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The nightmare is just beginning.

Ricky Desmond has been through this all before. If he could just get through to his mother, he could convince her that he doesn't belong at Brookline. From the man who thinks he can fly to the woman who killed her husband, the other patients are nothing like him; all he did was lose his temper just a little bit, just the once. But when Ricky is selected by the sinister Warden Crawford for a very special program—a program that the warden claims will not cure him but perfect him—Ricky realizes that he may not be able to wait for his mom a second longer. With the help of a sympathetic nurse and a fellow patient, Ricky needs to escape now.

Set long before Dan, Abby, and Jordan ever walked the hallways of the Brookline asylum—back when it was still a functioning psych ward and not a dorm—Escape from Asylum is a mind-bending and scary installment in the Asylum series that can stand on its own for new readers or provide missing puzzle pieces for series fans.

Escape from Asylum Details

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Nicole Alycia says

4.5/5

I definitely thought the ending to this book would be a bit more dramatic than it actually was. Not that there wasn't drama but it ended a bit more abruptly than I expected.

All in all I thought this was a solid prequel. It gave you a good history of the sick things that went on at Brookline before the school turned it into a dorm and caused all the events of the Asylum series to unfold. It really was twisted, some of the things they tried to do. It's sad the way people were treated for being a little different.

Sierra Winfield says

This rating system needs more than 5 stars. I really enjoyed this book. As always the longer review is up on my blog. And again I wasn't able to put this book down. I read it in just a couple of hours or so and I really enjoyed it. Madeleine Roux knows how to spin a creepy tale. The pictures that are spaced through out the book make the book in my opinion. I'm not quite sure what to say about this book, except if you enjoy horror anything than you will definitely enjoy this book

Pipesper says

Todo brilla en los pasillos superiores, todo luce tranquilo y los problemas parecen no existir allí adentro, pero ese lugar esconde sus mayores secretos detrás de las sombras, en los pisos desconocidos y en sus pacientes. No puedo decir que me encantó, no fue el mejor libro de la saga (y creo que fue un poco innecesario), sin embargo, hay algo que siempre me mantuvo pegada a cada página que aparecía por delante, las descripciones e imágenes siempre logran traer un buen ambiente. El libro en sí tiene un ritmo un poco lento para mi gusto, la trama transcurre dentro de las paredes del manicomio y sus alrededores, y sus personajes, muchas veces, no conocen más que esas paredes, esperando una libertad que muchas veces solo queda en las palabras.

Dentro de esta precuela, seguimos la historia de Ricky, cuando lo internan, su tratamiento y lo que pasa después, pero en realidad no pasa mucho; sí vemos escenas fuertes y la realidad de los pacientes dentro de ese horrible lugar, pero no logró convencerme. Los nuevos personajes me gustaron, el desarrollo de personajes anteriores fue interesante y me gustó. Y el final, no sé, fue demasiado apresurado y poco creíble, no me gustó, no era un final para una novela así.

Esperaba más en realidad, un poco más de suspenso, de terror, de algo que te hiciera dudar de todo y nada a la vez. Sí, me gustó, pero le faltó algo más.

Diana Torales says

uf! lo amé ♥ Me duele despedirme de esta saga. aún no sé si 4 o 4.5 pero me encantó este libro. Tal vez haya reseña

Mac Dubista Keso The Bibliobibuli v(=∩_∩=) says

**Gripping,
Riveting, frustrating!!!
Page-turner.
It will put you in misery. ^_^**

“Sometimes to make a person happy you’ll do anything, even if it hurts like crazy on the inside.” ?

-Kay

+Hell yeah!!! As you noticed, I finally gave 5 stars for this one.

+Why??? It doesn't mean that I LOVE THE ENDING. But the story, omg.. It makes me alive.

+What I mean, the Escape from Asylum is way way better than the 3 extra novellas that I've read.

+Asylum book 1 is awesome,
Sanctum is a little bit boring same as Catacomb. BUT this book! Woahh..

+Still give me the creeps.

+The writer finally made me shiver at 3 in the morning! & I was looking behind my back now and then!
Seriously! I was imagining that I'm Ricky. Being in that creepy asylum in Brookline! Gah!!!

+Oh I love Kay and Nurse Ash. The characters here are quite interesting. Even the warden itself. Daniel Crawford.

