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A thriving black market—fueled by healers convinced of their supernatural medicinal properties—created an uncontrollable demand for the most grisly commodity to obtain—

the body parts of the colorless people.

After the murder and maiming of countless people afflicted with Albinism, the South African government realized that they had to intervene. Out of the desire to protect even the poorest of the afflicted people, the Humane Harvest Compounds were established.

Fifteen years later, in a rapidly changing post-Apartheid nation, Anytha and Tabitha—two young women living completely different lives—are found questioning the motives of those in power, setting their minds to look beyond their spotless reputations, good deeds, and popularity—unaware that what they discover may make them question what they believe about life itself.

Blue Details

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Natosha Davis says

I was fortunate enough to read the unpublished version of the this book...here are my thoughts on Blue.

I think the characters were well developed and interesting. The plot line is also well developed, and the story line intriguing; I wanted to stop reading several times to go Google things to see if they were actual or fiction.

I felt part 1 was slow to unfold with lots of foreshadowing; part 2 started off at a good pace with lots of potential, but was rushed near the end; and part 3 was completely rushed. I felt the way Anytha and Ari story played out a little fast with not enough deatils. There were several times I had to re-read some of the later chapters try and figure out what was going on. The ending unfolded rather quickly and I felt it was rushed. I think that is my biggest thing...it seemed so rushed. FYI: I think it would make a great series that way more time could be spent with the characters, and it would not seem rushed at the end.

Overall, for a first time author, I feel Kasey Jackson has shown tons potential within the pages of this book! Definitely an up and coming author to keep an eye on!

Patricia Orozco says

The novel Blue is an incredible story about two young women who find themselves both living in South Africa during the mid 90's. Although each of them on very different paths, a series of seemingly unrelated event will forever change both their lives. Questions about who they are and what they believe. Will cause both young women to choose to stand apart from what they always believed to be true.

Get to know Anytha and Tabitha as they live their day to day lives.

Anytha will take you to thru the streets of Pretoria and just as she has, you will fall in love with the beautiful Jacaranda trees. As she prepares to go off to college and start her life, watch as Anytha struggles to break away from what her parents selfishly expect of her and what she discovers to be true.

Tabitha will show you the harsh reality of being born with the affliction of being colorless. Experience the internal struggle of being abandon for your own protection, questioning the true motives of your own mother. Just as new laws to the harvest are past Tabitha grows suspicious of those who are supposed to protect her. Her intuition just might save her life.

Kasey Jackson is able to narrate between both characters with such ease. Although Anytha and Tabitha are similar in many ways you will never question who's story you are reading.

Brace yourself for a page turner. You won't be able to put this book down. Kasey keeps you guessing with every turn. And the cliff hanger! I can't wait to find out what happens next.

Regan says

Wow. I'm speechless after this book. Incredibly written and the story is heartbreaking. Realizing that these terrible acts have occurred and are still occurring is just awful (for lack of a better word.) This is a book everyone needs to read.

Lindsey says

This was a great read! I was hooked from the very beginning. I feel like the ending left you hanging a bit and would've liked to see that bastard rot. 70,000 abortions in South Africa every year. Disgusting.

Eugenia says

I really loved this book. Beyond taking place in South Africa, which I love, the plot itself was interesting, unique, and unexpected. Learning about true events along the way was a bonus. The characters became very real, the story provoked some deep thoughts, and this was definitely a worthy read. I hope it impacts many -- to see precious life in a new light.

Ellie Minshall says

I loved everything about this book from the gorgeous cover to the deeply engrossing characters, the book tells the story of two teens who are transitioning into adulthood.

However, they experience it from different view points. The first Anytha is brought up in a family who are avid members of blue. They attend a camp congregation often to listen to sermons and decrees which are given by the commissioner Inali. Inali is one of the most influential men in Blue and so plays a huge part in Anytha's life.

The second character is Tabitha, she was brought up behind the walls of a humane harvesting compound due to her affliction of albinism. During the book the two characters evolve and make discoveries about their current lives which leaves them questioning everything about the motives of those in charge. The characters are brought together as their journeys collide and entwine.

Overall this book was one of my favourite and will sit proudly on my bookshelf and it will be sure to be read again by both me and anyone I can persuade to do so.

Ellen Gable says

When I received a request from Kasey Jackson to review her "allegorical pro-life suspense novel," Blue, I was intrigued by the synopsis.

The book takes place in South Africa. Many are convinced of the healing powers of the body parts of those with Albinism. The demand grows quickly and countless people with Albinism are murdered and maimed. The government intervenes and the Humane Harvest Compounds are established. The government protects them, but at the same time, exploits them.

Fifteen years later, two girls find themselves face-to-face questioning the motives of those in power. Anytha is a bright college-bound thinker and begins second-guessing her loyalty to her family's life-long faith--the Practice of Blue--a new religion. Tabitha is a sweet girl with Albinism who was sold to the Humane Harvest Compounds as an infant. She daydreams about a normal life outside of the concrete walls.

The author warned me that I was reading a proof copy that included things that needed to be fixed (and I'm assuming the author has already corrected them) so I will focus on the quality of the characters and story. The main characters were well-defined and believable. The setting was interesting and descriptive. The story was compelling and entertaining. The message that all humans are irreplaceable and valuable regardless of their color (or lack thereof), gestational age or actual age shines through.

