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The most dangerous secrets are the ones that kill.

114 days--that's how long seventeen-year-old Dakota Harrison must wait to escape her life in Boresville. But when a surprising mental breakdown draws too much attention from a secret government group call the Order, Dakota discovers that her so-called boring life isn't so boring after all. Between the lies, secrets and assassins out to kill her family, Dakota learns that there's more to paranormal activity than ghosts and cheap mind tricks. Now she must uncover the truth before a new breed of terrorism takes everything away - including her life.

## Collide Details

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### **SoWrongItsRANDI {Bell, Book & Candle} says**

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It's time to hold on to your bootstraps, because this book is serious business! From start to finish I was engrossed in the story. Well...maybe not exactly from the start; I was a bit confused in the beginning about where the story was heading, but once it picked up there was no stopping the crazy train (pun intended)!

I loved the switch between past and present via journals entries and POVs, as it piqued my interest and kept me entertained. As the heavyweight champ of plot guessing, I totally guessed the plot twists correctly. I'm not going to lie; I may or may not have kissed my biceps after my suspicions were confirmed. That's not to say that this story is completely obvious, because it's not.

Anyways, there are some very good themes in this book: revenge, loss, atonement, love and my personal favorite: secrets. For the love of all that is holy, I will never understand why people think secrets will remain as such forever. As the saying goes: truth will out. I haven't a clue as to how the protagonist, Dakota, dealt with her world turning upside down.

Speaking of which, Dakota was a tad too whiny for my taste. Although I have not been in her particular situation, I can't help but think that she needs to get it together. Also it was weird how both Dakota and David are supposed to have some sort of a romance, but it seemed to be lacking any real chemistry or passion. I don't like to be told that two characters are in love or whatever; I want to feel it. And the Architect was such a jerk (understatement of a lifetime, I know), but I'm glad that the "Architect" (I'm not going to name any names!) received their comeuppance.

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If you're looking for a book with an intriguing plot, action, revenge and some government conspiracy and experimentation - this is the book for you. On a side note, I can totally picture the big "G" experimenting on people - They probably already do!

### **Justine Winans says**

Collide is an extremely fast-paced novel that's an absolutely exhilarating read. Fans of action and suspense should be able to devour it without putting down the book once. Although it did take me a little bit to actually get into the book, once I did, I was unable to stop reading until I reached the end.

I love the concept of Collide, which really comes together as the book moves forward. Despite the pacing of the novel, the entire plot isn't slapped across the reader's face, and the story still has time to unfold. The truth is gradually revealed, as Dakota learns more about her past and the abilities she didn't know she possessed.

The characters of Collide were also very well-developed, even if some of the relationships between them felt a little flat. Dakota had a great voice that stayed interesting and realistic. The Architect may not have been the kind of person readers would root for, but I found her to be an incredibly compelling character. The changes in viewpoint worked very well, as the voices were all extremely different and the varieties in personality easily showed through. Between the first person narrative, third person narrative, and journal entries, the plot moved smoothly and rapidly, and every angle of the story was explored.

All in all, Collide is an exciting read devoid of slow moments. Between the attention-grabbing characters, twists in plot, and rapid pacing, the novel will leave readers breathless and hungry for more.

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### **Jessica \*The Lovely Books\* says**

Collide caught my eye when I read the synopsis. It looked intriguing and just up my alley. I enjoyed the story very much but it took me awhile to get into it. The book started picking up around the halfway mark and by then I was glad I stuck with it.

The story follows more than one POV which I found cool. The main character, Dakota, comes to find that she has powers she never knew she had. Most of her life she's been in hiding with her family and for good reason. Someone wants her and several others like her back.

Throughout the story we meet lots of characters as well as learn a bunch of secrets. Towards the end the book really had me turning the pages and then bam it ended. I have so many questions I need answered!

Overall, I loved the concept of the book but I felt it was missing the passion that keeps me reading. If you're looking for an action packed with some mystery thrown in there, then I recommend you pick this one up!

\*Review copy given in exchange for an honest review.

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### **Becca says**

WOW. I don't know what else to say about what I just finished reading. Okay, maybe something like "I WANT MORE"! This book is FAN FREAKING TASTIC. Yes, its a word, at least on this blog it is :).

My power went out tonight for over 3 hours, so what is a girl to do when the power is out? Get her paper white Kindle and read :). This was the book I chose to read. I started it yesterday, but only got like two pages in before I had to put it down and do the mom thing...hehe. It had already grabbed my interest so I was anxious to read it. Lets just say I am SO glad the power went out. It allowed me to read the rest of the book. I couldn't put it down.

