Lovereading Reader reviews of Suite Scarlett by Maureen Johnson (part of the Suite Scarlett series)

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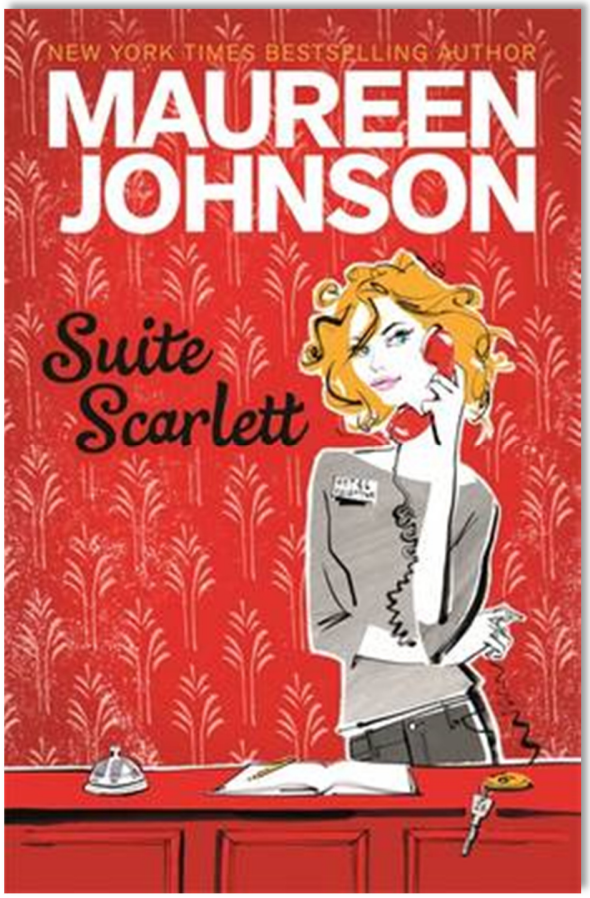

Delilah Acworth, age 15

Suite Scarlett and Scarlett Fever were by far some of the most intoxicating books I have ever read. *They manage to incorporate vast vats of humour, teenage confusion and simply life into them with such unburdened ease. I will be buying the next instalment 'The Key to the Golden Firebird' very soon and have recommended the series to all of my like minded friends.* ***These books will blow you away.***

Sarah Murray, age 16

This is such a funny, funny book that I love! I love all of the Martin family and I applaud Maureen Johnson for writing a truly fabulous book.

This book was a great, easy, fun read that I highly recommend. Maureen Johnson did a wonderful job at developing the characters in a way that made the reader feel like they were friends with them. Honestly, the characters were my favourite part of the whole book; Mrs Amberson is so eccentric and you have to love her and Spencer is hands done my favourite character! But we cannot forget Scarlett who was a brilliant lead as you could see her grow and mature as the book progressed.

Another thing I love about this book is how it showed how real families act. I,

like the Martins, come from a big family and I can say Johnson hit the nail on the head when it came to dealing with the family dynamics.

Also, this book it outstandingly funny! I had to set it down a couple times because I could not see the pages as I was crying with laughter.

This is a brilliant book which easily deserves 5 stars! I cannot wait to read the second instalment 'Scarlett Fever'.

Jenny Duffy, age 21 - http://thebookstheartandme.wordpress.com

A well-written New York adventure with plenty of drama, emotion and humour.

Living in an Art Deco hotel in New York sounds like a dream – but not if you're broke. Scarlett finds out on her fifteenth birthday just how bad things have gotten in the shabby hotel she calls home. Her younger sister Marlene can't stand her, and her older brother and sister are working non-stop to help the family. It all seems hopeless, until an eccentric new guest checks in, and changes Scarlett's life.

This book wasn't quite what I was expecting, but I really enjoyed it. The setting is fantastic, and I loved the snippets of history about the hotel's past. Part of the plot revolves around a play, and this is echoed in the structuring of the book into acts.

The characters are very memorable, particularly Scarlett's brother Spencer whose stunts provide a lot of comedy. I enjoyed the Martin family, not just because of the very distinctive personalities of the siblings, but because of the believable family dynamics. This was quite a contrast from the dramatic Mrs Amberson, whose character is a bit over the top, but this adds to the fun and chaos!

The romance plot was also handled well, and I liked that it didn't completely take over the book. The production of Hamlet is fantastic, in terms of how the play is eventually staged, and the many obstacles it faces to reach this point.

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Lola Bridgeman, age 17

'Suite Scarlett' introduces scarlett Martin, bored, broke New York teen, living in a run down art deco hotel. So far so boring until she is asked to take care of an eccentric guest....

Scarlett Martin is bored. Everyone else is off having fun, she is broke, abandoned to the mercies of her parents in their run down hotel in new York. Until she is asked to take responsibility for Mrs Amberson, a retired theatrical agent who wnats to put on one more, dazzling production...suddenly things take off in a way Scarlett could never imagine!