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Some things are too painful to remember--and too deadly to forget.

Found: One girl, age 13. Unconscious. Unharmed. Unclaimed. Unidentified.

Lost: Everything.

J.D. and Daniel are on the run, searching for answers about her past...and about the dangerous powers she can't seem to control. She knows she can't trust the memories implanted in her mind by the mysterious Dr. Styron, but they still feel real--and they won't stop haunting her. J.D. must race to uncover the truth and unlock the dark secrets in her brain...before it's too late.

Betrayal Details

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Jennifer Wardrip says

Reviewed by Carrie Spellman for TeensReadToo.com

J.D. and Daniel are on the run. They're running from the people that are after J.D., which seems to be just about everyone. They're running from the visions in J.D.'s head that might be the past, might be the future, or might just be hallucinations. And J.D. is running from the guilt that she is probably responsible for the death of the woman who, falsely, claimed to be her mother.

The only thing either of them knows for sure is that finding out the answers to J.D.'s past is the only hope they have for future survival. If they can find everything out fast enough, they may even be able to turn the tables on whoever it is that's chasing them. If they can stay alive, and free, long enough.

This book picks up right where the last one, AWAKENING, left off. It is a whirlwind adventure from beginning to end. If you liked the last one, this one won't give you a second to slide to the back of your chair. And the end will keep you there, waiting for the next chapter in J.D.'s story.

Marianne (Boricuan Bookworms) says

In this sequel to Awakening, we see J.D. and Daniel on the run, 10 days after the events that left an impact on their lives. J.D. starts discovering things that make her even more dangerous than she thought. She's putting some clues together and noticing that Daniel can be in danger just by being around her. But, when she's thrust into different situations, can she risk trusting the one person that's always been there for her?

I gotta say, this sequel kind of left me wanting more. I felt like the book was a bit monotonous up until the very end. I'm really glad that J.D. finally found her back bone, and discovered what she had inside her. The ending made me so frustrated, because I didn't want it to end there. I can't wait to see how everything unravels, and of course, I want to see what happened to Daniel. 4.5 stars yet again.

Lynn says

Another good story by Wasserman. J.D. is now on the run with Daniel, but still does not remember her past. She also knows that she has some kind of power that she can't explain, and it frightens her. She and Daniel seek to find out more information that might lead them to the truth. They run across Jacob who gives them what seems like a home living underground with other runaways, but it isn't long before J.D. realizes that she has endangered all of them, including Daniel. Who can she trust? Will Jacob betray them? I'm anxious to read the final book in the trilogy, Chasing Yesterday #3, The Truth.

Ashley says

Middle school read. 3 stars.

bjneary says

In book 2 of the Chasing Yesterday Trilogy, J.D. and Daniel go on the run when J.D. is able to fling a bully to a wall and knock them out--just by thinking about it. When they go back to the center, there is a woman who tells everyone she is J.D.'s mother. They go to a house, her mother told her she lived there her whole life. Now her mother says she must see this Dr. Sykes to try to piece together what is happening to her, but J.D. alternately hates, fears, likes this man and she doesn't know why. She is also dreaming about the explosion and also about some other person who dies in a fiery accident. The book is called Betrayal for 2 reasons- J.D. leaves Daniel behind even though they vowed to stick together and unknowingly, Daniel gets J.D. apprehended and returned to this place where she will be monitored very closely. Very tense, good and evil vie constantly, and poor J.D. can't make any sense of what is going on--music plays and she gets very calm, she goes off to places and can't remember what she did and she becomes friendly with the other girls at this "place" where she lives.

Julie says

I hated this sequel.

The only reason I kept reading, was because I wanted to know what happened to Daniel and J.D.

I care about the characters, but J.D. was being too much of an independent brat wallowing in self pity throughout this book, and then Daniel 'turns on her,' as if he's evil. I like Daniel though! He's not evil! how can anyone think that! he's just trying to help!

Now I'm anti-J.D. is it good to be against the protagonist? no.

I must admit, it did suck me in like the last one, and I'm reading the last book, because I will go crazy if I never know what happened to my favorite Dannyboy16.

Shalyn says

I like this because at first I thought J.D.'s best friend Daniel would leave her because the title said Chasing Yesterday #2 Betrayal and I kept thinking that he might leave her but instead she left him when these other people were living in an abandoned house. When J.D. let Daniel leave other people to go eat she was thinking of leaving so when they came back she waited till everyone fell asleep, and then she left. Once, she left she didn't know where to hide or no place to go because everyone was looking for her the officers and the enemies. One day, she was walking at a park and saw these girls hanging like they were each other's sister and a few minutes past, and they looked at J.D. and said "what you looking at FREAK!?" but all J.D. wanted is to be like them everything is normal have friends, new clothes, family, house and people that can really trust.

I like this book a lot because it's about a girl and boy so what and I was thinking that they might fall in love with each other and all, and how it's about a girl a girl without a past that she doesn't remember anything.

Ann says

Betrayal was such a quick read, just like the first book in this series. I like this series because JD doesn't know who she really is... JD stands for Jane Doe. She's trying to figure everything out. When she remembers things, she questions whether it was a real memory or if it was planted there. I was completely shocked when she was betrayed by someone so close to her! It would be an awful feeling to be betrayed like she was. However, I still question now as to what that person's intentions were. I love books that keep you thinking! Anyway, there is only one book left in this series, and I just can't imagine how all of these questions could be answered in one short book!

