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# About J.B. Vample



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After years of writing only for herself, she finally decided to share her work with the world. "College Life 101: Freshman Orientation" which was published December 2015, is her first published book and book one of a nine book series called "The College Life series." Aside from writing, she enjoys reading and listening to music.

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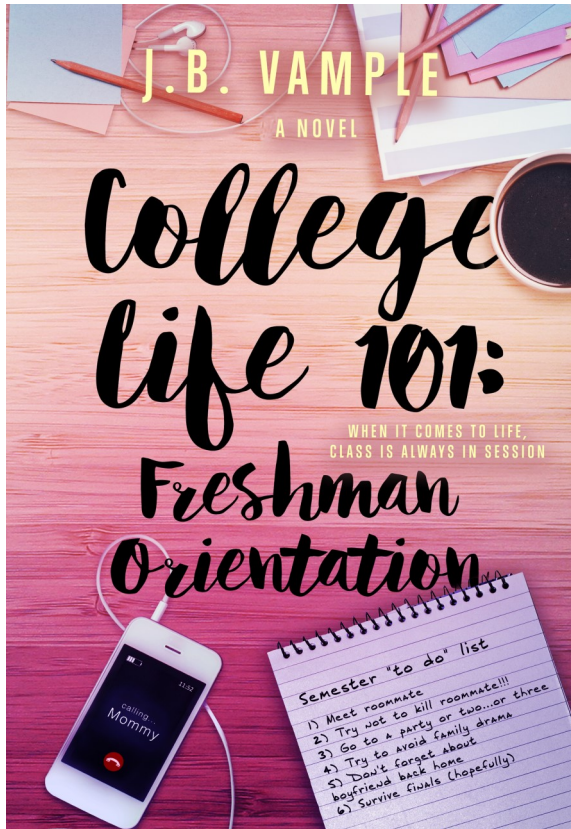
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# College Life 101: Freshman Orientation Synopsis



## College Life 101: Freshman Orientation

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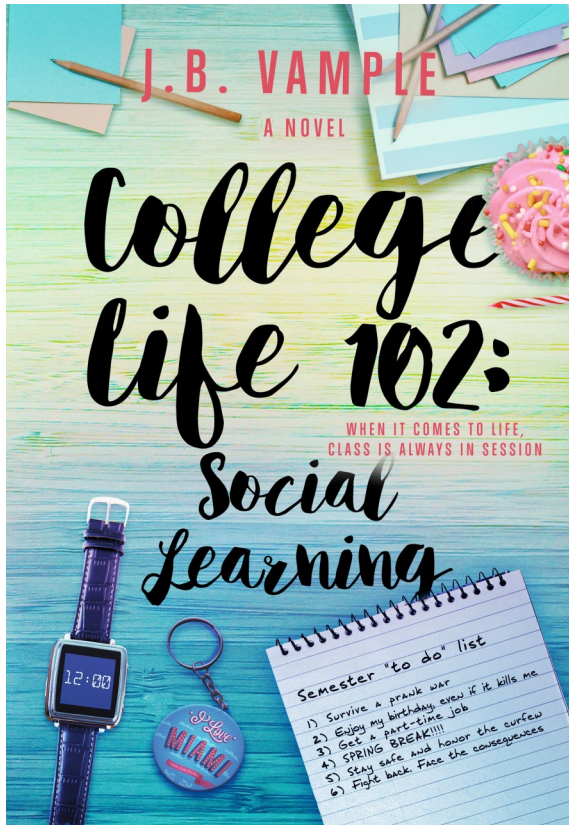
Leaving home for the first time to attend college is stressful enough. But when the roommate lottery of Paradise Valley University strikes, it produces couples who have absolutely nothing in common; causing personality clashes which takes the stress to a whole new level. Dis-may hits Sidra Howard, the prim and proper princess, when she contemplates spending an entire semester with Chasity Parker, the troubled beauty with a sharp tongue and even sharper claws. Malajia Simmons, a boy crazed, attention seeking diva, is no happier. Not only does she get stuck with the upper bunk bed, she has to share a triple room with Alexandra Chisolm, a nosey and overbearing, self proclaimed “know-it-all”. But even the meddling Alexandra isn’t as bad as Emily Harris, the shy, mommy’s girl with a non-existent backbone.

Coming to college to escape her home life, Chasity hopes to get through the semester without any problems. Her hopes are tainted once she begins to have to resist the advances of a determined football star, on top of dealing with family drama which seems to have followed her. Alexandra’s need to fix everyone’s problems not only rubs her roommates the wrong way, it also causes her to fall blind to the problems brewing with the boyfriend that she left behind. Eventually she’ll be forced to face the issues head on. Emily’s refusal to come out of her shell is too much to handle for party girl Malajia, whose main purpose is to have fun and be seen. The same doesn’t apply to Sidra who’s more concerned with trying to keep her over-the-top stress level under control.

These five young women try to handle family drama, pressure, and conflicts; all while trying to maintain their grades. They quickly learn that college life isn’t what they expected and must adapt to their new environment if they ever hope to make it through their first semester.



