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Rare glimpses of birds are the only reminder of the freedoms Rain Hawkins once had. Now segregated into a mixed-race zone within the United Zones of the Authority, under tyrannical rule of President Nicks, Rain is forced to endure the bleak conditions set upon her. The possibility of a way out arises when Rain discovers an organized resistance called The Freedom Front, and learns that she, along with many other multi-racial people, has special abilities. Determined to overcome her situation, Rain sets out on a mission with the resistance that will fill her life with wonder, romance, and the undying hope for a better world.

## **Prismatic Details**

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## **From Reader Review Prismatic for online ebook**

### **Sara Doyle says**

I won this book in a contest by the author, and I loved it! I couldn't put it down, took me less than a day to read it. I jumped right into the second book. I would definitely recommend it.

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### **Barbara Gordon says**

I really really enjoyed this book. It was similar to The Hunger Games, which I'm sure the author gets a lot. The premise, the country being divided into zones based on race, really pissed me off. It wasn't personal towards the author, but just the idea that 40 years in the future we, as a country, have fallen back in time and resorted to segregation really makes me angry! Overall though, this story was great and kept me captivated. There were times where I thought the dialogue was a bit juvenile though, but being a YA book it was expected. Marcell & Cole were hilarious! Plus, I love the name Rain! Hahaha - I have a cat named Rain

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### **Katheryn Lane says**

Prismatic is about a group of teenagers in the not-so-distant future of 2050, living at a time when the USA is ruled by a despotic President, Elizabeth Nicks, and divided up into zones according to race. The worst of these zones are the mixed race ones, in particular Indy Mixed Zone, where every possible comfort and human right has been taken away, including schools, hot water and nutritious food. People, including children, are made to work long hours producing goods and food for the other zones and countries. Barely surviving on starvation wages and constantly threatened with an indefinite prison sentence, the people of mixed race don't dare to speak up against the terrible way they are being treated. That is, until a very special group of teenagers come together to fight against the system under which they live. Leading this group are Jabari and Rain, a remarkable teenage couple, who battle against the odds to try and bring down their oppressors.

Throughout the book, Sarah Elle Emm does a brilliant job of describing life under an oppressive regime and how, even in the very worst of circumstances, love and hope can find a way. I can't wait until the next book in the series, Opalescent!

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### **Coleen says**

Prismatic was very suspenseful. I really enjoyed it. My only disappointment is that book 2 of the series will not be out until 2012. Ms Emm developed the characters artfully and told an exciting story in book one, but leaves you wanting, no needing, to read the rest. I am fully vested and can't wait see how this story plays out.

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### **Sasha says**

I received a copy of this book yesterday. I opened my package, and looked at the book, sat down opening the first pages and thought I'll just have a quick look and then start my day, well to my surprise I was halfway through it the next time I looked up. Don't you just love it when that happens. My goodness Sarah Elle Emm can write and keep you captivated. I enjoyed this book thoroughly and highly recommend it. Thank you so much Sarah for writing such an astonishing captivating book.

I won this through good reads competition, and boy am I very glad I did.

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### **Loni says**

I'll be looking out for Opalescent, Prismatic's sequel when it comes out. There's so much unfinished business, I have to see how the story ends.

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### **Natasha Head says**

While this particular novel takes place in a fictional 2050...author Sarah Elle Emm has presented us, in her character Rain, a worthy heroine. I was immediately embraced by this rough and tumble new world, found an immediate and fiery distaste for dictator Elizabeth Nicks, and was impressed not only in the world created by the author, but in her handling of some very mature topics that the story's conflict is shaped around.

The story-line is bold, the characters colorful, the dialogue easy. In its presentation, it is a pleasure to read with a stunning and effective cover. Ms. Emm takes into account her young adult audience, but by no means does she handle them with kid gloves. There is no condescending tone, no speaking down. The work is presented in a voice that will appeal to any age-bracket. (I had to fight my 12 year old daughter...go figure!)

Prismatic, was an absolute joy to read that came to its conclusion much too soon. This is one reader who can't wait for 2013 when the second novel will be released.

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### **Adriel Wiggins says**

\*\*I received a copy of this book in exchange for an honest review.\*\*

Prismatic by Sarah Elle Emm is the introduction to a dystopian America in 2050. In 2046, a new president is elected and immediately changes the structure of American government, politics, social life, and classes. The results are more devastating for some people than others, however.

Emm lays a lot of groundwork in this book, putting a setting and a conflict into place. The book as a whole seemed a little slow, but that's because Emm did a lot of explaining of the history of the changes in America.

The characters are admirable, and their personalities are believable. Emm has added the fantastical element of super powers genetically dispersed to certain people. Although this is a bit hard to swallow at first due to the incompatibility with our current reality, which the book is supposed to be based on, it was easy to accept and even enjoy once the realization that it's a fantasy sets in.

Although I loved the Harmony Run series as a whole, Prismatic was not my favorite in the series. Once I was past it, I was soon sleep deprived from reading all night long several nights in a row. But Prismatic was a slow introduction to what is ultimately a great series.

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### **Abi says**

I loved this book and so did my friend!

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### **Sarah-Jayne Briggs says**

(I received a free copy of this book in exchange for a review).

(This review may contain spoilers).

