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She touches your fingerprints. She knows your thoughts.

Yana was my best friend—and Yana wanted me dead.

I should hate her for what she tried to do. But the people who stole what she loved most—they did the same to me.

Yana still wants revenge, and she doesn't want my help. Can I really let her walk into a trap?

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Fairy Tale Junkie says

The finale.

Everyone got their happy ever after.

All questions answered.

Most problems resolved.

And Rae and Anthony are right together as they should be.

Mandy and Jesse got their own thing going as well.

Love love this series.

I am for sure to check now her Roswell series (wasn't aware that that TV series was based on Melinda Metz's books)

Winnifred says

I don't get why her books are getting shorter and shorter. What's wrong with shoving them together? It seems to unnecessary to put them like this. I thought it would finally end with Yana, but of course, there has to be more drama.

I think it would have been a lot better for this series as a whole to have ended sooner. That would propel the story faster so it doesn't feel like it's sluggish.

Sarah Crawford says

This is the last of the fingerprint series. Rae is worried about Yana trying to kill her, but it turns out Rae is not Yana's target at all. In this book, though, it's Rae, Yana and Reeve fighting against the group that did the experiments on women which resulted in Rae and Yana having their powers. The book leaves the way open for a follow-up series, but it doesn't appear that there will be any.

It's a decent ending for the series, a little better than a few of the other books in the group.

Elisabeth says

as you can already tell i love scary stories. but this book isn't scary at all its more suspenseful.
its about a girl that has a power. everytime she touches something she could see what could happen and she can make things happen. many people didn't like this but there were also people who were there for her. but

one person in particular that she had more problems with was an ex best friend that tries to get revenge for what she did to her mother.

Star says

this was one of the older books/series that got me really into reading. i hated reading back in 5th and 6th grade, but this series had me completely changing my mind and taking interest in romance stories.

Janeen says

I guess this wrapped up the series pretty well, but I took off a star (and probably should have taken two) for the ridiculous way the Yana storyline wrapped up.

I'm sorry, but after reading Yana's mustache-twirling, psycho-villain thoughts for the last SIX books, now she is suddenly normal? No. I don't think so. I could accept that a character that acted like Rae's friend actually wanted to get close enough to hurt her... but that Yana spent SO much energy acting like Rae's friend, all while thinking these maniacal super-villain monologues in her head? No. That Yana, after all of her supervillainy and insanity, realized Rae wasn't to blame for her mother's death and somehow became normal? No.

In this book, Yana turns her revenge efforts towards those actually responsible for her mother's death, but she is much, much more rational about it than her thoughts about murdering Rae ever were. It's... as if those thoughts were inconsistent with her character... hm.

Anyway, luckily, I think Anthony and Rae are adorable, so it wasn't a total loss.

Lisa says

Finally finally finally, Rae was amazing in this book and her and Anthony is adorable they couldn't get any cuter, the only thing that slightly bothers me is Yana and that they all seem to have forgiven that witch... The ending is quite open but good, I loved this series.

Elizabeth says

I am desperately sad to know that this series has come to an end and since the author wrote these back in 2000/2001 it's pretty clear she's not intending to revisit it. So I will have to be content with the seven books I have and *sniffle* just keep re-reading them. I've read quite a few series in my day and to be quite frank, this is by far the best of the lot. Book seven is no exception. I rarely walk away from a series feeling satisfied that everything has been tied up successfully, but with Fingerprints I totally am. Every single question I had was dutifully answered by the author. It all tied together perfectly and left no questions in my mind. It did, however, leave the door slightly ajar for another series, perhaps a spin-off or possibly even a continuation of the original though, as I mentioned earlier, that seems unlikely to happen.

In book six we learn that Yana, Rae's best friend, is the second stalker. We also learn why she was so hell bent on killing Rae, revenge is a dish best served cold and boy was Yana cold. Book six wraps up with Yana being captured and Anthony and Rae finally coming together romantically.

Book seven picks up exactly where book six leaves off. Rae and Anthony are at the beginning stages of their relationship and all seems resolved, except for those creepy folks at the Wilton Center who are still conducting their supernatural experiments. But Rae is resolved to move on with her life, just wanting to have that piece of normal she's been looking for throughout the series. But alas, that is not meant to be. Yana escapes from Aiden Matthews and is on the loose and Anthony and Rae are convinced that she's headed back to finish the job she started in book six by killing Rae. But Yana's learned some truths of her own and her direction, her target, has changed, though Anthony and Rae are unaware of the shift. Anthony seeks the assistance of Aiden Matthews while Rae looks to Mandy for help. In addition, Mandy's having some problems of her own, namely an older sister named Emma who's intent on eloping with her stoner boyfriend.

What I loved about this novel was that the author has given Yana a real voice and allowed the reader to empathize with her. To be honest, by book six I was not really loving Yana very much but during this novel I grew to understand her more. Allowing her voice to be heard opened up a much needed window into Yana's world and I appreciated being given the opportunity to know her as more than a blood thirsty nutbag.

After Rae and Anthony discover that Yana is hell bent on destroying the Wilton Center they attempt to convince her that it's a no-win situation but to no avail. Yana proceeds with her plot and all hell breaks loose and she gets sucked into being a center guinea pig during which time she meets Sam, another teen with powers. During this craziness, Anthony, Jesse and Rae all take a side trip to thwart Emma's nuptials. By the end of the story, someone is murdered, the center is burned down and this unlikely group of friends is reunited and unified. Even Marcus and Anthony get to have their much needed confrontation.

