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Two girls, one destiny.

Yarrow is an elite: rich, regal, destined for greatness. She's the daughter of one of the most powerful women in Eden. At the exclusive Oaks boarding school, she makes life miserable for anyone foolish enough to cross her. Her life is one wild party after another...until she meets a fascinating, lilac-haired girl named Lark.

Meanwhile, there is Rowan, who has been either hiding or running all her life. As an illegal second child in a strictly regulated world, her very existence is a threat to society, punishable by death...or worse. After her father betrayed his family, and after her mother was killed by the government, Rowan discovered a whole city of people like herself. Safe in an underground sanctuary that also protected the last living tree on Earth, Rowan found friendship, and maybe more, in a fearless hero named Lachlan. But when she was captured by the government, her fate was uncertain.

When these two girls discover the thread that binds them together, the collision of memories means that their lives may change drastically—and that Eden may never be the same.

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## From Reader Review Elites of Eden for online ebook

### Elizabeth says

I haven't stayed up late reading a book in a long time and I just couldn't put this one down. I really hope there's a third cause I have so many unanswered questions. And maybe a companion novel for the moms point of view/story arch???

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### Ashley Shamoon says

Way better than the first!!!

First was alright. Great ideas and world. But this book just took it and RAN. Fantastic!! I literally couldn't put it down.

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### ?Stephanie? says

Title: Elites of Eden (Children of Eden #2)

Author: Joey Graceffa

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*\*\*I received a copy of this free from the publisher in exchange for an honest review\*\**

*This review can be found on my Blog, TeacherofYA's Tumblr, or my Goodreads page*

Review (#2):

This is the one I really am excited to review!! I loved the first book, *Children of Eden* and I have been dying for the sequel. And now it looks like there is *another book coming* and I'm super excited!

I reviewed *Children of Eden* here: Children of Eden Review

I will tell you all about this one, but there might be some slight spoilers from book one. I'll try to avoid them - the book itself is pretty good at being accessible to those who haven't read the first one!

Ok, so I'm going to tell you about *Elites of Eden*...

Yarrow has everything she could ever want: she's rich, popular, and pretty. Her mother is the Chief of Intelligence in Eden, the society where the only human survivors all live. She goes to Oaks, an exclusive private school. She has all that she needs, and with her best friend Pearl, she can go where she wants and do

what she wants. As a teen, it's a privileged life.

However, Yarrow is bored. And she feels strange about how desperate she is to please people, especially Pearl and the friends in her group. When a lilac-haired girl named Lark joins Oaks, Pearl immediately wants to make her life hell, and she knows just how she can: make Yarrow befriend her, and then ruin her. But Yarrow is torn - something about Lark makes her question herself and her motives...and also her perfect life in Eden,

When a night goes horribly wrong for Yarrow as Pearl attempts to ruin Lark's reputation, she learns about Rowan, a girl from the Underground of Eden, and a second child. Second children are illegal in Eden, so Rowan's very existence is illegal as well.

However, Yarrow and Rowan will soon realize they have more in common than anyone thought...anyone but the lilac-haired new girl Lark.

This book is INTENSE. Graceffa writes like no one I have read before. I know most people know him as a YouTube sensation and am outlandish guy, but he writes *Elites of Eden* as if he's written so many books before. It flows right from where *Children* left off, and I was sucked in from the beginning...I literally couldn't put it down. You almost feel like you are Yarrow. Her feelings are raw and consume you. The man is talented.

I added this to the mini reviews because *Elites* is most definitely a segue book. It doesn't end and it doesn't technically begin the story...there *is* another book to come. I would and have mentioned that *Children* is an excellent book for a classroom setting, but *Elites* is too frantic unless paired with *Children*. Yes, the book makes sense on its own, but there would be a major loss of connection to Rowan's character unless *Children* is read first.

So I'm going straight for the gusto here and giving *Elites of Eden* ★★★★★...and I encourage anyone that has read *Children* to continue with *Elites*. It is definitely worth the continued adventure. Yes, I was frustrated knowing I would have to wait for another book with no publication date in sight, but I'm hoping that the success of the first book will carry to the second, which will cause Graceffa to finish the *Eden* saga. Too often books are cut off at midpoint because book two sales aren't as good as book one.

So I'll tell you right now: if there isn't a conclusion to this series, I **WILL** riot.

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What are *you* reading?

**Snazzy Reads says**

Awesome. I couldn't stop reading!

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### **Kristy says**

Utterly ridiculous. Yarrow/Rowan oscillates from weeping helpless female to trained operative and triage doctor???!?!? The plot was dull and predictable since other books have already told this story. A society being lied to about the now-healed world? Check. Been there, done that better in City of Embers. An all-seeing sinister AI? Check. Been there, done that better in Aliens with HAL. There is even a cackling villain at the end to tell us all about how they are going to take over the world. Sigh. Don't even get me started on the over-the-top melodrama of the love triangle/square. Hokey and unreal. I skimmed this book and would have never even bothered to finish it unless I had to professionally review it.

