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By Robin Benway

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Gr 7 Up-Maggie is the new girl at a fancy New York City prep school, fresh off a safecracking gig in Iceland. Her current assignment is to infiltrate the family of a magazine publisher. There's romance, swanky settings, and a brassy sidekick named Roux. Especially for fans of Meg Cabot's "Airhead" series (Scholastic). Audio version available from Brilliance Audio.α(c) Copyright 2013. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.

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Starred Review Maggie, 16, is the daughter of spies and a spy herself, and she is particularly genius at cracking safes. What she has never been is an average teenager. So when her assignment from the Collective—the first she is doing on her own—involves attending private school in Soho, she is all over it. Her job is to get friendly with rich boy Jesse Oliver, whose dad may publish findings that will blow the cover of the Collective and steal the dossier. She doesn't count on finding a crazy best friend, Roux, and developing feelings for Jesse, which makes milking him for information between kisses particularly icky. The connection between the revealing information and the Olivers is only a MacGuffin, but the mystery element does lead to an exciting, energetic, running-around-NYC ending. What's really great about this, though, are the voices. Maggie's smart and mostly sure first-person narrative is extended by the insights of bad, sad girl Roux and Maggie's elegant spy handler, the British forger Angelo. Even if you don't think you like spy stories, this one is fresh and fun. Grades 7-10. --Ilene Cooper

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