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When a patient at the birth center begs her to take her baby and keep him safe, Anna finds herself swept up into the affairs of the mysterious Dorn family. The Dorns belong to the Sentient, a clandestine group whose study of alchemy has granted them near-immortality, along with other powers.

Anna finds herself at the mercy of the Dorns. The patriarch's health is rapidly deteriorating even though his kind can supposedly never fall ill. The daughter has borne a child to a human man in spite of the prophecy foretelling that such a half-breed will bring about the end of life as the Sentient know it. The sexy younger son can be just as infuriating as he is charming, and the older son thinks Anna knows too much and should be silenced.

When her world collides with theirs, nothing will ever be quite the same for Anna, or for the Sentient.

## The Sentient Details

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## **From Reader Review The Sentient for online ebook**

### **Melissa says**

The Sentient (The Sentient Prophecy, Book One) by Jessica Crawford is the story of Anna Cassidy, a nurse in a birthing center. She's just had her own personal tragedy when a woman who had just given birth begs her to take her newborn baby. The woman disappears, but in a fit of nosiness, Anna hunts her down and becomes mixed up in a supernatural mess.

She's forced into the employ of superhumans, specifically for the health of the head of the family. She's drawn into their family struggles and drama out of curiosity for the beings holding her captive. There is also talk of a Prophecy...

The bottom of my world was pulled right out from under me, and as I plummeted through empty space my senses sort of abandoned ship.

In the grand scheme of things, this was a good book. I mean, it was well-written for the most part. It seemed pretty unique. It had some romance.

However, if you're going for fast-paced and romantic happily-ever-after, this wasn't it for me. I have to confess to page skimming.

Have you ever watched one of those movies on the Independent Film Channel that just had one of those endings that had you wondering how you just spent the past hour and a half? You shake your head in confusion. But yet you watch it all the way through and then even succumb to the next movie that's on. This is that movie, in print.

I repeat, well-written, good book. There is a book two, The Prophecy, which I know will give me the closure I want baaaadly. I guess I've been sucked into Book Two!

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### **Daveski says**

Full disclosure - I know the author, and the 5-star vote is for support/encouragement - however, I do think this shows a lot of promise for a self-published first novel.

It's a sort of paranormal mystery/romance story, and I'll admit, not the kind of thing I usually read. I think that fans of the genre will find a lot to like here, though - secret societies, arcane mysteries, creepy kids, etc. It has a decent sense of humor too, which helps to balance out the melodrama. The concept of the Sentient society is pretty neat and original, but I'd like to see it fleshed out a little more.

Overall, I think it is pretty well done and has the potential to become a successful series.

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### **Erica says**

I couldn't wait to receive my copy of *The Sentient* and I'm glad when I did finally get it. To start, *The Sentient*, is an easy read and it falls outside of the usual fantasy/paranormal/romance parameters set by the mainstream. It is a refreshing mature take on this genre. I was surprised by the book.

Anna, our heroine, is nurse at a birthing center undergoing life-changing circumstances and tragedy. In her attempt at juggling loss she tries to focus on her work only to be drawn to a patient named Cassandra who begs her to take her baby to keep him safe. When Anna is interrupted by Cassandra's brother, she leaves with a feeling of 'I should have done more.' With this feeling tugging at her, Anna can't help but become all 'Nancy Drew' (love Nancy Drew by the way and it's a major compliment) and try to find out if Cassandra is ok.

And this is where the story truly picks up and we are swept away into the lives of the Dorn family. They are no ordinary family, and unfortunately I can't spoil it for you because I don't even know what type of species. Nor would I want to because this is a book that you should read. Anna embarks on journey of discovery, from meeting the handsome Jameson (Cassandra's other brother) to the very creepy children of Victor and Zahira, and learning about *The Sentient*, makes you the reader feel like a fly on the wall. The Dorn Family and their past feels very American Gothic and I love it.

To be honest, I really enjoyed this book and I cannot wait to read book 2. I hope it answers all the questions that I have regarding the Dorn family and I hope to see the forbidden romance between Jameson and Anna blossom. The only downside to this book is that I felt it could've been more descriptive of the physical features of the characters. I am sure book 2 will satisfy.

Well done Jessica Crawford! I look forward to reading more from you.

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### **Ciara says**

*The Sentient* is one of those books that has you hook right from the first sentence, not from the first action scene or the fist bantering argument, but the first sentence. I'd give this book 3.5 stars, Jessica Crawford writes amazing characters that takes you on the journey there going through, but I'm one of those people that like to know all information in the type of species, etc. In my opinion *The Sentient* doesn't have enough information, it's all limited from the protagonist's point of view.

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### **Holly says**

Well done book. An easy and fast read for me, I was sorry when the book ended and would like to read the other books when they come out.

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### **Flavia says**

Don't really have a full review for this, here's some scattered notes:

Nothing wrong with it, but perhaps not my thing. Nothing particularly interesting, slow moving, no real

atmosphere. Despite being very character focused, there is ENTIRELY no character development. Nothing really to enjoy but the characters of Reza and Alice, who show up late and are far superior to the Dorns.

The 'villain' of the tale has no personality besides 'obvious villain'. There's no moral grey area or anything about them that doesn't scream 'obvious the cause of the bad things in the world!'

The writing is fine, good, nice. I enjoyed the little diary entries at the start of each chapter that show something had happened and left our MC alone, it added a little suspense and mystery. It kept me wanting to read to discover what huge thing could have happened- but the truth is actually lackluster.

The love interest in the book thankfully isn't a 'LOVE' interest, but they have sex, and he is really quite bland.

The end has a little hook in it for a sequel, but it feels a bit cheap and not particularly exciting.

This book is okay. The genre, notably, is very different from my typical tastes. I picked this up because it was free, sounded a bit dumb from the backcover text, and was short. My mother actually looked at the book while I was reading it and said the backcover text sounded fascinating, so again, It probably just Isn't My Kind Of Tale.

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### **Andrea says**

Smooth read, and an unusual combination of paranormal and gothic novel.

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### **Arae Young says**

Loved this book!! Not usually a genre I read, but I could not put this book down and I am patiently awaiting book #2!!

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### **Brenda Harrington says**

Great new author!!! Book was amazing!! Couldn't put it down, and keeps you wanting more. Looking forward to book number two in the series!!!

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### **M.R. says**

Exciting new book by a new author. Take a chance, you won't be disappointed. This book has mystery and a bit of romance, plus the imagery of the Sentient and their "magic" is pretty cool.

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