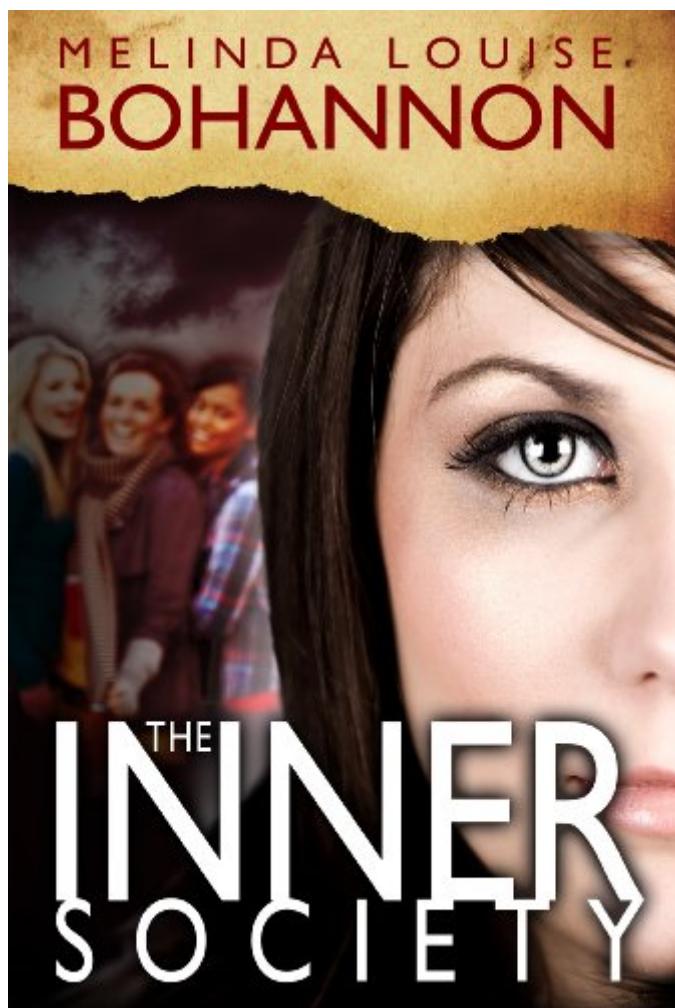


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# The Inner Society (The Inner Society Trilogy Book 1)



## **Synopsis**

A new and very exclusive society has developed in Norfolk, VA, a society of wealthy people who wield a chilling amount of power. Now Norfolk High has become infiltrated by rich, spoiled teenagers who believe they are inherently better than everyone else. When Maggie Kraus, a rebellious and troubled teen, comes to Norfolk, she blatantly challenges the balance of power and becomes the target of a deadly game.

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## **Customer Reviews**

This book, one of three in a teen trilogy, kept me glued down and locked on for a wild rollercoaster ride. With twists, jolts and hairpin turns, the action never stopped. It was riveting, it had depth and it also took a look inside a place one would never want to dream of going. It contained all elements of real life--from the deepest of fear to the most intimate of emotions. It had courage and suspense and every time I thought I could catch my breath, I was on the edge of my seat again. It is a raw look into a place that makes the reader question if what they are reading is real or fiction. The

attention to detail is amazing. Melinda Bohannon really did her research when she wrote this novel. Her heart and soul is clearly in the writing. She is a truly talented and gifted author who, I believe, with her message, will bring a new understanding to the multitudes of teenagers (and also adults) who wish to have a better understanding of God's presence in their lives. I could not put the book down. I finished it in a day and a half and cannot wait till part 2!

A great book of division among class and bullying to the extreme. A great example of faith in the face of adversity. A great friendship that's cut short when one is suddenly and unexpectedly murdered leaving the other completely and utterly alone to face rape, abuse and torture by herself. An alcoholic father that has crawled so far into depression and his booze after the death of his wife forgetting to live for his daughter. Who has suddenly become relying on. Prescription drugs to help with anxiety and depression. She finally tries killing herself one to many times when an old friend she doesn't remember saves her from drowning and sticks her in rehab. After lots of time and many arguments they become dependent on each other and he protected her from the 4 boys who continue to brutally beat and torture her. The love story turns into a sinister plot and a court battle ensues. There are car chases train track scenario, cabin in the woods, and shooting at the schools library this book is a definite read very inspiring and soul feeding.

I heard about this book from a friend of mine. At first I didn't expect all that much out of it. It was something for me to pass the time with. Once I started reading, I found that I was pleasantly surprised at how it gripped me and kept me involved. The plot mixed 2 current issues in today's society; religion and bullying. For me, the story flowed fairly smoothly. There were just a couple of parts that I thought ran a little longer than I wanted but it was mainly because I was dying to see what happened next. Overall, I would recommend this book to my friends, especially the ones with teenagers. I think this would be a good platform for parents and teenagers to share with each other and to talk about as it would be interesting to see what opinions/topics in this book the parents and their teens differ on.

This story grabs you from the first page and keeps your attention all the way through the book. It is amazing how one teenage girl can go through so many trials and be brave enough to stand up for what is right in the face of danger to herself. Highly recommend reading this book.

I don't like books that are so painful emotionally. Many of you like that sort of thing. I don't pretend to

understand that level of masochism, but then I betray my prejudices. It's well done. But be forewarned... It's very close to horror. The ending barely covers the nastiness.

I'm an adult and found myself of the edge of my seat throughout the book. I found myself staying up until 3:00 am because I was so absorbed. Looking forward to the next book in the trilogy.

So I feel kind of bad for giving this book a rating of 2 since the storyline and concepts were good but the story just didn't flow very smoothly.

How can I express the suspense, mystery and wonder of this novel? When I started reading this novel, the theme I thought it was dealing with was bullying. While the novel does deal with it, it goes way beyond the name calling or mean looks. Behind it all, is a mystery, why would Maggie be singled out to receive such ominous threats and more? Maggie is forced to attend a highly exclusive high school where money is the only key that opens the door. While Maggie is going there what has happened in her past, why she dresses the way she does begins to become known. Four young men have it out for her; she has discovered something about a fatal fire that they want back. Maggie is a victim of abuse from a family member and the community. Jessica befriends her and through friendship begins to help Maggie lower her walls. Peter along with the youth group begins to pray for Maggie as well as try and watch out for her. Bullying, abuse are just two of the threads that are woven in a masterpiece of a high suspenseful novel. I couldn't put it down as each page turned would heighten the drama and mystery another notch. So as not to ruin it for you, I can't tell you all the other threads that come together to produce a tapestry that will tapestry that will leave you breathless. When I first read the synopsis of the novel, I intrigued to be sure but didn't know just how wonderful the tale would turn out to be! The choices these characters make long ago come to fruition in away the whole community never could have foreseen. The author develops characters whose faith is shown to be challenged to such a degree such as learning to work through the anger at injustice while learning to forgive so that they aren't bound by the emotion. It was interesting to see two of the teenagers speak with the Pastor about his lack of preaching on topics that would challenge the community to seriously look at the true nature of their hearts. The tragedy ingredient in the story shows that it takes time to walk through the emotions and to choose to forgive. I thought it very intriguing that one of the male characters was brought to a point where he was lead to the Person of the Lord Jesus Christ so he could know the source of both of eternal life and daily strength for living in a broken world. Marvelous is the word that describes The Inner Society, it will

pull you in and grab your attention from the first page till the last one. Don't miss this spectacular story! My rating is 5+ stars.

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