# College Life 102: Social Learning Synopsis



## College Life 102: Social Learning

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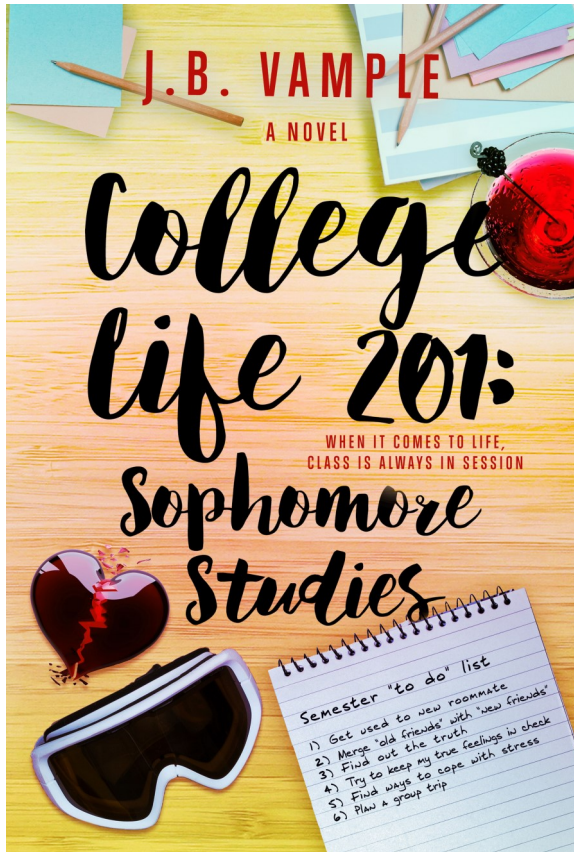
Publisher: **Jessyca Vample Publishing**

With their first college semester behind them, Sidra Howard, Chasity Parker, Malajia Simmons, Alexandra Chisolm and Emily Harris return to Paradise Valley University with the hopes that this semester will come with less drama. Those hopes are shattered as the new semester's events begin to unfold. The closer this group gets, the more they hang out. This takes money; money that Alex simply doesn't have. Between trying to keep up with her friends financially, and maintaining her basic college expenses, Alex is desperate to make ends meet and for the first time in her life, she resents her situation. Tired of being criticized for missing out on all things fun, and hoping to avoid spending another semester break at home; Emily takes a chance and lies to her overprotective mother in order to get away for spring break. The consequences of her actions are more than she bargained for.

The girls' determination to keep Chasity from staying to herself this semester, is working on the loners' last nerve. Trying to keep the intrusive group at arm's length is proving to be just as difficult as trying to keep her growing attraction to Jason Adams from getting the best of her. It doesn't help that the handsome football star makes no attempts at slowing down his pursuit of her. Already on edge; when the campus trouble maker Jackie Stevens makes it known that she has it out for her; Chasity, not being one to back down, feeds into the drama. Tensions between Chasity and Jackie come to a head and Sidra gets caught in a nasty crossfire. Enraged, a planned retaliation occurs, landing the girls in a situation that has the potential to ruin their lives.

The girls realize that their second semester is proving to be a lot tougher than the first and if they ever want to finish out their freshman year; they must put aside petty differences and stick together more than ever.

# College Life 201: Sophomore Studies Synopsis



## College Life 201: Sophomore Studies

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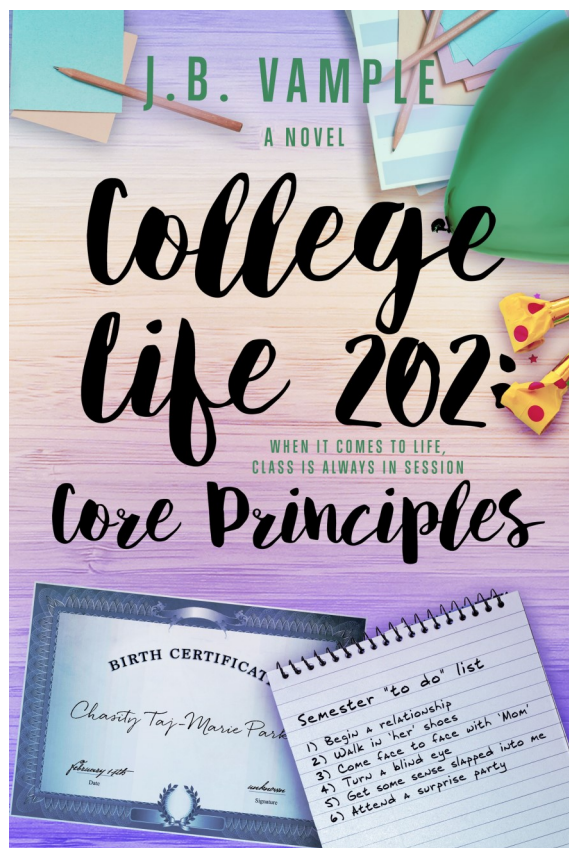
Much to the relief of many, a new school year has fallen upon the students of Paradise Valley University. Alexandra Chisolm, Chasity Parker, Sidra Howard, Malajia Simmons and Emily Harris are thrilled to officially be sophomores. With a roommate shake-up that takes some getting used to, the girls hope that it's the only shake-up that will happen. When Alex's high school friends, Stacey and Victoria enter PVU as freshmen, she couldn't be more excited. Having all of her friends in one place is a dream come true. Alex's excitement is short lived once Victoria begins to show jealousy towards Alex's "college family". That, on top of facing a shocking betrayal, sends Alex into a fit of anger that she is unsure she will be able to recover from.

After a scare, Chasity decides to look for her birth mother and her decision causes a major clash with someone she least expects. As if that stress weren't enough, Chasity realizes that the growing feelings that she has for Jason Adams have become harder for her to ignore. During a blackout, the two cross a line that leaves both confused. In a fit of emotion, one makes a decision that ultimately changes the course of their relationship. Emily's new living arrangements and mother's constant hovering start to take its toll. Feeling helpless and lonely, Emily's grades begin to suffer. Finding the stress too much to bear, Emily finds a way to cope. But her methods may prove to be too much for her to handle.

Mistakenly, the girls thought that after surviving the events of their freshman year; that their first semester as upperclassmen would be a breeze. With secrets, drama, and emotions at an all-time high, these unlikely friends find that on top of handling their growing course load, they'll have to get a handle on their personal lives, both on and off campus.



