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Five years have passed since Caitlin Tierney was kidnapped from New Haven, a secret facility for gifted children. Deemed a threat to society by the government's Anomaly Control Team for her empathetic and telekinetic powers, Caity was implanted with a chip meant to neutralize her abilities and keep her on the ACT's radar.

Now Caity is trying to live the life of a normal 21-year-old but her nightmares are getting worse. She's haunted by the past she can't remember, the painful experiments she endured in New Haven and Chase Taylor, the love she lost.

When a mysterious letter arrives one day and promises Caity answers to her forgotten life, she suddenly finds herself thrown back into the world of New Haven...and into the arms of her old flame. For once it seems like everything will be alright, but how much has New Haven really changed? And how much has Chase changed?

While conflicted by the dark secrets she uncovers about New Haven and her beloved Chase, Caity stumbles upon a group of Anomalies who call themselves The Punks. They're charming and unexpectedly, Caity finds herself drawn into their small family...and to their leader, the quiet, enigmatic Kismet.

Ultimately, Caity must decide where her loyalty lies: is it with her first true love Chase and the cloaked objectives of New Haven? Or is it with the peaceful, nomadic Punks?

And how far over the line will she be willing to go for either one?

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Vilmarys says

Wow! What a great read! Caity is a 21 year old with some awesome supernatural abilities who finds herself in the middle of a war against the government and ultimately in the middle of a love triangle. She is the type of female I like reading about: strong, brave, and not afraid to breakdown without looking too weak. The setting was beautiful and all the characters were likeable which in my opinion is a very hard thing to achieve in this genre. The two love interests were very swoon worthy and though one made mistakes I found myself unable to choose which one was right for her. In some way or another both were right for her so when it came to the end I was happy with the choice that was made even if my heart broke right alongside with Caity.

A huge thank you to Jessica Gilliland and Kimberly Gourgon for gifting this in exchange for my review. I will definitely be reading more of their books!

Ana Quiambao says

Undeniably a page-turner. I'm reading this book while walking, on my way home, waiting in-line and while working (don't tell my boss!). I can't stop reading! Every time I try to stop and rest my eyes, I could not stop thinking of Caitlin, Chase, Kismet and even Izzy. The characters are so adorable... all of them! I think this is even better than Xmen with the love story and all! The book is a perfect mix of action, heavy drama, romance and light comedy.

I really like Caitlin's character, she's not the typical damsel in distress heroine, she's strong and dependent. I really like her power- telekinesis and empathy. With the book written in her POV, I could see all side of the stories. Still, some mysteries are left. However, I'm quite disappointed that her powers were not put in good use at the right time. About the romance part, I'm really confuse who's she's really going to end up with- Chase or Kismet?? of course I'm rooting for Chase! I feel for Chase, why he has to do what he's doing. But does she needs to feel Madison as well??? Can't we just remove that part? I'm starting to hate Madison, and with Chase feeling her as well, it just lessen the sweetness of the soul mate part!

This book totally broke my heart, I did not end up crying but still, this book is full of emotions. And I'm so thankful for the last part, the teaser part I mean. At least now I would not spend my day crying for Chase. :) Hands down to the authors!

josie:) says

So when I got this ebook the very first day it came out, I won'tdeny that I was extremely excited! The prologue and the description just grabs you in and dumps you into a 5 hour reading session! What I really appreciated about this book is that it didn't over- do the story elements. Like it had some kind of dystopian feel to it but it also contained regular life issues. Also the romance did not over- do itself either, it was pin point perfect! Yes I have read books with simliar concepts but the sprinkle of originality and natural elemants, it made this book all the different.

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upon a group of Anomalies who call themselves The Punks. They're charming and unexpectedly, Caity finds herself drawn into their small family...and to their leader, the quiet, enigmatic Kismet.

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What also struck my interest in this book was that everyone in the New Haven had special powers that aligned with their brain activity. Caity's, the protagonist, had the ability to move things with her mind. It was interesting to watch the characters develop their powers and it played a huge part in the story itself.

The relationship that Caity had with Chase literally took my breathe away, Chase is so loving, caring, and protective of Caity. He has the excessive ability of strong muscle. Thier relationship can definately relate to real life situations and they both seem so natural to it all. Kismet, on the other hand, is another story. he is introuced when you're in about 1/3 of the book when he meets Caity. Now in the biginning he didn't have that physical connection with Caity that Chase did, but Kismet was most certainly intimate at heart. I think Kismet's personality was the thing that really struck Caity to want to know him better, I mean who didn't love a guy with a power of voice seduction, a guitar groove, and a cool mellow tone? Kismet obviously becomes a key character in the book and plays a strong part in the plot.