Dakota has sort of a mental breakdown and grabs too much unwanted attention, which forces her and her family to flee. Dakota is totally in the dark about why her parents reaction to her behavior is so "dire" that they have to leave their home at that very moment.

While fleeing their home they are followed by "who knows who" and gunfire explodes around her. She can hear the fear in her parents voices and they tell her to get out of the car when it slows and find her brother

Josh. Yes, just what every child wants right? For their parents to tell them to jump out of a moving car in the middle of gun fire. Gosh, this book had me on my toes the WHOLE time. It was AWESOME.

When Dakota finally finds her brother Josh, her world is turned upside down again. She finds out some things about her life that blow her mind. Some she is able to deal with and some she just isn't.

This book messed with my mind. The thought of being able to control things with my mind is more than I can wrap my head around. Although I do think it would come in quite handy...sometimes.

Josh tries to help Dakota understand but Dakota is dealing with her own daemons along with finding out about her past. She is having memories come to her in flashes that don't make sense. She has abilities that are coming to her that she doesn't have control over. It's all just so exciting.

While trying to escape they find a friend or ex-boyfriend :) on the way. David. I still don't know if I like David or not. I guess, I do, but I just don't know if he is "really" a good guy or not. He seems to be, but things are nothing what they seem in this book.

Man, I could go on forever and ever because I just want to tell you all the whole story :). BUT, you are going to have to go grab a copy of this for yourself.

I loved this book. It is action packed. The story is so awesome, and I want the next one out like NOW. I think I have been saying that a lot lately :). I really do wish the next one was out right now, because I MUST know what happens. MUST....I guess this is just what the author wants though right? For me to be left wanting. She did for sure. The writing is amazing and so much fun to read. I found myself holding my head a few times, thinking "WHAT just happened?????"

It was FAN FREAKING TASTIC!

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### **Kristelle says**

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Collide by Christine Fonseca is written in more than one POV. I liked the journal entries of the researchers that come with it, too. The story is about Dakota and four other gifted recruits as they tried to uncover memories from their childhood that was stored away from them because of the awful secrets they were all involved with and their gifts they never knew they had. But one of them was killed, and the killer was among them and was after their lives, too. Yet they were all busy hiding and they can't afford to trust anyone and each other; because they all tell lies. Dakota doubts herself, too; she thinks she's the killer. Memories and visions tell her that she is the killer.

It is confusing at times.

I find the tone very serene even though the situation describes the opposite.

Yes, it serves the action pretty well but it's not enough for me. It's like the characters are a little bit unstable about their reactions. I could not actually follow them a few times in the story. It's like someone had promised to serve me a full course dinner with my favourite meal and dessert but failed to put in the table the one dessert I was eagerly excited for. It's missing something and I was looking for it but I couldn't find it.

This book has so much promise in it.

I couldn't abandon it because the plot is so great, the characters are all fresh but you can see that they will soon bomb the book for smoke and action. Reading this has been fun. The twists and the secrets are all but a good vine for the story.

I might not give full marks for this but I will definitely look out for the second book and the others to follow. I really believe that many doors will soon open and showcase that missing piece I am looking for.

I recommend it to readers who love reading 'bout clairvoyants and psychics. Because this book is about them and I think that they would highly enjoy it.

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### **Gail says**

The story is centers on the physic warfare and the experimentation of children who have physic abilities. The main characters have very extraordinary and mental ability that is very important to the government. When you have the government involved you know that there will be some of sort of conspiracy involved.

If you enjoy paranormal with a lot of suspense with the psychological twist and romance than you need to pick this book up. Christine Fonseca has written an intriguing story with lots of mystery, and some surprises with a lot of twists and turns. That will have you on the edge of your seat.

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### **Lelia Taylor says**

First, let me say I love this cover. You have to really look at it to see the things that are not as obvious as the

face, the stairs and the statuary, and the imagery is just beautiful. Does it reflect the story? Well, I'll leave that to you to find out by reading the book but, whether it does or not, this is an awesome cover ;-)

Dakota is an interesting girl, especially because she doesn't understand why her parents react as they do when a kind of emotional and mental breakdown focuses the wrong sort of attention on them. She's even more bewildered and frightened when she finds her brother, Josh, who has much to tell her about who and what she is and why her memories are so wispy yet so frightening. On the run, they'll encounter others to whom they have a connection...and then there's the Architect, a most unique killer. What will the Creator have her do when she encounters her former fellow recruits? Is she past redemption? To me, although Dakota and David are clearly the main characters, the Architect is the most vivid, even quite appealing.