# College Life 202: Core Principles Synopsis



## College Life 202: Core Principles

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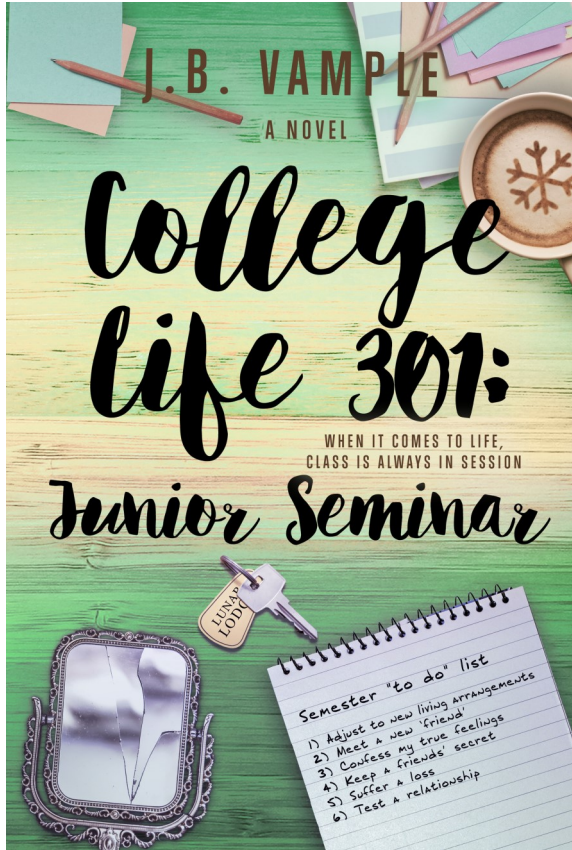
After a tense winter recess, Chasity Parker, Malajia Simmons, Sidra Howard, Emily Harris, and Alexandra Chisolm return to Paradise Valley University to finish out their sophomore year. It doesn't take long for their problems from last semester to spill into the new one.

Malajia throws caution to the wind and gives a questionable love interest another chance. The promising new relationship soon becomes filled with jealousy and disrespect. Refusing to give up and ignoring all voices of reason, Malajia winds up losing more than she bargained for. After finally coming to terms with her true feelings for Jason Adams, Chasity realizes that she must face her fears and tell him the truth, or risk losing him. If that weren't hard enough, Chasity unexpectedly comes face to face with her birth mother. Learning the shocking truth about who her parents are, Chasity is forced on an emotional roller coaster she is unsure she will ever get off of.

Sidra is desperately trying to keep her stress-induced temper in check. But when problems with her messy neighbors intensify, Sidra is forced to reveal her angry side as she takes matters into her own hands. Emily's growing need for alcohol to cope with stress is pushing her further into a state of depression. When her grades continue to take a nosedive, her mother's threat of a school transfer becomes imminent. Defeated, Emily fears that if things don't change, she will lose both her independence and sanity.

The new semester brings forth rising tensions. Hurtful words are taken in and harsh truths are dished out. However, the girls learn that no matter how bad things get between them—when it matters—they have each other's back. If they hope to survive this next phase of college life, they'll have to.

# College Life 301: Junior Seminar Synopsis



## College Life 301: Junior Seminar

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Entering their junior year at Paradise Valley University; Sidra Howard, Malajia Simmons, Chasity Parker, Emily Harris and Alexandra Chisolm couldn't be more excited. But while the new year means a new start for some; it unfortunately means new problems for others.

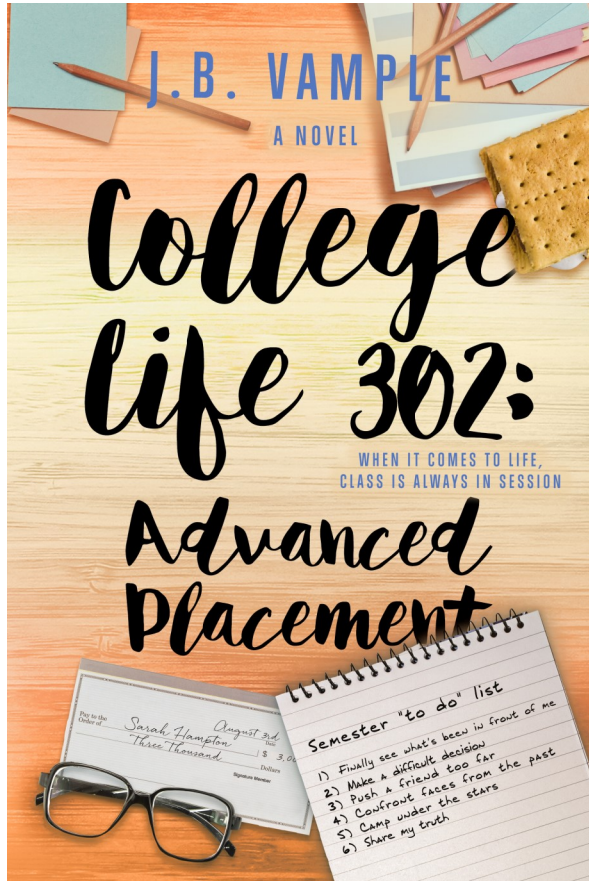
No longer under her mother's roof, Emily is enjoying college for the first time. However, the stress of trying to reverse the damage done to her grades is threatening her new-found peace. Emily can only hope that she can handle the pressure without falling back into old habits. Between balancing her classes and job, the last thing on Alex's mind is men. Yet, a chance meeting with a handsome transfer student, makes her rethink the possibility of companionship. But Alex soon realizes that she's unable to handle a certain type of relationship; causing her to act in a way that she isn't proud of. Sidra's only concerns seem to be her tough course load and finding time for long conversations with her older love-interest. That is, until a surprise confession threatens to ruin a friendship with the person closest to her.

