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Grace Peterson is desperate, in hiding, and on the run after escaping a shadowy group determined to exploit her extraordinary ability to heal others. Her only lifeline--an unerring telepathic ability she shares with her sister--has been severed, leaving her alone and vulnerable. And time is running out...

Enlisted to bring Grace home is Rio, relentless member of the KGI. He's unprepared for his reaction to this wounded, damaged woman, and he's fiercely determined to protect her from those who nearly destroyed her. In Rio, she finds a safe haven, and for the first time...hope. But the mission is far from over. The danger Grace has eluded is fast closing in. And now it's pitching two lovers toward an unfamiliar horizon, with no place left to hide.

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CC says

re-read - via audible

I did not love it, but still liked it. The second half was much better to listen to than the first. Grace was one kick ass chick!

Prior comments

3.5 stars. Which is a good rating. Since I enjoyed the previous story about Shea's abilities I figured what the hell and read this one even though it is even more far fetched. But I liked the story of Grace and Rio. The reason for the average review is that I thought it was a bit weaker on the character development side. Can't give lots of details on what I wanted, it just did not tick all of my boxes. However, I still enjoyed it and would recommend.

Safety Gang Safe

Milica's Bookshelf says

Rio, ljubaviiiiiiiiii ♥

Steph says

I enjoyed this book so much more than the previous book. I don't know what it was exactly, seeing as Grace had similar abilities to her sister. I think that maybe it was because that it wasn't such a huge shock this time. I knew it was coming.

This book moved at a much better pace. It was action-packed from the very first page...

I thought that the storylines were pretty great too. Especially the one about Titan. I liked that Rio had a connection to them from the past.

There were so many things I liked about this book but I have to say, a I have said before with this series, parts of the ending were just *too* sweet. (view spoiler)

Overall, this was a brilliant addition to the series and I have to say that I am really excited to read PJ's book.

Thanks Marcella for an awesome buddy read

Wendy says

There's nothing better than a strong heroine to bring a tough warrior to his knees. Grace and Rio sure didn't

disappoint, the sizzling chemistry, non-stop action, great plot, hot smexin' and loveable secondary characters, makes this an enjoyable and engaging read. Enjoy!

Saly says

Rating 3.5 stars

This is kind of continued with the other book, since Grace and Shea are sisters. Grace has the ability to heal people, something that is painful to her since she absorbs that person's disease. To save her sister Grace cut their mental link and now she has escaped from her captors, injured and on the verge of giving up when Rio's team gets to her.

Grace is pushed beyond her limits to survive and Rio doesn't coddle her instead makes her take strength from her reserves and they take shelter in his house in Belize until further arrangements can be made. He also knows that Titan is also on their trail. Titan is a special ops group who at one point was led by Rio. Rio was an idealistic soldier who joined Titan and did everything they said, dabbling in shades of grey and then he started questioning it. He let his parents think he died and then found his pregnant sister beaten by her husband and she died, he avenged her but his parents couldn't accept him back, so he joined KGI where he had more control.

This book had insta-love, Rio saw Grace on tape and wanted her to be his, I kind of didn't get this. Grace is pretty much broken so much so that she wanted to die at one point but Rio helps her.

I found the book kind of sugary as far as the romance is concerned. There is betrayal as well from someone in Rio's team who needs Grace's abilities. At the end of the book we find out that Titan had another objective, the world thinks Grace is dead so she has to be careful all her life, remain hidden in Rio's house and they acquire a daughter as well(of the man who wanted Grace to heal her).

I am a fast reader but this book took me a long while because I kept getting distracted by other things. The book just wasn't that good and authors should keep PNR and RS separate.

Auntee says

Nice follow up to MB's previous (and my favorite) book in the KGI series (Whispers in the Dark) about two telepathic sisters whose rare skills with healing and telepathy are being exploited by some shadowy government-type groups.

In this book, Grace Peterson is on the run, worn out and nearly physically and mentally broken by people who have been experimenting with her powers of healing. Everything from broken bones, diseases, and even mental illness--Grace has been kept prisoner, forced to use her powers. Grace escapes from the facility where she's been held and is on the run in the Colorado wilderness, unaware help has been sent by her sister Shea. Sexy KGI agent Rio has been sent to find Grace, and bring her back to her sister Shea, who is now living at KGI's Tennessee compound with her fiance Nathan Kelly. But Rio is not the only one looking to find Grace--another force is out there, looking to bring Grace back to heal one more very important person--and this time Grace may not survive the healing. Will Rio be able to protect Grace and reunite her with her sister, or will she meet her end while forced to engage in the most challenging healing yet?