You would definately want to read this book if you are into YA fiction and romance, this is definately a must-read ebook if you had to read one! This book delivers many emotional scenes and caress, heartpounding moments. In the tense parts the action is very fast-paced and descriptive. This ebook is the first in the series so there will be much more after this!

Rhomy says

3.75 stars book.

In other words: very good :)

Though... I had a bunch of feelings about it and that's probably why my review it's a collection of ramblings!

It felt like I read 2 books instead of one, the beginning was great, then it became a little difficult to me to get into the story but after 50 percent, when she runs into Spaz, Dozer, Headset, Charlie and Kismet, the book turns amazing again.

The story goes around Caity and her friends, which all have special abilities and awesome powers! Her abilities are simply amazing and she is really funny, she made me laugh and also made me cry and feel her pain. Talking on the phone while using her power to pack might be the coolest thing ever! I could use some of that! lol.

Chase... well, he puzzled me. Couldn't connect with him and didn't like him at all. I never understood his motives. **Kismet is probably one of my favorite characters along with Izzy and Caity.**

The end is somehow **SHOCKING**, I can't say I felt sad, actually I kinda like were the story might be heading in the second book, though I'm pretty sure I'll be surprised!

Great start for a series!!

Marisa says

[Mainly because, if Stone knew where Caitlin was, why was it necessary to have her come to Las Vegas in the first place? I can assume it was to make her run in with Chase an “accident,” so that she’d be more trusting and willing to return to New Haven with him, but that was never

Aa'Ishah says

4.5 stars

I was sorely tempted to give this five stars, but after finishing it and then sleeping on it, I figure (reluctantly) four stars is probably more fair. It wasn't perfect, but who needs perfection? You read this and you are in for a ride. (Ugh, you know what, forget it. I'm switching this to a 4.5.)

It's been five years since Caitlin Tierney was kidnapped from New Haven, a secret institute for children with superhuman abilities. Her kidnappers? The Anomaly Control Team, or ACT. Viewing the children there as a threat, they implanted tracking devices that would both allow the ACT to keep an eye on them and neutralise their powers. Now, Caity is still trying to fit in with normal life, and it's (sort of) going OK...until she receives a mysterious letter. Tracing it back, it's not long before she's face to face with Chase, the guy she's still in love with after all these years, and who she never thought she'd see again. But with Chase comes the new New Haven, and it doesn't seem to have changed at all.

So much happens in this book, it's unbelievable. That description I just wrote? That's just half the book. But the amazing thing is that so much happens...and it *never* gets boring. I mean, OK, the beginning was a *little* slow, but after that it picks up and then you're just zipping along. I had every scene in my head, I was feeling everything that was going on, whether it was physical or emotional, and by the time I reached 80%, was I going to go to bed at a reasonable time just to get a good night's sleep? Of course not. Half-terms exist for a reason, that reason being lie-ins. (Any teachers reading this might just want to...um...ignore that.) But anyway, at no point did I start to lose interest and by the end I had my face just inches away from my Kindle.

Caity, my dear...can we be friends? No? Why not? Oh...yes. Well, if you were real, I can assure you we'd be besties. Sorry, Lexie. *turns attention back to reader* Ahem. Anyway. Caity was a *fantastic* protag. This girl was badass. This girl was strong. This girl was smart. Admittedly, her decision to jump on a plane as soon as she got that letter informing her she had a sister was somewhat questionable. No-one does that that quickly, no-one feels a sudden protective streak as soon as they get that kind of news. But apart from that, she was quite a believable character. Fine, apart from that and *her powers*, she was quite a believable character. Caity can both feel the emotions of other people and also move things with her mind, making her pretty unique. Seriously, you do not want to mess with her when she gets angry. Ask Bethany Stone, evil leader of New Haven. I also think she was quite smart when it came to Chase.

Chase is...adorable. At first. The thing is, he's changed a lot since they got separated five years ago. He goes from adorable when we meet him to delusional and it was quite a sad thing to see. Sad for Caity especially, not to mention painful. I couldn't believe what he was allowing to happen, what he had volunteered to be put through; quite honestly, he was turning increasingly crazy. Now, you know how there are some female protags who refuse to see what's right in front of them and carry on mooning idiotically over the love of their

life? Caity's not one of them. There was a point in a key scene that I thought, 'Uh-oh. Please don't tell me she's about to make that mistake.' Thankfully, she didn't, and she left. (That's the other half of the book. She leaves and Stuff Happens.) That, in my book, made her quite sensible.