+Despite of liking or loving this last book of Asylum series, there's still TONS OF QUESTIONS roaming in my head. Really. TONS.

+What happened?! With DAN'S story? Will her mother be okay? Where the is heck is he? What happened?!
How Kay survive in the asylum without Ricky's help??? How was the Asylum after everything happened?
Where is the warden? How did the story goes?!

+A lot more.. Sorry for giving you SPOILERS but I warned you right?! LOL.

+Madeleine Roux you are awesome! Really! You should update us soon! I'll be waiting for THE HOUSE OF FURIES! Oh please tell me what happened after BROOKLINE!

+I learned to love those characters! I need an answer!

+All in all, I admit, I love the series. Despite of holes, too many plot twist. The storyline was good enough to make you feel miserable and frustrated. The strategy??? For wanting more from this story is quite strong.

+I couldn't put up enough RIGHT words for all of my reviews now a days. Work schedule is the true reason.

+It was like all ramblings and rantings only. I just made reviews straight to the point. Sometimes words cannot express what we really feels, or should I say most of the time?

+Thank you Madeleine Roux, for being a medicine. Haha LOL! As you may know, I've been with a MASSIVE READING SLUMP. After reading TMI series of Miss Cassandra Clare. I just don't feel reading at all. I tried too many times. I've been with the reading slump for 1 month. Its quite painful. The experience. I don't know what to do. Then I just picked up this Asylum series again. And VOILA! I'VE been out of my misery! LOL! :D

+I cannot explain. But it happens. Right? I'll stop being so dramatic & all, just want to acknowledge it.

+What I also learned about the story is being strong enough. I mean trusting your SELF. Sometimes you cannot trust anybody. Even your friends will leave you. Better to trust strangers. SOMETIMES.

+DON'T FORGET YOUR PAST. What I mean is, remembering those good and bad memories will help you remember who you are.

+MOST OF ALL, LOYALTY. Why? It's for you to find out. How? READ THE SERIES. NOW.

+Thanks again for replying in my messages Miss Roux. :) I'll be waiting for the NEXT world you'll build.

+Highly recommended.
AGAIN, read it in RIGHT ORDER.

LOL! :D

P.S.

+Those PHOTOS. Ugggh! It will help you a lot! Gives me the chills! Wooooooh! It will stuck in your brain (mind) for a very long time. I still imagine the LOBOTOMY. Those tools. And the basement!!!! Uggghhh... (-_-)

Cari says

I really liked this book, and I almost liked these characters better than I liked Dan/Abby/Jordan. I wish it wasn't so short, I feel like it could of used a book two instead of that sort of rushed ending. I wished we would of found out more of what happened to other characters in the end, like Patty and why he didn't see Kay for what, a year? And also I wished we would of found out more of what the White Mountains were/meant. Really enjoyed this book though.

Brenda Ayala says

I don't know why I keep hoping for something more from these books. This prequel is arguably better than the whole series with the exception of the first book simply because the scary moments WERE actually kind of creepy. The dream Ricky had about his mother like a doll and his stepfather all creaky and bent out of

shape was the first time this author has given me the chills.

The breadth of characters was refreshing too, especially since it's the late 1960s. It was considered deviant to be anything but heterosexual, and so Ricky and Kay found themselves at an asylum. Sad, that.

As far as standing on its own....I vaguely remember the plot of the first one (that Sculptor was still my favorite part, hands down) and I don't think this does a good job of being a stand-alone for new readers. I had to keep reminding myself what the wardens goals were, and they're never really explained. So anyone expecting to get a resolution doesn't get one.

Nicka (Read by Nicka) says

3.75!

Jean Claudia (Bookish Poetess) says

"I wasted a lot of time thinking I was so smart and so hip. Now I just want to be good, and to do that I have to believe other people are good, too."

Escape from Asylum is a prequel to the Asylum series which story circulated around Ricky Desmond, a teenage guy with a temper management issue. He is living with his mother and stepfather and has visited several institutions for his issue. But on the day he became violent towards his stepfather, Ricky has no other choice but to live in Brookline, an asylum headed by Warden Crawford. The book, I admit, is way better and creepier and scarier than the other Asylum books bearing in mind that this is actually is a prequel.