Rio...with a haircut...

I liked this book--nearly everything about it. Grace started off as this weary, broken, needy character who barely had the will to live after all she'd been through. And after reading about what her life was like and what she went through, I could hardly blame her for wanting to give up. But then she met Rio (*sigh*). And she learned to trust someone (besides her sister). Rio gave her back her confidence in herself, gave her a reason to fight, and a reason to hope for a future. I loved Rio. He had his own issues that he was struggling with, and I liked reading about his somewhat shadowy past and the heartbreaks he went through. I enjoyed the connection Rio and Grace had with each other--both emotional and physical. Loved the time they spent together in Rio's hideaway in Belize. Their love scenes were *hot*, but didn't take over the book. Rio was a good combination of protective alpha hero with a soft, tender side.

By the end of the book, in the showdown between the good guys (KGI) protecting Grace and the baddies waiting to take Grace back to do a healing that could kill her, Grace turned into one kickass heroine. Where did that come from? It's as if Rio's love for her ignited a fighting spirit in her that wouldn't be denied. I liked that about her, even though that 180 was a bit jarring at first. Watching Grace do her healings and the aftereffect on her body...wow, that got to be emotional at times. Who could live through that? And while the climax of the book was exciting and suspenseful, what happened afterward, (view spoiler)

So all in all, a pretty riveting read. A unique (and at times angsty) plot, likable characters, some hot encounters, and a healthy dose of suspense. And oh yeah--some members of Rio's team surely deserve their own stories! Not a whole lot of the Kelly family in this one, but fans of the series should still find this a very enjoyable read. Nice edition to one of my favorite ongoing RS series. 4 1/2 stars

Note: This series is best read in order, but they could be read as stand alones if you must. However, with this book, I would advise to at least read Whispers in the Dark before this one--it works much better that way and gives you a one-two punch.

Gina says

WOW!!! LOVE THIS!!

I have to say this right off the bat, I FREAKIN LOVE RIO!! Seriously, love him (giggly, I would swoon at his feet if he were real) love him!!! And I am 50! how ridiculous and embarrassing is that. lol...

This story is about Grace, Shea's sister from book 4 Whispers in the Dark, two sisters that are telepathic and can heal others. Grace has been on the run, having escaped the people who were holding her and torturing her, forcing her to heal people despite what it does to her physically. She is weak and near death and running in the mountains of Colorado.

Rio and his team are on a mission to find her and bring her to safety. Rio and his team work for KGI run by Sam Kelly (*swoon*). Throughout the previous books in this series I never got a real handle of what this guy was about. Always in the background getting the job done. What I learned in this book was that he is a scary, hot, badass, kinda guy. I mean the guy lives in the jungle! But what seriously pushed me over the edge was his enlightened attitude. He knew he needed more than strong muscles, but a smart, trained mind. And of course there was his tender, loving heart. (ok I am babbling, cuz i am crushing on him so much).

What I also loved about this book was the action of course, I could picture myself marching through the jungle, ready to kill the baddies!! What i missed was the Kelly brothers, They were not in the book much, but on the flip side I really enjoyed the men in Rio's team.

What I also liked was the way Grace evolved, frightened, running, broken. She finally decides enough is enough of people using and abusing her and she starts to kick ass!! (you are fierce girl)

Loved this book!!

Kristen says

4 Stars - Romantic Suspense with a touch of Paranormal.

Erin Muses says

~~Someone needs to fix the title—it is Echoes at Dawn. Please. It will drive me nuts.~~

Thank you!

My first impression of Rio from an earlier KGI book:
Luckily my impression has changed.

I love this series. It requires me to occasionally suspend reality, but most of the activities seem to be somewhat within the realm of possibility (then again, I'm no military/mercenary expert). This story took that realm of possibility a little too far, and in my opinion it was lesser for it.

Grace Peterson is a telepathic healer. She can absorb another person's illness or injury and leave him or her healthy. She is also able to read others' thoughts and communicate with her mind. This was my biggest problem with the book. After reading Shea and Nathan's story, telepathy seemed to be special and was a feature of their relationship that made them so good together. In this book it was used too much - how was Rio special when Grace could have made such a connection with virtually anyone? I was also a little bit afraid that having Grace be able to read everyone's mind was almost like taking the easy way out and not having to write the characters well enough to portray their strengths and weaknesses without that mental tap.