Malajia continues to go against her better judgment, which keeps her in the arms of her jealous boyfriend. As he becomes more unstable, their relationship becomes more tumultuous. Malajia soon finds herself placed in situations that are both stressful and life-threatening. With family secrets behind her, an ideal living situation and a thriving relationship, Chasity is hoping to finally have a drama free semester. However, when she is asked to keep a friend's dangerous secret, she finds herself thrown back into the drama. That, on top of dealing with an unexpected secret of her own, Chasity winds up risking both her safety and her relationship.

Bad judgments, bruised egos, and ferocious brawls threaten to damage friendships and ruin lives. It seems that no matter how much closer the girls become, things still have the ability to tear them apart. They can only hope that the emotional damage done—isn't beyond repair.



# College Life 302: Advanced Placement Synopsis



## College Life 302: Advanced Placement

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The dust has barely settled after an emotional, *eventful* semester, but Chasity Parker, Malajia Simmons, Alexandra Chisolm, Sidra Howard and Emily Harris return to Paradise Valley University to tackle yet *another* one.

Walking away from her abusive relationship, Malajia hopes to be able to move on with her life. That hope becomes reality when an unlikely person expresses interest in her. But when a past mistake comes back to haunt her, Malajia is not only faced with a difficult decision, but the weight of her past comes crashing down—threatening her sanity and her new relationship. Between trying to cope with her loss and facing the uncertainty of her relationship, Chasity has been trying her best to hold it together. When a face from the past shows up, bringing with them shocking news and a bold request, Chasity is left feeling both angry, and confused. With her world being turned upside down, Chasity isn't sure how much more she can take before she breaks.

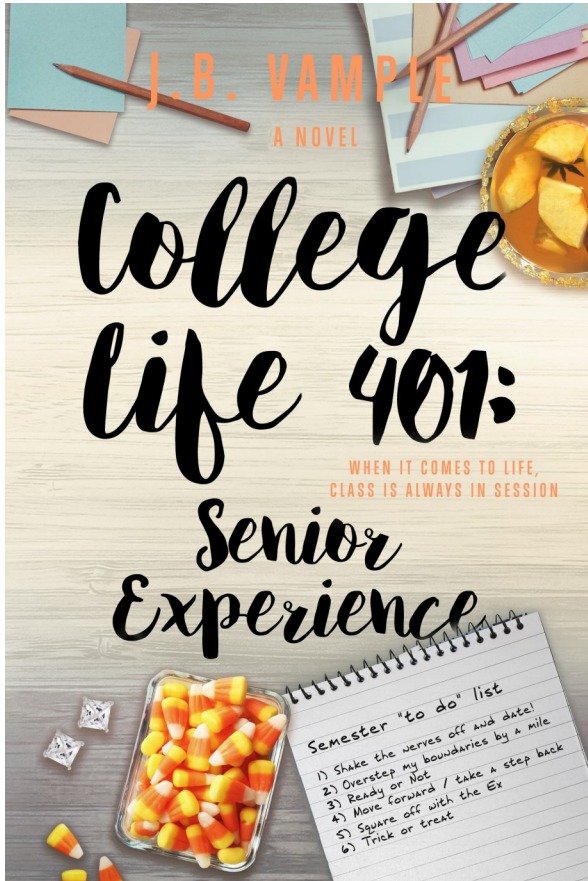
Academic probation behind her, aside from a few tough class assignments, Emily should be relatively stress-free. But the strained relationship with her mother, whom she hasn't spoken to, still weighs heavy on her. When a family tragedy brings Emily face-to-face with not only her scorned mother, but another bitter family member, Emily hopes that the strength that she's gained is enough to handle the confrontation. Certain group members' friendships become closer, leaving Sidra both feeling left out and *acting* out. Even her best friend doesn't have much time for her anymore. But Sidra must learn that in order to truly be a good friend, she must check her selfish tendencies, and be there for them in their time of need.

Not only are new books being opened this semester, but so are old wounds. As much as this group desperately wants to move forward, past pains are holding them back. They must decide if they're going to allow the past to continue to have a hold on them, or learn to forgive in order to move on and close out their junior year in peace.



# College Life 401: Senior Experience

## Synopsis



Senior year has finally arrived for many students of Paradise Valley University, and Malajia Simmons, Chasity Parker, Sidra Howard, Emily Harris, and Alexandra Chisolm walk into their final year with much anticipation.

The last thing that Emily expects is to meet someone, but when a handsome prospect catches her attention, Emily toys with the possibility of dating. While she struggles with insecurities, she tries her best to keep them at bay. Yet when a close friend oversteps her boundaries, and Emily discovers a secret about her new friend, the combination may put Emily over the edge. Trying to manage her classes, on top of her job, Alex doesn't have much time for anything, let alone nonsense. But when an old friend drops some shocking news on her, Alex is pulled right in the middle of it. When a past hurt resurfaces, Alex begins to make decisions that hurt those that she cares about. Alex eventually crosses a line that puts her at odds with the person she least expects.

After everything that Chasity went through last spring, she desperately wants this new semester—the new year—to go on without incident. However, when a blast from her boyfriend's past shows up and begins to cause tension, Chasity finds herself questioning how to handle the situation, and the future of her relationship. Sidra's boyfriend is everything that she could dream of. He makes it clear how he feels about her, and she's certain that she feels the same. That is until an unexpected gesture makes Sidra question whether her feelings for him are strong enough to take her relationship to the next level.

While the start to the senior year seems to be a walk in the park for some, it's more of an *obstacle course* for others. Situations arise that make the girls not only question themselves, but those closest to them. They soon realize that as much as they hoped otherwise, their trials are *far* from over.

