, but additionally to their lives and the lives of the folks they care about. I enjoyed this book! I suggest completely enjoyed it! the various characters are a section clichéd, yet i feel as a way to particularly relate to them at all, they had to be. I additionally love the full mystery society thing. i locate it so attention-grabbing and i've learn every kind of stuff approximately them, fiction and nonfiction alike. there are such a lot of legends and depictions of those societies and that i can not help yet to be fascinated. SECRET SOCIETY is a booklet i'm going to learn again. there are such a lot of twists and turns that i did not see coming and that i cannot wait to determine how they pan out within the subsequent e-book within the series. certainly a must-read.

Andrea: I published my evaluation @ <http://13r3asonswhy.livejournal.com/2...>

Rachel: i am not certain it truly is attainable for a extra contrived tale to exist. not anything approximately this booklet felt traditional or real. a complete ton of items did not make sense. The premise of the tale used to be really fairly good: A mystery society that recruits fabulously filthy rich highschool Juniors after which makes all their desires come true. the kids take their position within the society they usually all interact to maintain the wealthy of the realm as wealthy as possible. The narrative switches among 4 scholars all of which 'sound' the exact same and are extra caricatures than genuine people. little or no occurs within the first a hundred and sixty pages (I approximately stopped there, I want I had in fact), yet we're instructed all type of attention-grabbing issues approximately them whether they do nothing. whilst issues choose up, i began rolling my eyes since it was once so unrealistically foolish (don't those children ever study? How are they hacking it at their ultra-competitive inner most school? They by no means really do homework!). I in basic terms complete (okay... i ended by means of skimming, yet I did finish) simply because i needed to appreciate the secrets and techniques of this society (such as why they have been killing their members), yet once more the solutions did not go the commonsense litmus test. Also, the kids go lots of the booklet both drunk, engaged on getting drunk, or simply retaining a drink for appearances sake (often inspired via mom and dad too). Ugh.

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