I really liked the other aspects of the story. My impression of Rio from the other books was thrown on its head, as he was much less the machine than previously written. The double wedding was kind of cheesy, but whatever - the parts with the whole Kelly family are a little cheesy.

Overall it was a good read for fans of the KGI series, and I eagerly await the next. P.J. and Cole seem like they will be fun together!

Smut Junkie says

FRIGGIN LOVED IT! It's probably best if I just start out by saying that I adore this series and ALL those

hot KGI men, the entire Kelly Family and all of the women as well! If there was a book series that I could throw myself into, it would be this one, but how ever would I choose which guy I wanted?? LOL! ;)

Anyway - you got a fair idea of Rio in the previous books and at the end of the last book you got a tiny sneak peak of Grace, the sister of Shea. I knew going into it that I would love it because I was pretty much crushing big time on Rio before I even opened this book up! I love a big, bad-ass guy, who will do anything in his power to protect an innocent...and when he has a heart of gold and a super soft side it's just all that more appealing.

I had about 80 pages left in the book and I put it down because I was getting really anxious and KNEW that the big bad event of the book was about to happen and I was really stressing out about it. Grace had been through so much horrible stuff and my heart just broke for her so many times throughout the book. And after you get a little more of Rio's back story you heart breaks just a little bit for him too. And you KNOW that they can't loose each other...and damn that Maya Banks for stressing me out like that!! I also KNEW there would be a HEA, cause there always is, but I was really feeling upset this time around. I finished this at the pool and had to put my sunglasses on because I didn't want anybody to see my CRYING! Yes, really, I was crying!

Now I am stuck waiting for the next installment of the KGI series, which is Cole and PJ's story, which I have no doubt will be pure awesomeness!

On a side note - I pre-ordered this from Amazon and as I was reading today half the book fell out of the binding! That makes me VERY unhappy!! No brand new book should do that! WTH?

Jennifer says

Darnit! I wish I could put my finger on the exact reason this disappointed me, but it was really just a culmination of a lot of little things. 1. Yes, she is fierce. Please stop telling me how fierce Grace is. 2. Bad guys shoot to kill...never made sense Titan letting them get away in the first place. 3. I got it, the Kelly's are the most incredible family in the world. 4. Grace is fierce. 5. Psychic abilities and secret government organizations only appear when you need to fix a damaged plot line. 6. What was with the wrap up? Are you kidding me with the nice neat bow? It was like Ms Banks didn't want to pursue this storyline anymore so she decided to jam in as much closure as possible. Hopefully the next story with PJ gets us back to the basic good writing of romantic action that appealed before.

Jess says

Review posted: Happily Ever After - Reads
Blog rating: 3.5/5

The story opens with Grace fighting for her life. She's on the run, she's incredibly weak from being held captive and being forced to use her gift of healing on numerous people. She can heal anyone by taking their injury or disease into her own body and using her accelerated healing abilities to fight off whatever it was she took in. She has her limits and death isn't something her ability can keep away and she's at her limit now. She's alone, running from men who want to grab her and use her healing power, but if Rio has anything

to say about it, he'll find her first and keep her safe from everyone.

When we last saw Rio in *Whispers in the Dark*, he had taken one look at Grace on a surveillance video and knew he had to be the one to rescue her. Grace's sister, Shea, was already being watched over by the man she loves, Nathan Kelly, but Grace was out there alone and had no one. Rio tracks her down, helping her recover and regain her strength. The threat to both Shea and Grace is still out there but Grace is the one they want now. A man desperate for his dying daughter to live hires a group, Titan, to bring Grace in to heal his cancer stricken young daughter. Rio is very familiar with the group Titan, and knows they'll stop at nothing to complete whatever mission they've agreed to. Failure isn't an option for them and Rio along with KGI and Steele's team, plan their attack to make sure Grace and Shea can live their lives in peace.