### College Life 401: Senior Experience

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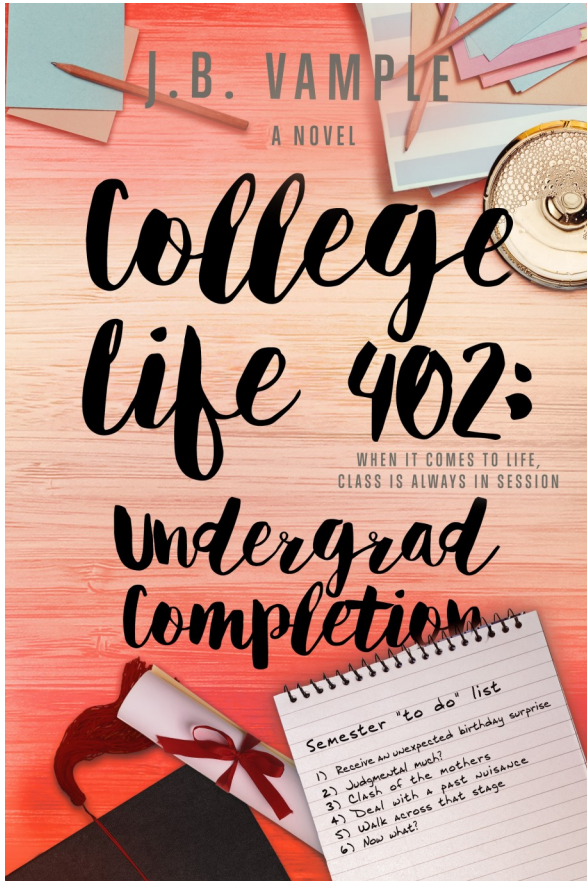
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# College Life 402: Undergrad Completion Synopsis



## College Life 402: Undergrad Completion

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Graduation seemed like an eternity when Sidra Howard, Chasity Parker, Malajia Simmons, Emily Harris, and Alexandra Chisolm first stepped foot onto the Paradise Valley University campus four years ago as freshmen. Now seniors, they are heading into their final semester full of excitement and drama.

Aside from an occasional bout with stress, Sidra is known for having it all together. But when tensions arise both within her long-distance romance and her home life, Sidra begins to unravel at the seams, jeopardizing the friendships she holds dear. Emily has had one of the biggest transformations over the years. Her strength and growing confidence have improved her whole life, from her friendships to her grades. But when an estranged relative shows up unexpectedly, can Emily continue to maintain this new persona and stand her ground?

Malajia is in such a good head space that even being the subject of a past nuisance's sniping doesn't faze her...*too* much. But when memories of a difficult choice begin to resurface, Malajia feels like she's being haunted. She soon realizes that it's not only *guilt* that has come back to haunt her. With an ideal course load and a relationship that is stronger than ever, Chasity is expecting her last semester to be problem free. But as old wounds are reopened, and a past threat returns, Chasity soon realizes that a problem free semester is not in the cards.

Life both on and off campus for this group has had its highs and lows over the years, and unfortunately for some, life is about to hit an all new low. Venomous words are hurled, friendships are tested, promises are broken, and lives are placed in danger. The journey to the finish line that is graduation won't be as easy as the girls had hoped.

## **Excerpt: College Life 101:** **Freshman Orientation**

Shaken, Sidra made it only to the steps outside the dorm and sat down, the cold stone never registering, and buried her face in her hands. The conversation she'd overheard repeated in an awful playback loop, over and over in her head. *Imagine having to live in the same house as that evil ass woman. I'd tell her to go to hell, too*, Sidra swore.

"Hey, girly," Malajia sang. "We've been waiting for you. You were supposed to meet us in the lounge so we could go to dinner." Malajia shook an accusing finger at Sidra.

"Sorry, I got held up."

Sidra's reply was so wan, so flat, it set off alarm bells. Instead of ripping into her, as Malajia had planned, she leaned against the wrought-iron railing. "What's wrong?"

Betraying confidences was high on Sidra's list of Don'ts, but she couldn't keep it bottled up, and the whole incident came tumbling out.

"You should have heard the things that her mom said to her, it was unbelievable."

"Kicked out? Shit, I'd tell the old bitch to go to hell too."

Hearing Malajia echo her own verdict, and in almost the same words, Sidra blinked in amazement. She and Malajia had not agreed on much since middle school. Certainly not on the big stuff, that's for sure.

"Uh, Sidra, we might want to chill on this conversation. Alex is coming up the walkway," Malajia whispered.

Alex marched up to them, her curiosity piqued. Malajia and Sidra sharing whispered confidences? "So, what's got you two so cozy and so serious?"

Sidra glanced at Malajia, who shrugged. "Might as well. She'll nag and bitch and moan until she drags it out anyway."

Sidra gave a barebones account, stripping it of detail and sticking only to the facts, the divorce and Brenda Parker's announcement.

"Well, Alex, maybe *now* you can understand why Chasity feels a certain way when it comes to mothers," Sidra suggested softly. "She hasn't had a good example of one."

"And maybe, just maybe," Malajia proposed in much harsher tones, "growing up in that rich household ain't all you think it's cracked up to be."

Alex sat for a moment, making no reply. Then she stood up, and turned toward the dorm entrance.

"Leave her alone, Alex," Sidra advised, tone traced with frustration. "You know that she doesn't want to be bothered."

"Look, I'm not going to stand here and let someone feel this bad. I'm going to go up there and talk to her," Alex protested.

"I hope Chasity kicks her nosey ass," Malajia muttered as Alex disappeared inside.

Chasity let out a heavy sigh at the sound of a knock at her door. She rolled her eyes when she opened it. Alex was standing there.

"What do you want?" she spat out.

"I came to be a friend and to talk to you," Alex declared, stepping into the room.