I have to be honest... I would have given this book 4 out of 5 stars, if it wasn't for the romance and my complete lack of belief in the connection between Rain and Jabari. While I did like Rain and Jabari separately, I felt that their relationship was rushed and all of the actual development was taken out in favour of instant!love. (I have read exactly one series of books where the soulmates thing has been handled well).

I did find myself drawn very well into the story from the beginning. The first scene did a really good job of establishing a darker atmosphere around the world of the storyline. And it was pretty awful to see how the world Rain lived in mirrored one of history's most awful times... but in a modern age, which I thought was shown to be almost as bad.

I did like Rain's relationship with her little brother. Daktari was really sweet at the beginning and even though I was confused by exactly how much time had passed after the first scene, I thought the author did a good job of showing how bad the life in their 'zone' was. While I only got to see what Rain's day was like, I thought it was shown really well how much strain was being put on them all. By the end of the book, her mother went right down in my estimation, even though I could understand why she'd fallen so deep into depression. I did like Rain and Daktari's father, even though I didn't get to see all that much of him. I thought that his care for his children came across really well.

The different abilities that the characters had came across really well, but I did feel Rain was going too close to the line of a character classed as a Mary Sue with how many abilities she had compared to the others around her. While the fact that Cole and his cousin hit on any female they found attractive made for humorous moments, there were too many references to how attractive Rain was for my liking.

Although there were some scenes of tension, it felt like there was very little actual danger that the characters were in. While I thought it was good that their experiences made them more careful and less likely to take chances, everything seemed to go quite smoothly for them... and their powers meant that even the brief

moments of danger were handled quickly. With the exception of Zi, none of the others seemed to suffer from any detrimental effects from using their powers so many times within succession of each other.

I am going to be reading the next books in this series... but I hope the storyline will be more of a focus than the romance. The dream Rain has later on sounds really intriguing... but after she decides to tell the others about it, the book skips ahead with no explanation given as to what they actually talk about. And I think this glossing over is a big problem in this book.

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### **Claire says**

I received a copy of this book from the author through Goodreads and am so pleased to have received it. A brilliantly uplifting book about the strength of human spirit and love over the worst of human nature and hatred, yet written in style which will appeal to, and with content which is suitable for, both young adults and adults alike.

I recommend this book whole-heartedly for those parents who are looking for a book which can explain to their young adults what happens if you forget to learn from history and why if a community finds it easier to be silent and accept the decisions of politicians rather than stand up and fight for what is right extremists can come to power and exert their "manifesto".

My only regret (and it is a small one) is that the book ended with too many questions outstanding, but I shall just have to have patience and wait until 2013 for the sequel.

In the meantime I hope my 12 year old son enjoys it as much as I have and perhaps it will help him with his History syllabus?

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### **Sylvia Hester says**

This book was a first read book. As I locked my eyes on the first paragraph, I was saying to myself this book isn't going to be good and I am not going to be able to finish it. The second chapter grabbed me and refused to let me go. I was able to finish it in a few hours. As I read this book, I compared it to 1984, Hunger games(without the games), and The Stand (because of Takara and her voice of reasoning). The book was predictable but well worth the read. Worth the read and a great add to anyone's book collection.

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### **Lucinda says**

This is a book that not only stands out on the bookshelf with its striking, eye-catching cover but also by being a work of fiction with a truly original, unique and inspired storyline. Sarah Elle Emm is a creative writer with so much vision and imagination as to take your breath away, and this was a book that did that and much more with poignancy. It is about freedom (being something that we can all take for granted) and racism that effects our lives, hence both merging together in a world and backdrop of segregation and disharmony. Under the ruling of a president one is trapped as if in a cage, where restrictions and rules are at the forefront that attempt to overwhelm all. But there are those individuals who try to resist along with the aid of certain abilities, which adds to the tension and drama taking the storyline to a whole new level. Hope is something that is very powerful and which touches upon the hearts of many who dream of a better world and who are prepared to fight for it; for their freedom, harmony and social independence. This is a story that is very emotive, truth-drawing and utterly thought-provoking, and with a brave author who touches upon

topics of great significance and controversy. I loved not only the vision of the author and the central focus of the book but also the unexpected and quirky twist within the plot, which involves special abilities and indescribable power. It is a young-adult fantasy novel that is completely incomparable to anything else that I have read and something that I thoroughly enjoyed being such a huge fan of this particular genre in general. The creativity and imagination of the author will blow you away, being so detailed, fascinating and highly readable. The distinctive characters brought the story to life and who were memorable and intriguing, with the main character of Rain being someone who many readers will be able to connect to and relate to. I would recommend this book to anyone who is a devoted fan of the young-adult genre as it is totally unique and something 'new' and highly distinctive, hence you will instantly fall in love with it as much as I did.

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### **Stacy says**

I enjoyed reading this book. The story makes you think and draws you in from the beginning. It is easy to wonder if this futuristic tale is a premonition of the future? I was left wondering how much of real life influenced Ms. Emm's tale. I root for the young heroes and cling to the idea that as long as hope lives, anything is possible.

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### **Colleen Everly says**

really liked this book. it had many things in it that makes you think what if. I also am a fan of paranormal, sci-fi, fantasy, etc. so that was a plus. I also love romance and this book had that. teenage love is so cute with the blushing and awkwardness. very good read.

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