Suppose you discovered one day that the scientists studying your special abilities weren't just interested in how good your skills are but rather in how they could be manipulated? Suppose again that this is going on today; it wouldn't be the first time such a thing has happened, would it? That is what makes *Collide* so intense and it's what will draw me to the next book, *Outbreak*, due out in February. I'm very, very glad I won't have to wait long to catch up with these characters Ms. Fonseca has embedded in my heart and mind.

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### **Myndi says**

This book was amazing, I can not WAIT for book 2! The author has woven a tale that is both exhilarating and heart wrenching. We get to see the use of psychological gifts, a mystery to be uncovered, and a childhood romance being kindled again. I was instantly drawn into the story and was so involved in the characters lives that each shock, each death, each new obstacle felt personal to me. Stories like these are the ones we love to read because we are so fully immersed in the story, it's almost hard to re-enter the real world. Warning, there is a cliffhanger at the end of this book, so reader beware. But for me it only served my desire to have the next book to read as soon as possible. I would also like to thank the author for not only sending me a copy of her book to read, but also including several bookmarks and signing the book for me. I will treasure it.

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### **Christine Fonseca says**

So excited to bring this book to all of you. Less angst and more action than some of my other books, it has been so fabulous to write!

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### **Sara says**

Christine Fonseca has once again kept me entranced in an action packed story. *Collide* is a fast paced journey full of adventure, danger, and deceit.

This is the story of five kids trained together by the Creator who has his own agenda when honing in on their psychic abilities. Warfare. The kids are all placed in hiding until ten years later when they are discovered and things start to unravel. The child known as the Architect has been used and manipulated by the Creator to seek vengeance on the other four kids. He uses her as a means to an end, and to bring the one known as the Assassin home. The Assassin is the only one he truly wants.

Collide starts with the action and doesn't quit until the last page. There is a little romance, which we all need, and a few tears to be shed along the way. This was an awesome start to a series and I can't wait for the next book to come out. I recommend Christine's writing to everyone.

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### **Jo-Anne Vandermeulen says**

Fast Paced, Action Packed Compelling YA/Na Paranormal Suspense Leaving All Readers Thirsty For More!

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### **Anna says**

First off, I'd like to thank the author for sending me this book through a goodreads giveaway. Second, I already wrote a review, but I deleted one of my shelves and I guess it deletes that book from all of your shelves. You should change that, GoodReads. I was so proud of it and unaware that by doing that **EVERYTHING WOULD BE GONE**.

Thirdly, my actual rating is 3.5, but I've been battling for a good month now on whether or not I want to present it as 3 stars or 4 stars. I recently decided on 4, because it's one of those books that I find that I like more after I let it sit. Usually, it's the other way around.

So, for now, I'm just going to say a few things:

-I did enjoy this book and I liked the concept. It reminded me of The Darkest Minds and Runaways, Vol. 1: Pride and Joy, and I enjoyed both of those books.

-I would recommend this book to people, because there were plot twists that I didn't see coming and exciting reveals. The characters weren't insufferable and I liked the font, but the font didn't affect my review.

-Speaking of things that didn't affect my review, this book needed an extra set of eyes before it was published. I just wanted to rip out my pen and have at all of the periods that weren't there, plurals that weren't supposed to be plural, general mistakes on the keyboard (My favorite was "Chills cascade down my spine as his voice fades away." on page 221) and those things annoy me but I'm not reviewing the dictionary, so it doesn't really matter.

-The writing: was pretty. It had a generic YA feel, but the way it came together made everything seem more dramatic. However, I noticed that lots of things were palpable and colliding with each other while threatening to intensify or fishtail.

-I, come to think of it, loved how the different narrations came together. It was confusing at first, and The Architect always being called The Architect got annoying after a while, but it was unavoidable. But everything kind of clicked, and I thought it was obvious who The Architect was, but nothing in this book was obvious.

-The book kind of dragged in some places, but for the most part, there was constantly stuff happening. Usually things that involved guns, which sort of brings me to my next point.

-The romance didn't take over the book! I personally hate romance in YA scifi, because most of the time, the romance either takes over the book and distracts from the action or just happens with no development while the action goes on. But the romance in this felt like a happy medium. The romantic moments were usually dedicated to the romance--no impending doom to stop the relationship from developing.

-I did have a problem with Dakota. She reacted to the fact that she was "special" in a fairly normal way, whereas most YA characters would just say "Cool. I'm doomed. Let's go grab a burger." But she never let it go and directed her anger out on the wrong people.