I loved the way Madeleine Roux slowly unfolds the mysteries and the connections it has with the Asylum series. I loved how it made my heart beat faster with every scene and how it made me had a mini heart attack with a scary scene followed by a scarier picture. I actually love Escape in Asylum and the characters, too! But I got confused with Kit. She was addressed by Ricky as a girl but the pronoun used by the nurses in addressing Kit was 'he'. So I was not really sure about it. And I was still confused even after reading the last page of the book. But other than that, I loved it!

I do recommend this one and of course, the Asylum series!

Jamie says

I actually liked this a fair amount more than Asylum itself. It helped renew my desire to continue (which had dwindled after the first book). The haunting aspects vs reality are a strange mix. I actually liked both Ricky and Kay. I kept expecting trouble with Dennis, having read the first book. There are some odd mind games in this book that make you feel almost as lost as Ricky must have felt which was good. Still this is a very mild YA horror novel. Part supernatural, part psychological.

Chau says

Là tí?n truy?n c?a Asylum nh?ng ???c vi?t sau và l?i khuyên chân thành là c?ng nên ??c quy?n này sau Asylum. C?t truy?n b? sung vào Asylum r?t hoàn h?o và hoàn toàn logic. Tình tí?t gay c?n, nhi?u ki?n th?c m?i l? v? các thí nghi?m trên b?nh nhân tâm th?n ngày x?a xen l?n v?i y?u t? rùng r?n. Tr? 1 sao cho cái k?t khá h?t h?ng. Tóm l?i ?ây v?n là 1 quy?n r?t ?áng ??c cho nh?ng ai thích dòng truy?n kinh d?, có th? ??c sau Asylum, ho?c ??c m?t quy?n này thôi m?ch truy?n c?ng v?n t?t.

Baker St Shelves says

If you're interested in reading the Asylum series, I recommend starting with this book since this is a prequel that takes place in the 60's. We follow Ricky Desmond as he's wrongfully sent to a lunatic asylum that's run by a ruthless warden. As he tries to escape, he sees strange things that question his sanity. If you want a nice creepy read, then check this out.

Mel says

So I don't tend to read prequels often. Prequels and novellas are those things that I don't feel like they add anything to the story for the most part. But I really love the Asylum trilogy and I think about it all the time so when I saw this at the library I instantly brought it home and started it immediately.

I'm really glad I read this. It doesn't give too much background for the Asylum trilogy, but it does still have an interesting story, and it was interesting to see where the characters in the trilogy had their beginning. Do I think that this is necessary to the trilogy? No. But I still recommend it.

I really loved the plot and characters in this one. I think Ricky is preferable to me than the main character in the trilogy. I liked him much better and felt he was a little more flawed but also stronger. I also loved the diversity in this. Having a gay main character and a trans character was a really nice addition to the story, especially since the story wasn't about that, but it also fit in really well with how the characters ended up where they went. (view spoiler)

My one issue came from the end. I felt it was very anticlimactic what happened and there was a lot of build up for a bit of a rushed and pretty boring conclusion. But I did love the scene with a father and son that clearly kicks off the trilogy and where the trilogy went so I did appreciate that.

Overall, really good addition to the series and I definitely recommend not only this, but the trilogy itself. Side note: read this after the trilogy, not before. This book will be kind of boring if you don't understand the significance of it.

Nadia says

As the teaser said this book can be read both as a stand alone and as a prequel to the series that shines more light on what happened in the old asylum. I think that the beginning of this book had more horror than the

original series and this book had more of a creepy asylum vibe I liked. Although I loved Dan, Abby and Jordan but Ricky was also a likable character.

Suki says

4/5 stars

This prequel to the Asylum series continues the story of Brookline Asylum by taking us back to the 1960's and answering some of the questions raised in the other books. While I didn't find the story as strong as the first Asylum book, *Escape from Asylum* still kept me riveted. Like the previous books in the series, the creepy ghosts, brainwashing and horrific treatment of patients made my skin crawl at times. It conveyed a sense of claustrophobia, of being trapped and helpless. I became wrapped up in the lives of the characters, truly worried about whether they would escape intact, mentally and physically. I was cheering for them to escape.

Summary: Recommended to anyone who likes ghost stories and creepy asylums.