"Sidra told you, didn't she?"

"Yes, can you blame her? She's concerned about you; we *all* are."

Chasity again rolled her eyes. "Alex, spare me this crap, okay? I'm not in the mood for your advice, or your friendship."

"Look, I know that we haven't really been speaking to each other these past weeks—well *you* actually stopped speaking to *me*..."

"Do you have a point?" Chasity interrupted.

"Yes I do, my point is...I wanted to apologize to you, I didn't know that your mom was so crappy to you—"

"Alex, please stop acting as if you have me all figured out. Do you get off on this kind of thing? Why do you just *have* to have everyone all figured out?" Chasity's voice rose steadily.

Alex sighed. "I didn't come here to upset you, Chasity. I came here because I consider you a friend, and I want to be here for you."

"Alex, I don't need you to be here. What I need for you to do is go away so that I can be by myself."

"Why? So that you can feel sorry for yourself?" Alex admonished.

"What are you talking about?" Chasity growled. "I don't feel sorry for myself—you get on my nerves!"

"You can't push me away, Chaz," Alex promised. "Why don't you just let those ten foot steel and brick walls down so someone can be there for you?"

"I want you to leave me alone! I don't need you. When are you and everyone else gonna realize that?" Chasity shot back.

"You know what? You are so used to everyone giving up on you because of your attitude. You are used to people being afraid of you," Alex argued. "And you are okay with this, because it keeps people from getting to know the real you."

"And since you know so fuckin' much, who is the *real* me?" Chasity asked, folding her arms across her chest.

"You are more kind, caring, funny, and sensitive than you want people to realize," Alex responded. "You want to be understood and accepted, just like everybody else. And if you didn't care about anything, then this whole situation with your mom wouldn't bother you."

Chasity just stood there. She was so angry that she couldn't bring herself to say anything. Alex figured that she had said enough. But before she left, Alex put her arms around Chasity. Even though Chasity's arms never unfolded to return her hug, Alex squeezed tight. "Sweetie, if you need to talk or yell or cry or *whatever*, you have four ladies that you can call who won't judge you."

Chasity held the hard expression on her face as Alex walked out of the room. Once the door shut, her eyes began to well up with tears.



## **Excerpt: College Life 102:**

### **Social Learning**

"It's about time," Malajia sneered once Alex brought their food to the table later on.

"It's only been fifteen minutes," Sidra pointed out, sticking a straw into her cup of iced tea.

"It shouldn't have been *that* long. It's not like there's anybody else in here," Malajia complained, folding her arms.

Alex stared daggers at Malajia as she sat the large veggie pizza on the table. "Don't start your shit tonight, Mel," she warned.

Chasity made a face of disgust as she looked at the pizza. Seeing all of the cheese and grease on the pie made her nauseous. Maybe her stomach wasn't all the way back to normal after the flu after all. Eyeing the small salad in front of Malajia, Chasity realized that's what she should have ordered.

Alex noticed the sick look on Chasity's face "Are you okay, Mama?"

Chasity put her hand over her mouth. "Um hmm," she nodded.

"You're not going to be sick, are you?" Sidra asked, frowning.

"Eww, you better not throw up on this table!" Malajia exclaimed, picking up her fork.

Chasity looked at her, then started dry heaving in her direction.

"Oh my God! No, don't do that," Malajia shrieked, dropping her fork on the plate. She started pushing Emily out of the booth so she could get out. "Move Emily, moooooove."

Once Malajia was out of the booth, Chasity reached over and grabbed her salad. "False alarm," she taunted.

"Are you serious?" Malajia glared at her. "You could've just ordered your own, you asshole."

Chasity shrugged at her as she smiled.

"You two are crazy," Alex chortled. "Mel sit down," she commanded, putting her hand on Malajia's shoulder.

Alex brought out the check once the girls finished eating. As Chasity picked it up and looked at it, Malajia looked at Alex. "Don't think you're getting a tip," Malajia said.

Alex put her hand on her hip. "And why *not*?"

"Cause this pizza was wack and I just didn't like your attitude," Malajia joked.

"Pay the complaining diva no mind, Alex," Sidra said, wiping her hands with a napkin. "You're a good waitress."

"Sidra, don't lie to her. You know she sucks," Malajia jeered.

Alex glared at her. "You got one more time, hear?"

Malajia ignored Alex as she focused on Chasity, who was pulling her wallet from her pocketbook. "You might as well pay for mine too," she demanded.

Chasity looked at her. "Malajia, no matter how many times you say that, it's *never* going to work." Her voice was deceptively calm as she put a ten dollar bill on the table.

"Why *not*?" Malajia hissed. "At least *I* ask. Alex doesn't say *anything*, and you pay for *her* shit."

Alex looked at her with astonishment.

"What are you talking about?" Chasity asked, confused.

"When we went to breakfast at the diner a while ago, you slipped Alex money to pay for her food," Malajia reminded, playing with her straw.

Chasity looked away from Malajia; she did in fact remember the incident.

Alex stood there, embarrassment resonating on her face. "You saw that?"

"Sure did," Malajia confirmed, "and I saw Chaz give you money the day before her birthday."

Sidra looked at Malajia with confusion. "How the hell do you see all that?"

"Don't worry about what I see or how I see it," Malajia shot back.

"You're too damn nosey, that's the problem," Sidra ground out.

"Whatever," Malajia threw back. "Anyway, I don't think it's fair that Chasity paid for *Alex's* food and gives *her* money, but she won't do it for the rest of us."

Chasity closed her eyes, rested her elbow on the table and grabbed the bridge of her nose with her fingertips. She felt terrible for Alex; she couldn't imagine the humiliation she was feeling at that moment.

"Malajia, shut up," Chasity softly warned as Malajia rambled on.