I suspect many of the high reviews of this book are far more to do with liking the YouTube personality than the actual book. Many seem to give it five stars with the review of "I love Joey and I will probably like this book once I read it". Sad.

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### **Tali Bear says**

I have many thoughts on this book and I will be doing a video on my channel sometime soon but for now I will provide a short summary of my 3 star rating.

The plot was complex but there were no details. The author attempts to build up a high-detail dystopian world but there's truly no world building.

The writing rule "show-not-tell" does not apply to this book. Everything is telling.

The story itself was fun and quick but the writing was so bad that I truly had to force myself to actually finish the book.

I hate doing negative reviews, truly. I've maybe only done one or two before and especially to do one on a series I loved when it first came out... i really wish I liked it better. But I can't lie and say it was anything better than average.

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### **What the Fluff says**

I had to stop reading it for a few days because of the death. I was in denial. And then it turns out Lark didn't actually die!

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### **Whitney Milam says**

A riveting, surprising, thought-provoking, and incredibly timely follow-up to *Children of Eden* - fans of the first will devour it and demand the next immediately.

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### **Danielle Messier says**

I'll be honest, I really hated the beginning (first like 50-60 pages). I know now that is probably the point, but I think that's why I wasn't compelled to pick this back up after starting it. Luckily, the excitement and focus came back not much after that initial 50 pages. I like the direction the story has taken and think that most of the choices were logical and reasonable. The main critique I have is that some world elements weren't consistent. One I noticed right away was that the residents of Eden aren't supposed to have last names, but then there is a statement later in the book that directly contradicts that information. Also I didn't feel as much character development as I would like for Lachlan specifically, that is just me nitpicking though. I think the story development in this second installment is witty and exciting. I'm excited to see where the third book will take us!

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### **Abby says**

Rowan is back in action, but under a new name: Yarrow. She is now living in the Center of Eden absent of her former memories. New life, new memories. But along comes Lark... and everything unravels. This book wasn't much better than its predecessor. There's definitely an overuse of exclamation points and the writing style is a bit juvenile. But the plot is pretty decent. I really felt for the lives of the characters and still want to see how everything plays out.

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### **Eva says**

I don't get it. How does Yarrow come into this?

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### **Jenna says**

*Elites of Eden* is a fantastic sequel to Joey Graceffa's dystopian novel *Children of Eden* I won't say much in this review because I don't want to give anything away if you haven't yet read the first book. However, if you have, you definitely want to find out what happens to Lark and the other second children next! I loved this book even more than the first, very exciting, not overly gory or violent, and we learn more about the Eco-pan and what's really going on with those in power. Fans of dystopia will love this series!

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### **Suzanne says**

3.5\*

I really like this series! It is fun, enthralling, and just overall unique. This installment really sets up for an exciting third book (that I hope comes out VERY soon)!

Overall it was great to see the plot take new turns and advance the story. Will be fun to see where it goes in the next book!

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## Pegacorn Books says

Great book! (I did catch a few \*basic\* editing mistakes and things that could be a bit better, but overall amazing storyline and characters!)

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## Amanda says

4.5 stars

Well. That was really good. There are SO many factors that go into my review and rating of this book though.

Just to get it out of the way, the things I didn't love: I felt like the writing was *better* than the first in the series, yes, but still slightly awkward at times. I think this is attributed to the fact that it's written by someone who I guess hasn't really written much before, together with someone who has. It could be jarring at times to see two completely different styles that sometimes didn't blend all that well. Also the beginning was a bit slow, but that wasn't a huge issue. Just took a bit to get into. Last thing I "disliked" was that \*most\* of the book felt like a filler, and like it could've been split up and part of it added to book 1 and/or what I assume is book 3 to come.

Okay, but I loved so much more than I disliked. I looooved the romances, especially how, though it was a focus in some ways, it wasn't overly done and the plot moved forward plenty without the romance. Also, I don't know if I've ever been as truly torn as I am right now about a love triangle like this. I love both love interests so much and I have different reasons for rooting for each of them and the thought of one "losing" kills me.

The tying together of so many threads that I thought would just be dropped like in the first book. This book was definitely put together much better than the first and it was exciting and fun once it got flowing, and definitely well-woven in terms of plot.

Sooo quotable. I think I'll need paper copies instead of audio so I can note all my favorite quotes in this series. Really, they're fantastic.

And the deeper meanings. Even if I hated the book, the deeper meanings behind almost everything in this series are so poignant, so important. This series touches majorly on the impact of humans and what our carelessness is doing to the planet, but also the things we do to each other. Man I just get chills thinking about some of the concepts this book pointed out, making you really, really think about the way you're living your life and especially about all the horrible things (shootings, bombings, shitty political moves that hurt people like you and me, etc.) that have been happening lately.

Phew. I just really liked this book and everything it stands for and in my opinion, it is a fun read, but more importantly, a necessary one. I'm sure I'll be back to add some more thoughts on this book, but I'm excited that there will be another book (I assume) because so much is still left to be resolved. I think this series will be getting a permanent spot on my bookshelf.