It's insane that so much is going on at once but it all works and the ends tie up nicely. It's a perfect ending to a great series and I am so very, very sad to see it end.

Abbie says

The ending to Revelations was pretty good, and in my opinion, it should have ended there.

I found Payback to be pretty dull.

I normally complain about Rae's stupidity, but a few of the others were stupid too. Anthony thought that asking Yana if she was brain damaged was a good thing to say to someone that had the ability to put that thought into his head, and actually make **him** brain damaged.

The ending wasn't that great.

I like concrete endings, but this one was left wide open.

It would have been a lot better if it ended with the last book, as this book felt like a waste of time.

Ashley says

I waited a few days before reviewing this last book because I wanted to give myself time to see if my opinion changed, but it hasn't. I really enjoyed this series, but I was a little dissatisfied with the ending. I do understand how, in books like these where it's a group of kids vs. a whole organization, there is no good way to completely close the chapter for the characters in a way that makes sense, but I still would have liked something a little more solid than what we were left with at the end of this series. Even if that was just, you know, some adults being involved at the end of the day (like if we were introduced to a rival or rebel group of adults), or them deciding to try to find all the other G2 kids to warn/help them.

I also found suspension of disbelief difficult when it came to them forgiving and working with Yana so easily. It's one thing to pity her and to allow her to help you in defeating the evil government organization (levels of devils and all that)....but to actually forgive her this quickly seemed a little bit more of a stretch than I could buy. This chick is clearly psycho, don't just let her back into your life!

I also felt like there were too many little plots that felt unfinished - such as Anthony's dad, and the person at the prison who seemed to know about the Group/Rae.

I'd love it if there was a follow up series that explored some of the other G2 kids, but it looks like there isn't :(

Mary says

I liked the resolution for this in the previous book. In Payback, it leaves it open for it to continue- but since these were written over ten years ago, I doubt there will be more. Leaves a reader hanging. I agree with the reviewer who said the previous book, Revelation, would have been a good ending point given the way Payback ended.

Sarah says

(Source: I own a copy of this book.)

Well it looks like everything was tied up, but now Yana has escaped captivity. *Sigh*

Well after tying everything up so nicely at the end of book 6, the author has now messed things up with this final book, and then left the ending open?! I mean, do we really need an open ending? Do we really need to hear more from Rae and co.?

I really don't think this book was necessary to the series. It was okay, they've all been just about okay, but I think I preferred the ending to book 6, where it felt like everything was tied up, and we got a happily ever after. This extra book just felt unnecessary, and now the ending is left open again? Not impressed. This book was published over 12 years ago, so I doubt there will be any more books to follow after this one. Why couldn't we have had a tied-up ending like we got at the end of book 6?

Overall; okay story, but less than impressed by the ending,

6 out of 10.

Michelle Lewis says

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I really like this, but what happens after this book?

I love this book but I hate books and series that end like this.

I'm sorry but this ending just makes me so mad!!! It is left so another book can be written, and none was!

What happens after, do they defeat the group?

Does the group kill them?

What happens!!

Kristal says

Loved the series, but I didn't like how the last book ended. It seems like there should have been another book added but there isn't one. What happens after is the question in which no one will know. The agency is still after them.

Marissa says

This whole series is amazing. I love it sooo much. I can't believe I had ever missed out in this book any earlier but considering the fact that it was published on 2002, I would be at the age of 4 or 5 years old. This whole series got me cracking with Anthony and Jesse and basically everyone in there. I really love the first four books of the series, after that things got awkward and stuff between Anthony and Rae but really, I still have myself hooked on it. This is the longest review I ever bothered to type because really i am an lazy ass and half the time I get confused how to judge the book because everytime I see a awesomely good book get scorned in a review i find myself slapping my hands on my forehead. Anyway since not many people reviewed this, I had a sense to review this series :') This awesome-freaking series deserves WAY more than 200 ratings. It deserves a six digit number rating! Because it's amazing! And maybe not many people come across this book because it's old and everyone is delving themselves in all the vampire-werewolf, romance and blahblah books. You guys must be a crackhead to not freaking know this series! This series is the BOMB! I will have to stop now. If not my whole mind will burst and I wont be able to stop typing this review. I don't want to give a top-notch review, anlyzing every whoop-dee-do detail like "oh the pace of the book is too fast" or "the plot is rubbish" getting or critical like that. Sorry, but my mind don't go for critical thinking. For what i know, if you're able to enjoy the story it's good enough. But you know, people are entitled to their own opinions and mindsets. No puns intended.

Just so you know, not many books get me on edge, but from the first line of the first book of the first chapter of this series, I was hooked. I love it.

These are some of my moments;

WHEN ANTHONY SAID TO RAE, "I love you too"

When Anthony kissed Rae after he saved her from the ppl keeping her hostage (the last lines of book four)

The end of the book, everyone good with each other

Im going to skip all the anger abt anthony kissing yana part because he was imagining Rae through all that. How friggin' sweet is that? Ahahaha i think i will never stop using the word 'friggin' after how much i hear the word in the book. Anthony is just this modest and truthful boy. Okay, this review is completely a whacker, too long. But yo, i don't care. I love this so much.

I don't know, but these characters seem to live inside me, i dont feel sad after finishing this book.

Oh yeah, Jesse was totally a cutie in the book :)