"No, *you* shut up," Malajia countered, pointing at Chasity. "You just mad cause I'm making a good point, and—"

"Malajia, shut up," Chasity repeated, voice rising. When Malajia wouldn't comply, Chasity picked up a balled up tissue and threw it at her.

Malajia shrieked as the tissue hit her in the face. "Use your damn words, Chasity!" she exclaimed, moving her hair out of her face. "You don't have to throw shit, you child."

Alex felt like crying. *I'm so humiliated.* "I'll see y'all later," she mumbled, making a hasty departure from the table.

## **Excerpt: College Life 102: Social Learning –continued**

Chasity held a fiery gaze on Malajia, as Sidra threw her crumbled up straw paper at her. “Isn’t it obvious?” Sidra asked.

“No!”

“She didn’t want us to *know* that Chasity gave her money. She’s working because she doesn’t *have* money. She can’t go to her parents like *we* can,” Sidra pointed out. “She didn’t tell us about the job because she didn’t want us feeling sorry for her.”

Malajia looked around with a shocked expression. “Well if I would have *known* all of that, do you think that I would’ve said all that stuff?” she replied, defensively. “Do you think I’m *that* insensitive?”

“Oh absolutely,” Sidra seethed. “You say ignorant shit all the time.”

Malajia’s mouth dropped open as she pointed to Chasity. “*I* do? When the queen of ignorant is sitting right here.”

“Don’t deflect,” Chasity sniped. “I told you to shut your dumb ass up, but you *had* to keep talking.”

“She *always* does that,” Sidra put in, voice filled with disdain over Malajia’s antics. Emily, who had been a quiet spectator during the entire conversation, just sipped what was left of her soda.

Malajia sucked her teeth as she sat back in her seat. “Whatever,” she mumbled.

## **Excerpt: College Life 201:**

### **Sophomore Studies**

Chasity walked outside and came face to face with Jason. She was surprised when she saw his name flash across her phone screen. After their exchange, she was sure she wouldn't hear from him for at least a week. "Hi," she softly put out.

"Hi," he returned. "We need to talk."

Chasity looked down at the ground momentarily. "I know," she admitted. "I lied to you the other day," she blurted out.

Jason frowned. "About what, exactly?" he asked, some bite in his voice.

She took a deep breath. "I didn't sleep with you because I needed to forget about my problems," she admitted, "I did it because...I wanted to...and I don't regret it."

Jason's face relaxed a bit. He was happy to hear that. Maybe now they could actually move forward.

"But—"

"But what?" he cut in, frowning once again.

"I...I don't want to be in a relationship," she revealed.

"With me?"

"With *anybody*," she clarified. "Look, I know that you want us to be together. I know that's what you've *always* wanted." She pushed some hair behind her ear, looking away from Jason's piercing gaze. "I'm sorry Jason. I don't mean to hurt you, but I can't be with you."

Jason watched her struggle internally as he ran his hand over his head. "What are you afraid of?"

Chasity slowly shook her head and folded her arms as she fought to keep her fears in check. *I'm scared that I won't be able to make you happy*, she thought. "I'm just not ready for a relationship," she put out.

Jason felt his frustrations ease up as he stared into her eyes. He felt the sincerity in her words. "Chasity, the last thing that I want to do is pressure you into doing something that you don't want to," he responded, tone calm.

"I know that."

"But..." he paused, wondering if he could even say what he was about to. While he respected the fact that she didn't want to be in a relationship with him, he couldn't put aside his feelings for her. "I meant what I said when I told you that I love you...I want to be with you and knowing that's not a possibility now or even *ever* isn't something that I can get over right now." He rubbed his face as he felt a knot form in his throat. "So...because of that...we can't be friends anymore," he revealed.

Anger resonated on Chasity's face. "What did you just say?"

Jason shook his head. "I'm sorry, I just...being around you right now, hurts like hell."

Chasity was visibly upset. "Do you have *any* idea what you're doing to me right now?" she barked. "This is the same shit that my fuckin' aunt pulled because I wouldn't do what she wanted me to do...and now *you* turn around and do the exact same thing."

"That's *not* what I'm doing," he protested.

"That's *exactly* what the fuck you're doing!" she yelled. "Jason can't get what he wants from Chasity, so Jason goes and throws a fuckin' temper tantrum."

Jason shook his head. "Do you have *any* idea how much I want to just grab you right now and hold you? How much I want to kiss you? How much I want to—" He rubbed his hand over his head as he fought to contain his emotions. "You think I want to see you looking at me the way you are now? You think I want to upset you?"

"Why are you doing it?" Chasity asked, voice trembling.

"Because *for once* I have to put myself and *my* feelings first," he explained. "I can't *just* be your friend anymore...at least not right now."

Never in a million years did she think that Jason would ever go to this extreme. His friendship was something that she cherished. His conversations, something that she looked forward to, his presence, something that she needed. "You're being stupid," she threw back, tears in her eyes.

He shook his head as he tried to contain his own pain. "You may be right," he admitted. "But it's how I feel...I'm sorry."

"Save your sorry," Chasity hissed, storming off.

Jason followed her progress as she hurried into the building. Part of him wanted to go after her, hold her and say that he would take her any way that he could get her. But the other part of him realized that this was the best way for him to deal with everything. He just couldn't be around her without being *with* her. It wasn't in him anymore.



# **Reader Reviews**

## **College Life 101: Freshman Orientation**

"...I have to applaud J.B. for writing so many characters in to a book as the main focus and absolutely smashing each and every one! I can't wait to read book 2 and I advise you all to pick up this one."

"I loved everything about this book from the cover to the different characters. This was a refreshing read with just the right amount of drama that goes along with college. You can see the great character development of each character. Each girl struggled with their own problems but the author message about friendship was strong and invaluable. These are some unforgettable characters....."