OK, so...I'm going to tell you something and you have to *promise* not to do anything drastic. Don't now slam a wall between yourself and this book, don't just say, 'Forget it.' Promise? Pinky swear? You as well, do you promise? OK. Good. So...there is a love triangle BUT.

But. This takes place after Caity leaves New Haven and stumbles across a makeshift family, of whom Kismet is the leader. Kiz for short. There is no insta-love. Kiz is honestly a really sweet guy. He's very quiet. He has a power that would make any other guy arrogant and someone you'd want to slap, but he in contrast dislikes it because of how it makes people treat him. What is it, you ask? Well, (view spoiler). But seriously, the love triangle in this case makes perfect sense; it is well-written. And you know what, for me, it ends perfectly. Gilliland isn't afraid to do what needs to be done, and if it had ended in any other way, I would have been outraged. But I was saved from that annoyance, and instead I got to carry on reading in satisfaction.

Aware as I am of how long this review is turning out to be, I'm going to stop here. There's just *too much* to talk about. I will just quickly mention that I did have an issue with the tracking devices, it seemed that they were removed too late and so the ACT should have been down on everyone like a ton of bricks and yet they weren't until a certain point. But other than that, this book was fabulous. Every character had their own unique power, their own individual personality; Benji (otherwise known as Headset) was adorable and 4 year old Izzy stunned me. So: a diverse set of characters, a highly compelling plotline, a great romance...why aren't you reading this yet?

A big big thank you to the author for providing me with a copy in exchange for an honest review.

This review is also posted on my blog.

Heather says

I read this book as an Author Requested Review.

To me, the book is a combination of Spy Kids/Incredibles/Matrix.

At first, I didn't think I was going to like this book. I was perturbed by the huge spaces between each paragraph, which distracted me continually from the book. The overabundant use of "was/were" in place of active verbs also detracted from the flow of the story. Maybe that's my editor lens tainting my view of the book, but I can't help it; when a great book could've been excellent with more attention to the writing, it bothers me.

The more I read the book, the more I liked it. Thankfully, the ridiculous romance dies a down a little, the plot picks up, and the suspense and excitement carry the book through to the end.

By the time I finished reading, I realized I actually look forward to the next book in the series. Any book that makes me anticipate the sequel deserves at least four stars. With tighter editing, it could be a five star series.

Stargazer510 says

LOVED THIS BOOK! I really enjoyed this book and I cant wait to read up and comming books. There were some points that I thought seemed to drag, but now that I think of it, it was only because I really really wanted to find out what was going to happen next! What was Chase hiding? Who sent Caity that letter? What were they doing to the people that would come out of there testing so tired? Is Stone really bad? Or is she just misunderstood? What the hell happened with Madison that she is such a brat? Most of those were answered by the end of the book! But I was seriously caught up this book. If it was not for having to go to work on a daily basis and take care of a 4yr old I probably would have read non stop!

Danielle says

Well when you normally a person who goes to bed around 9:30/10 and you're up reading til 1:30am that says something, right?! I honestly could not stop reading the book. I kept wanting to see what was going to happen next! I fell in love with the characters and felt actual emotions for them. I actually cried a bit in the end. When I connect to characters like that, I know it's a **great** read :) I can't wait for book 2 to come out already!

Vicki says

I received this book free from the author in exchange for an honest review and boy am I glad!

I am pretty new to YA books of this nature, but have read quite a few in the past two-three months, and *Anomaly* is right up there in my number 1 spot! I mean who wouldn't love a book with characters like Chase, Izzy, Dozer, Kismet (Kiz, Kizzy), Bubbles? I was in love with the fun names, nothing banal about this book!

Each character has a supernatural ability, some used for good and others used for not so good reasons. Caity, the female protagonist, receives a letter from someone in her family that she hasn't seen in years and she embarks on a journey to find this person. Her adventure takes her places that no one should ever have to "visit" and gives her experiences that no person should have! What happens between Caitlin and her family member is a tear-jerker. Perhaps I shouldn't say this as it's on a personal note, but I read the last 40 pages at my high school's main rivalry football game last night and with the band playing 20 feet away from me, the cheerleaders and spirit club right in front of me, sitting with my back against the wall of the announcers booth, I CRIED, not just choked up, but cried real tears. I was pulling for the characters in the book because of how I wanted it to end. There were times I was crying because I thought my hopes for the ending were coming to fruition; times when I realized maybe they weren't. Bottom line is this book had me emotionally because of the relationships aspect...rooting for certain characters to come together.

