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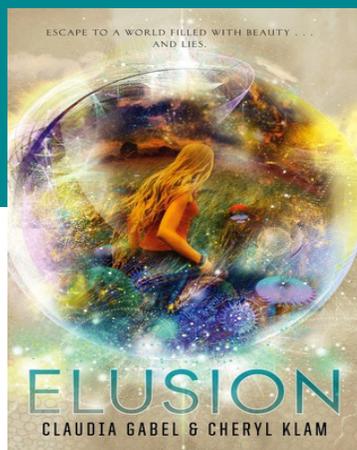
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## Book Review

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#### Rating

Excellent

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Young Adult

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378

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Elusion is technology that virtually transports people on extreme adventures and to amazing locations. Regan's father was the mastermind and main programmer behind the popular technology until his unexpected death. Now, Regan's childhood friend, Patrick, is picking up where her father left off. As Elusion gets closer to a national release, Regan starts hearing rumors of dangerous glitches, deadly flaws, and addictive issues with the software. In her attempts to defend her late father's reputation and support her friend Patrick, she does her own research only to discover that Elusion really can kill. As she tries to share her findings with those closest to her, she realizes that people have been keeping secrets from her—the most important truth is that her father is still alive and in desperate need of help.

Elusion is a suspenseful science fiction mystery with dominant themes of addiction, friendship, romance, technology, and coping with the loss of a loved one. The protagonist, Regan Welch, is a smart, strong-willed teenager who stops at nothing to protect and defend those she loves. The plot moves quickly and is filled with unexpected twists and turns. The ending, however, is abrupt with no sense of resolution. All in all, Elusion is a compelling novel that will appeal to many readers. Science fiction enthusiasts will appreciate the innovative technology that allows people to escape to exotic locations or experience extreme adventures without any negative consequences. Those who love romance will enjoy Regan's budding relationship with a military school student named Josh. Mystery fanatics will be intrigued by the clues that solve the Elusion dilemma.

\*Contains moderate language and mild sexual content.