"This story is a web of problems, emotions, triumphs, bonding; so many aspects of life that a reader can appreciate. It tested my decision-making skills and had me on my toes! I feel like I've grasped some new things, (lessons) that I want to keep in mind when my girls go off into the world. I've gained some major insight on judgement (as if I didnt already hate it enough)! This plot teaches the importance of priorities, friendship, loyalty, money-management, family, love, and especially... FEMALE SUPPORT. This is BIG TIME, which you know I love and live by. The story was soft at times and made me put on my "mommy hat". Other moments had me partying and joking around with my girls! There were times I wanted to jump into those pages and FIGHT; and situations that had me hysterically "Laughing Out Loud!" I absolutely Loved it! Truly, a good book"

## **College Life 102: Social Learning**

"...The second book is even better than the first!..."

"Soooooo, after reading book 1, I absolutely fell in love with this series, the characters, the story line and everything else about the book. Now that I've read part 2, I can say that I am HOOKED! I can relate to all of the characters (even the guys) in some way! Every character is well put together and grasps the readers interest in their own unique way! Hands up and heads down to the author! There is so much attention to detail, it's not even funny! Book 3 can't surface soon enough! The antics that the characters experience are insane and hilarious and the growth and development for each individual character shows is phenomenal! Not only will you laugh, you will cry, get angry, get upset..... everything! It's an emotional roller coaster and I am in line for the ride! Kudos J.B. Vample! Keep 'em coming!"

"PERFECT! Entertaining from beginning 2end! I'm so in love with this series! It's definitely a must read!"

"WOW!!! This second book in the series did not disappoint. I really enjoyed seeing more of the comical side to all the characters in book #2. The food fight and pranks were over the top hysterical. I'm so excited about this series as a whole. I love all the characters and I'm already so invested in what happens to them. I hope the next book will be coming soon. I'm hooked!"

# **Reader Reviews – continued**

## **College Life 201: Sophomore Studies**

"I have TRULY enjoyed the College Life Series so far!! Each book has me IMPATIENTLY waiting for the next one to come out. These books keep me on the edge of my seat and leave me laughing, crying, angry and excited. These Characters are my best friends in my head! Keep up the good one and I can't wait for the next Book.....Please Hurry...Your Fan for Life!! “

"So here we are! Book 3 and I'm still amazed at how J. B. Vample is able to keep me captivated and engrossed in these characters lives! I'm officially an addict! And ooohhh, the surprises and secrets revealed.... I can't! Definitely #TeamMalajia! A "must read". No, no.... A "You better read! " When I tell you, I'm so into these series, I swear these girls are my friends in real life! All of my emotions have peaked! Again, fantastic job with the way you show each individual's growth and development! I honestly can relate to all of the girls.... Even the guys, lol! Bravo, Mrs. Vample! Book 4, where you at!?"

"I read a lot of books and I have to say this is honestly one of the best books I've read. It sends you emotions on a wild roller coaster. And keeps you coming back for more. I would recommend this book to everyone that loves to read. Cannot wait till Book 2!!"

“Love it.....can't wait for the next one”

## **College Life 202: Core Principles**

“I have read this series from the beginning of their freshman year til now and the way the characters evolve and go thru changes and deal with issues and life reminds me of my college years with my friends! This book was not only funny it had some curveballs thrown in as well which I was not expecting at all! Absolutely loved this book from beginning to the end could not put it down! I literally read it in 2 days! Would definitely recommend this book from young to old everyone could relate to some part or storyline in this book.”

“I absolutely Love the series!! Definitely a MUST read ! The characters come to life from the beginning to the end. If your looking for excitement and drama.....then order the series NOW! “



## Author Q& A

### **Q: What is “The College Life Series” all about?**

**A:** The College Life Series is a nine book series that follows the lives of five young black women as they make their journey through their four years of college at Paradise Valley University. Chasity Parker, the troubled beauty, Malajia Simmons, the party girl, Sidra Howard, the prim princess, Alex Chisolm, the self proclaimed "know-it-all", and Emily Harris, the shy mommy's girl are five main protagonists, thrown together by chance. Bringing to college different voices, vastly different backgrounds, and different ways of confronting challenges. This series touches on different issues that affect college aged people; such as class pressure, family drama, personal drama, relationship issues, peer confrontations, discovery and friendship. This ill-assorted group discover in this new environment and through unlikely friendships who they are.

### **Q: What made you create this series?**

**A:** I was seventeen years old when this concept came to me. I was sitting at my grandmothers computer and as usual, I started day dreaming. I was months away from graduating high school and was set to start college soon after, and I started thinking about what my college life would be like. From there, I created character names, added a description to each one and just started typing. The rest is history.

### **Q: Is any part of this series based off of your life? Which character do you identify with the most?**

**A:** No, this series isn't based off of my life. I used my experience as a college student to develop storylines that readers of that age can identify with, but it's strictly a work of fiction. As far as which character that I identify most with...First let me say that I love all of my characters, and I see a little of myself in each one of their personalities. I can say that I identify with the character Chasity the most. She, like me is a loner, and very guarded with her emotions.

### **Q: Are you traditionally published or self-published? What made you go with your decision?**

**A:** I am self-published. I decided to self-publish because the type of series that I am writing isn't really something that many traditional publishers or even agents are looking for. Or, I should say, it's not really well-known. As an African-American author, the biggest genre is urban or street-lit fiction and that is not the genre that I am writing in. Because I am so into my series and my characters, and didn't want to toss the story aside to write something that was popular, I decided to self-publish. I know that I have a great story concept and I wanted to get the books out any way possible.

### **Q: What are your plans for the remaining books in the series?**

**A:** I have finished the draft of the final book of the series (book #9). I have plans to release the book sometime in 2021.