-And the last time I made a review and tried to mark something as a spoiler, goodreads ate my review, so I'll

just say that I thought that Maya's motives towards the end of the book were kind of stupid.

I'll add more later, because I wrote this review the day I finished the book. All in all, I recommend this book. It's not perfect, but it was fun.

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### **Deborah Bean says**

Holy, Mother, Sweet, Son of a, I cannot even begin to describe my feelings about *Collide* by Christine Fonseca. I was not sure what I was reading at first. Every now and then I like to surprise myself and start a book without reading the synopsis. When you have an author like Christine, there is no need. You just know that the book is going to be awesome. This book, while a little confusing at first, did not disappoint. Can you imagine what experiments the government does behind our backs? This story is about just that. A government experiment gone wrong. There is a lot of action in this book, so if you are looking for sweet romance... do not look here. This is life and death, revenge and redemption. You will not want to put this book down.

Total 5 stars from me. I love a book that has me reading so fast that I accidentally turn an extra page and totally confuse myself. There was one part that had me steaming mad. Still not over it. You will know it when you get to it. Buy and read this book. You will not regret it.

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### **Belkis says**

**4.5 Exhilarating stars! This one was quite the thrilling ride from start to finish!** An absolute page turner to say the least. Never ever a dull moment in this entire story. Christine Fonseca has written one wonderfully intriguing story full of mystery, surprises, twists and turns that had me holding my breath and gripping my kindle. *Loved the writing style used to tell the story with past and present timelines alternating between journal entries from the past and run-for-your-life-heart-pounding-chases in the present.* This allowed the plot to unfold at a perfect pace while keeping the action focused and the intrigue deliciously intense. I literally had some nail-biting moments!

The characters are interesting, layered, and unique. I loved the characters' monikers!! Assassin, Architect, Eagle, Ninja, Samurai, Creator! Loved that! The plot centers on physic warfare and the experimentation of children with physic abilities. Specifically the extraordinary mental abilities of the five main characters. The story had a little bit of everything. Action, love, rage, revenge, despair, redemption, and loss. I would not mind getting more of this story and these characters so I'm happily jumping with excitement over the prospect of a second book!!

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### **Brooke (The Cover Contessa) says**

So, if anyone knows me, they know I am a huge fan of Christine Fonseca. I am always recommending her to my friends and family. Her *Requiem* series really blew me away. So it's not surprising that I loved this one, as well!

Blurb from Goodreads:

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I will be honest and say that Christine did consult me on quite a few passages for this book. And I'm so honored that she included me and felt my opinion was important enough to get my thoughts. And I can also say that she has done it again. If you are a fan of thrillers, mysteries and action packed books that keep you on your toes, this one is it!

Dakota, wow! She's indescribably strong, despite not really understanding what is going on in her life. She's being pushed and pulled by forces she doesn't understand. Things have been wiped clean from her memories, but she's still more determined than ever to figure out how to keep those she loves safe. Dakota questions everything and everyone in her life, not sure who she should trust or if she can really trust anyone at all. I can't even begin to describe how well her anxiety and fear come through off the pages of this book!

Josh, Dakota's brother, is an awesome character. He's strong and protective of Dakota, willing to risk anything to keep her safe (even if it might be himself). I can't say much more about him because I don't want to spoil anything, but know he will grab you in this book, and perhaps even give you a bit of heartache.

David, I really want to see MORE of him. He's sensitive and also extremely protective of Dakota. He's willing to sacrifice himself several times throughout the book to keep her safe.

But I have to say my favorite character in this book is The Architect. I can't even explain exactly why. I love how the character's POV is written in third person. It gives the character so much depth. Being part of the all knowing, it was the perfect fit for this character.

The pacing of this book is great! I flew right through it, not wanting to put it down, and turning the pages with an eagerness I wasn't surprised by. This is how it's been whenever I read Fonseca's writing. She has a way of really pulling you so far into the story, you just don't want to leave. There's nothing slow about where Fonseca goes with this story. It's always moving you forward.

As for the story-line? Well, Fonseca has described it as Xmen meets Bourne Identity, and she could not be more right. I love how the paranormal is incorporated into this book. It's innovative and unique. Lovers of Mafi's Shatter Me series or Bracken's Darkest Minds series will truly love this book.

Collide is a fast moving, suspenseful thriller full of twists and turns around every bend. An action packed read that will have your heart slamming in your chest and your mind racing until the end.

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