Highly recommend!

Tori Shanahan says

Blue... Wow where can I even start? I am a lover of books, I have always been this way. I am an avid YA reader and I love a good murder/mystery. When I read Blue I could not put it down! Kasey Jackson's description of Anytha, Tabitha, and all the characters was so rich I swear I felt like I knew them. I could see the blooms of the Jacaranda tree. I felt their pain. This is a heart-racing-sweating-OMG what just happened kind of book! Right up there with Twilight, Divergent and even The Hunger Games! Blue had me at the first word to the last hanging on. Just when you THINK you had it all figured out bam... Twist! The deeper meaning to this book is what baffles me. You must read BLUE!!!

Ailene says

Enter into a real-life, yet otherworldly realm in this story. Find yourself embarking on a thrilling journey that will leave you breathless. Expertly crafted, Blue tells a story that is both rare and beautiful, chilling and addicting. First time author or not, Kasey Jackson is excellent and talented in her first book, Blue. Here's to future books!

Jordan Francoeur says

BLUE is under the genre title histopian, which is a cross between historical lit and dystopian lit. Many of the events that take place in this novel actually happened and some are pure fiction. This makes for a very unique read seeped in controversial issues, emotional taut relationships, and the author writes with such authenticity everything occurring in the novel seemed real, very real to me even the parts that were fiction. That is proof of a strong writer who is dedicated to her characters and the over all plot layout. If your looking for a thought provoking, emotionally seeped read with excellent female lead characters, and a charismatic cult leader who is totally messed up in the noggin, you'll definitely want to pick up a copy of this book. I

highly recommend it to all my readers. (Pace wise: Blue reads at a slow but steady pace. By the end of the novel though you'll be grasping for answers and you will not be able to stop reading. Beware though, the ending definitely leaves you questioning)

Sarah Lillie says

Kasey Jackson's debut novel, Blue, was a fabulous read. The engrossing characters draw you in and the continual plot twists keep you constantly turning the pages. The seamless weaving of the two stories and the exciting sequence of events will keep you from putting this book down. As the book finished, my first thoughts were, "Well... there MUST be a sequel!" I foresee this debut novel making an exciting, fresh twist in the world of the dystopia society genre.

Betsy (Bookcrastinators in Wonderland) says

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We were offered a copy of the book for review by the author- thanks, Kasey!

Before I get started.... #thatcovertho! It's such a gorgeous cover. #coverporn ...scroll back up- I'll wait.

What a beautifully written book! This is one of those reads where you get so engrossed that it's hard to put it down. It's also the kind of book you really have to focus on so I recommend you don't read anything else while you're reading this one.

The characters are great. They were strong and well developed which makes it easy to connect with them. The weaving of the two stories was fantastic- it was a smooth transition every time.

One of the many things that I thought was unique to this book is that I kept looking stuff up as I read which was actually fun for me!

And my personal favorite discovery were the Jacaranda trees- YAAAAAS!!!! I love these trees!

I will admit- the first few chapters were hard for me to get into, I started this about 5 times- no lie, but I'm glad I pushed through and finally got invested.

All in all, this is a great read. Especially for those of you looking into something way different and thought provoking. Do keep in mind, it's a slow paced read but it's really wonderful! Can't wait to see what comes next, Kasey!

Angela says

When I began reading *Blue*, I was immediately trying to crack the uncertainties and mysteries that popped up in the story. I was intrigued and entertained and wanted to read more and more, but I couldn't crack the mystery, it wasn't predictable or obvious, and I loved that!

This book is written in a unique "Histopian" genre, which had me hitting up google to research more of the issues brought up in the story, to see if they actually existed, the story felt so real, I had to know. I also wrestled reading as to how I would respond in different character situations and it pushed me to look at justice and rights, in a whole new way.

Overall, I would HIGHLY recommend this book to friends and family. Excellent summer read. Can't wait to see more from this author.

Kasey Jackson says

I'm the author of this book, but I guess I can still review it. This is my first novel. My first ANYTHING really. But I am so proud to be able to call it my own. This book is so unique. There are very few books--none that I have found in my years of looking--that are anything like this book. I hope that my readers fall in love with my Anytha. My Tabitha. I hope they can almost feel themselves sitting in the shade of a Jacaranda as the buds fall all around them. I hope they can feel the story. Taste the words. I hope that the symbolism makes them grimace and churn. I hope they can't put it down, and I hope that when it's over their heart is still racing and their mind is overwhelmed. I hope this book will change the world. See you in book two, everyone.

Tara Thomas says

Wow, I'm so glad I got the chance to read this book! It's a fresh, thrilling, YA read and I'm sure everyone will love it. I could not put it down! Anytha and Tabitha live completely different lives but are often found in similar predicaments, the way they handle everything they were put through was completely believable. I do wish that we got to know the characters a little better because I felt like I couldn't really connect with them, but other than that I was literally on the edge of my seat waiting to see what would happen next. *Blue* was a stunning debut novel, and I really can't wait for the sequel!!