There is also some very sweet romance going on and, as so often is the case, a love triangle. The problem for me is that I couldn't decide on whom I wanted to finally get together. I won't say if I got my "wish" or not, but the ending was completely shocking to me! A twist I had not expected at all.

One of the characters is a singer, and women are lured by his singing. He is a favorite character of mine because of his heart. He belongs to a "found family" that Caity encounters. From this story line in the book, the reader is able to see what family is really all about. Sometimes we get to choose who our families will be; other times not.

My recommendation is for everyone to read this book, even if you aren't in to this book's genre. To me it read like a movie. I think this is one of the few books that I've read that I think could be made into a movie because the conflicts, action, and characters were just that good!

S.L.J. says

3.5 Stars.

I really enjoyed this.

I love stories that jump straight into it without any of the usual slow build. It got right to the interesting stuff as quickly as it could and the X-men style powers were fun to read about.

The only thing I wasn't sure about is that this comes dangerously close to other female leads in YA fantasy. In other words, no matter how serious the situation, no matter how dangerous things get, the heroine just can't stop thinking about the two hunks in her life.

But that little flaw wasn't nearly as bad as I've seen in some books and the rest of the story more than made up for it. All in all, a really fun read.

I get the feeling the sequel will be even more entertaining.

Thanks to Jessica Marie Gilliland and the ARR program for giving me a copy of this to R and R. :D

Stacy says

This is like a supernatural 'Bourne Identity' novel - - full of mystery, action, super-secret government agencies, and romance....ah, the romance. A young girl with special powers is kidnapped and sent to a secret facility where doctors test – and torture- in order to find out where the powers come from. Caitlin Tierney, called 'Caity', has no memory of her childhood before she was brought to New Haven, but she does have nightmares about the events that occurred there. She has a special friendship with another gifted adolescent named Chase, but when the pair is ripped apart, Caity doubts she will ever see him again. Able to leave the facility as an adult, she is trying to have a normal life, but struggles to fit in and keep her special abilities in check.

When a letter arrives out of the blue, telling Caity of a troubled sister she never knew she had, Caity throws herself head-first into a search to save her sister...where the path leads straight back to New Haven. Has the facility really changed? Has the head doctor Dr. Stone mended her ways? Or is this new facility worse than the one before it?

I greatly enjoyed this novel and was captivated until the very end! Eagerly awaiting the next book in this series, to find out what REALLY happened at the end....the story left some really intriguing cliffhangers!

Danielle (Dannie) says

This book grabbed me from the beginning and pulled me right into the story. I couldn't put it down!! If you

like dystopian paranormal fiction, you will love this book! It is books like these that make me wonder how much is true and how much is fiction ... Sometimes you never know. :)

There is an occasional spelling error or word misplaced but they are so few and far between I was able to read through them without any problems. I can't wait to read the next book in the series!

Sara says

I got this book from the author to review. Boy, am I glad I signed up for this one!

I really loved this book, and had a hard time putting it down to take care of my kids. It was just wonderful, and well written, and such a great story. It is about a place called New Haven where kids/teens are taken because they have special abilities like super strength or speed. Caitlin is the heroine in the story, and her journey is a very emotional one. She was a very strong female lead; just the way I like them. Chase is kind of like her soulmate, and they haven't seen each other for 5 years, when they are finally reunited. This is a journey of choosing right from wrong, making your own choices, and meeting new friends like the wonderful Kismet, Spaz, Dan, Charlie, and Headset. I really started to love all these characters and can't wait to read more about them.

This book took me through many emotions. There were many smiles, a lot of anxiety, and a few tears shed along the way. It is very well written with just a few editing flaws. I don't want to give anything away, but the author did a wonderful job of building up the suspense and mystery of what was to come. Oh, and the ending! That is all I can say! I cannot wait for the sequel! I recommend this to everybody!

Cyndi Goodgame says

Must read. Caity is a great character to watch fall into situations and see how she uses her bravery and determination to accomplish what she feels will right the world of evil. She is gaining a sad wisdom by learning she can't trust everyone, but all too often have to learn to trust someone along the way who will not let you down. Kismet is intriguing and dark and perfect. I can't wait to know more about him and where he will lead Caity next. Loved the twist on the "paranormal gifts" the characters use for either good or evil.