I liked the relationship between Rio and Grace. Rio is very alpha, very much about protecting Grace and keeping her safe and he's felt a connection with her since the first time he saw her on the video. Grace has been through hell. Her "gift" causes her so pain, but the guilt she feels when she sees a sick child or someone that she knows she can help drives her to do more than she really should. Throughout the book, Grace is constantly recovering from helping someone. Grace has also lived a very solitary life. She's never gotten close to anyone other than her sister Shea and with Rio, she experiences a lot of firsts. Their romance felt very much like a whirlwind. There were definitely some swoon worthy moments between the two, but one thing that I've never been a big fan of is a declaration of love after only knowing the person for a few days. It happens between them and I understand how intense and emotional their scenes are, but it still felt a little fast. As it was with Shea and Nathan, there is still the element of Grace's telepathy and she and Rio can speak to each other in their minds. I could take or leave this and really in the end, it felt like the things they were saying in their minds mirrored what they were already saying out loud, so I'm still a little puzzled as to why this storyline was brought into the series in the first place.

They're not on page for long, but I have to mention P.J. and Cole and how much I'm looking forward to their story. P.J. is a smartass, tough and even in just a few short pages, they made me laugh and cheer and I'm so looking forward to them leading their own book.

The story takes place primarily at Rio's home in Belize. There's a ton of action in the first part of the book and Rio's team is front and center during all of it. I liked getting to know his team members and put personalities with a few of the names. That said, since this was Rio and Grace's show, the Kelly family was MIA for almost the entire book. They're there in the background, in the form of KGI, but I missed the big Kelly family scenes. And yes, I absolutely get that it wouldn't have made sense to have that in Rio's book, he's a part of KGI, but he's definitely a man who takes orders from no one, including Sam and KGI. We do get a nice big family scene at the end and a well-deserved moment for Shea and Grace.

I overall enjoyed the story. Personally, I needed to look at this as a story within the KGI series, but very separate in its own way. Rio is very sweet with Grace and he shows a different side to the Rio we've known in prior books. He's still that same hard, leader who will do what it takes to get the job done, but he's more emotional with Grace and let's himself feel love and be loved for the first time. Rio and Grace had a nice romance, I just wish the pace of it had slowed down a little or had more of a time passage. This book can certainly be read as a stand alone and fans of the KGI series will enjoy getting to know Rio a little more up close and personal.

Sunny? says

Grace and Rio. The action remains high through most of the book with plateaus of peace to give you a breath as Grace heals for one reason or another. She is a strong woman and her character development at least in determination is well thought out by Banks. The brain link reunion with her sister Shea is better than the actual reunion on the wedding day...not saying whose wedding.

Rio is the brooding alpha hero we all love and he doesn't let you down in any way. I am beginning to feel an ever so slight lack of sustainable interest from Banks in this book. By that I mean, there is some of Banks usual passion missing here. Barely perceivable. Is KGI beginning to run its course? Hope not. The next book is P.J. the hot alpha chick on the team.

Rio saves Grace from her captors and takes her back to his hidden hideaway in the jungles of another country. Grace shows unbelievable strength in walking away from her captors, literally, at Rio's side. Can not help but call her one strong lady. Later the evil bad guy wants her captured again to save the life of his dying daughter Elizabeth. Does he get his way or not. That is the thread through much of the story. Of course he does, Grace goes and then displays her incredible strategic thinking. Then she does her thing at a cost higher than I had expected. Bit of a surprise there at the climax of the story. Always good.

The HEA was perfect, first with family and friends and then on their own. Only one thread left dangling at the end of this story. One that I really don't care one way or the other about. I enjoyed reading the book and it did have all of the elements I look for in this type of read.

Keri says

This one was really good. I loved Rio! Rio and Grace may be a great couple and to me one of the best books in the series so far. Grace had been on the run for over a year, separated from her sister and trying to stay out of the clutches of someone after her. She has the ability to heal people and there are governments out there that would do anything to possess her talents...even her own. Rio is the man that has volunteered to bring her home to her sister Shea. But before Rio could get to her, she had been captured. By the time he did manage to get to her, she had managed to escape her captors, but was still very weak from healing sick person after sick person. She was put through some pretty horrific situations.

I liked Grace and thought she was a good fit for Rio. Rio is MB's typical he-man alpha with a tortured past, but a really awesome cook. What is not to love? I enjoyed the book and don't mind the paranormal element. What did bother me was I think Resnick got the shaft and I don't see how what went down can stay down, especially with Shea knowing the truth. I don't know why he was kept out of the picture there at the end, but do hope someday he gets his own story, because to me his is a very lonely man. I am not sure what the point was of keeping him away from Shea and Grace. I do hope that Swanni and Steele get their stories soon. Also I hope we hear from bad-ass bad boy Hancock again...that is going to have to be one special woman to take him down and find his heart. Overall a strong story and it brought me back to the series.

Amber Hughes says

****3.5 stars****