Arminzerella says

This was a somewhat disappointing continuation of the Chasing Yesterday series. J.D. is on the run from Dr. Styron and neither she nor Daniel has anywhere to go, so they end up bouncing from place to place while J.D. tries to control the guilt she feels over having killed the woman who was acting as her mother and figure out who she is and why Dr. Styron wants her. She makes a little progress – she knows that she has a lot of power, and that it's triggered by certain things, but she has difficulty consciously controlling it. Further research reveals that J.D. was developed (somehow) by a corporation to be a weapon. Knowing that Styron and his team will keep searching for her J.D. decides to cut Daniel loose, unfortunately, he contacts the police in order to find her and this brings her back into Styron's clutches. At this point, J.D. surrenders to the inevitable – she can't make it on her own, so she might as well let Styron take her back. I suspect that she will snap out of her complacency (and regrow her backbone) in the next (and concluding) volume.

This series has a lot going for it, conceptually. Unfortunately, everything is oversimplified. There's action, action, action, and not enough details to make the plot seem plausible. The characters, too – even J.D. herself – are so flat and colorless that it's hard to care about them, even with this incredibly suspenseful mystery that surrounds them. The way things are set up right now, it doesn't seem like J.D. (even if she shuts Styron and his evil corporation down) can have any kind of normal life. She's completely alone in the world as far as we know (unless some family is conveniently revealed in the final book). Attempts to get inside J.D.'s head are dull and repetitive. She thinks about her mother a lot, and feels responsible (guilty) about her death. It just doesn't seem realistic after awhile, especially since J.D. has so many other issues to sort out – like, oh I don't know, her immediate safety?

These books would have worked better if the author/publisher had given some more space/pages/time to develop J.D. Like, keeping her in the home longer so we can learn more about her and so she can learn more about herself. Maybe that would have made them longer than average, but it might have improved them. Better yet, put it all in one volume, so that it's not so annoying to be left hanging at the end. Series novels may operate under the cliffhanger principle in order to sell subsequent volumes, but you need to have at least some of your curiosity satisfied or the exercise of reading them becomes frustrating and monotonous.

Brittany Martin says

In the second book of the Chasing Yesterday series, Robin Wasserman sends her character, J.D., on a mission to discover her past. The book begins with a confused J.D. who has just discovered that she has had fake memories implanted in her mind. Throughout the book she must learn to decipher which memories are real and which ones are lies. She doesn't know where she is going, but she knows one thing, she must stay away from the "doctor" who gave her fake memories. This novel follows J.D.'s mission to discover her past and her special telekinetic abilities as she also tries to formulate a plan on how to defeat this "doctor." As the title foreshadows, along J.D.'s journey she is betrayed by someone she knows. She then must figure out whom she can trust and determine who is her real enemy.

I really enjoyed this book. However, I made the mistake of not realizing it was a sequel until I had brought it home. I think that it would have helped make the book clearer had I read the first book as well. The beginning of this book started off too slow for my taste, but I loved the ending of the book because that is when the action really began to pick up.

I think that this book would be great for the 4-6 grade age range because of its action, adventure, and plot twists.

Anna says

Kind of nice having a platonic relationship for once instead of "insta-love" or "love triangle" or "all these bad guys are giving me a rager, let's emote and hook up." ONTO THE FINAL BOOK

Ashle Oaks says

This book is a lot more climactic and suspenseful than the first book. It leaves you wanting more.

Whitaker says

A really great book shows us how everything is great and worth to die for

Allie Mueller says

Type: Chapter book

Genre: Fiction

Summary: This is the second book in a three book series. J.D. and Daniel are still attempting to uncover the mysteries behind J.D.'s life and her strange dreams. They know that there are people chasing J.D., trying to catch her, but they don't know why. J.D. is battling with her own conscience. She knows that she attacked the woman who pretended to be her mother, but can't help but wonder if it was the right thing to do.

Questions: What do you think the woman wanted with J.D.? What is your prediction for the next book? Do

you think J.D. and Daniel will see each other again?

Critique: Robin Wasserman continues to keep me on my toes. Just as the previous book, this one is a rollercoaster for one's emotions/opinions. The reader has to continuously challenge what they think, because the plot never turns out like it seems it will.

Craft elements: Because it's part of a series, this book doesn't necessarily have a conclusion or solution to the problem. A teacher could ask students to write an ending to it, pretending that there isn't another book.

He/she could also have students write what they think will happen in the next book. This is great for practicing making predictions!

Amanda Leon says

Betrayal is the continuation to the Chasing Yesterday series and continues with J.D. on the run with Daniel and struggling to find answers.

The biggest flaw of these novels is, as another reviewer mentioned, the concept has a lot of potential but everything falls flat. It's weak, barely keeps you interested, uninspired and doesn't transition well to older readers unlike other children's novels.

All the novels in this series are way too short so you fly through them in a couple of hours and I was so bored because all of the characters are predictable and one dimensional.

Every time J.D. demonstrates her power, it ALWAYS starts out with "and though she hasn't touched anything..." It's annoying and gets old after a while.

I'll finish the finale to this trilogy since I've already committed myself and it's only 200 pages but I'm not exactly psyched for it.

Check out my review for the other two installments in the series:

Awakening

Truth

Trilogy Review!
