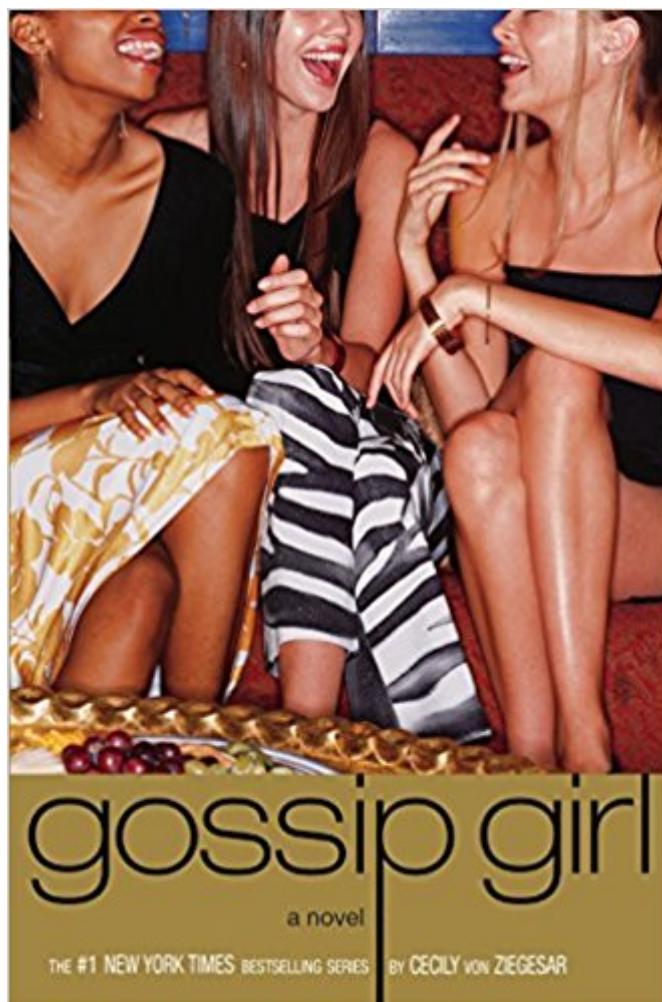


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# Gossip Girl #1: A Novel (Gossip Girl Series)



## Synopsis

The wickedly funny first book in the #1 > bestselling series that inspired the hit CW show starring Blake Lively. Welcome to New York City's Upper East Side, where my friends and I live, go to school, play, and sleep--sometimes with each other. S is back from boarding school, and if we aren't careful, she's going to win over our teachers, wear that dress we couldn't fit into, steal our boyfriends' hearts, and basically ruin our lives in a major way. I'll be watching closely...You know you love me, gossip girl

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## Customer Reviews

At a New York City jet-set private school populated by hard-drinking, bulimic, love-starved poor little rich kids, a clique of horrible people behave badly to one another. An omniscient narrator sees inside the shallow hearts of popular Blair Waldorf, her stoned hottie of a boyfriend, Nate, and her former best friend Serena van der Woodsen, just expelled from boarding school and "gifted with the kind of coolness that you can't acquire by buying the right handbag or the right pair of jeans. She was the girl every boy wants and every girl wants to be." Everyone wears a lot of designer clothes and drinks a lot of expensive booze. Serena flirts with Nate and can't understand why Blair is upset with her; Blair throws a big party and doesn't invite Serena; Serena meets a cute but unpopular guy; and a few less socially blessed characters wonder about the lives of those who "have everything anyone could possibly wish for and who take it all completely for granted." Intercut with these

exploits are excerpts from [www.gossipgirl.net](http://www.gossipgirl.net) (the actual site launches in February), where "gossip girl" dishes the dirt on the various characters without ever revealing her own identity amongst them. Though anyone hoping for character depth or emotional truth should look elsewhere, readers who have always wished Danielle Steel and Judith Krantz would write about teenagers are in for a superficial, nasty, guilty pleasure. The book has the effect of gossip itself once you enter it's hard to extract yourself; teens will devour this whole. The open-ended conclusion promises a follow-up. Ages 15-up. Copyright 2002 Cahners Business Information, Inc.

Grade 9 Up-Is Gossip Girl one of New York City's privileged teens with easy access to endless money, alcohol, and drugs? The answer remains a well-kept secret, but her Web page that opens each chapter (and that readers can visit) tells all about the in-crowd. Catty, backbiting, and exaggerated, GG's observations are also candid. The term begins at Manhattan's elite Spenford School for girls and St. Albans for boys. Girls talk about boys, sex, clothes, and friends while boys talk about girls, sex, and parties. Serena is the center of controversy, surrounded by rumors that range from her being a sex fiend to a drug addict. Bulimic Blair, her former best friend, loves Nate, but discovers that he's hooked up with Serena. Ninth-grade Jenny idolizes Serena while her brother Dan has a consuming crush on her. Vignettes of school, social events, shopping, and Web-page entries make this fast, easy reading that's both funny and sad. Truth takes a backseat to rumor, and curiosity is satisfied by gossip, not questions and answers. Von Ziegesar's approach is fresh, although mean and petty comments dominate these teens' world. Characters are somewhat stereotypical: teen sex goddess; handsome, fickle boyfriend; unaffected young teen; and goody-goody brother. Sex seems easy, no one worries about protection or consequences, the alcohol flows like water, and the language is raw. Everything is at one's fingertips in Gossip Girl's world, and even cheap talk and the growing pains of high school don't change that. Fluffy reading, this is likely to have high appeal for older teens. Gail Richmond, San Diego Unified Schools, CA  
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Usually, the book is better, but in this case it wasn't. If I read the book first, I might have liked it more; however, since I watched the show first and enjoyed that so much, the book just didn't live up to my expectations.

Can't stop reading, but that's because I can't stop a series once I've started. I'm dedicated. Lol but I like it but at the same time I just don't feel like the characters are realistic and maybe that's because

I grew up in a small town in Oklahoma and we don't have super duper rich heiresses running around, or I haven't met one.

I read a bunch of Gossip Girl books in high school in absolutely no order. They were all rentals from the library. I loved these books when I first read them and would like to collect the entire series to own. While I am collecting the series I am re-reading the books for the third time. I really enjoy diving back into a series I enjoyed so much growing up!

Very short books... you have to keep buying the next book to get a decent length story.

I absolutely love the novel, don't get me wrong. It's just that I ordered it used. Now, I expected it's condition to be fairly worn; I had no problem with that. Some pages falling out here or there would also not be a problem... if it hadn't been 30+ pages. I tried my best to fix the damage so now it just looks kind of shabby, but the book itself isn't half bad. Definitely recommend reading it!

I suppose it really hampered the way I read this book after watching the show and even though I don't have a lot of love for the characters on the show, they look like angels compared to the book. The characters were vile and it painted a nasty picture. I do like a less bitchy more human Blair and a less scheming Jenny.

This was really awesome! It really developed the characters well. The head hoping was a little confusing at first, but after a while you could kinda start predicting whose feelings, thoughts, and point-of-views belonged to who--the writer organized the stream of thoughts well. This book has definitely encouraged me to read the next one in the series.

I did this backwards. I loved GG on TV, so then I decided to track down the books. They're fabulous. Blair is such a B...and Serena is...well, Serena! I was worried that the books wouldn't have the same awesomeness as the series, but I was pleasantly surprised. I'll be reading the entire series now, thanks. Gossip Girl is my guilty pleasure. I loved reading about the naughty lives the Upper East Siders lead, and living vicariously through them. Totally a fun read, and I cannot wait for book #2 to arrive!

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