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Ian Kabra has an embarrassing secret. It's not that he once accidentally ate at Burger King. It's not that he still has his childhood teddy bear, Mr Buttons. It's that he can't stop thinking about a certain grubby American orphan. But just when he's about to take action, a dangerous person from his past stages a dramatic midnight break-in, forcing Ian to accept that there's something worse than an embarrassing crush - a secret that won't stay buried.

Crushed Details

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Steven R. McEvoy says

Seven Months After The Clue Hunt

Seven months after the Clue Hunt ends is when this story is set. Unlike most of the other short stories in this collection, so far this one focuses almost entirely on Ian Kabra, and his life after turning on his mother and growing a conscience. He realizes that he has feelings for Amy Cahill and he is unsure what to do with them. As he is wrestling with himself about visiting Amy across the pond, he encounters a burglar and chases him down only to discover it is his mother recently released from jail. This was an interesting story. It gave us a much deeper look into Ian and his growth as a person, and also the struggles he has. And as stated earlier, unlike the rest of the Rapid Fire Short Stories to date, this one has a much narrower focus, both in looking mainly at one member of the Cahill's family and in that it takes place in less than a day.

I love the original 39 Clues books, and have on my short list to read the second series The Cahills vs. Vespers, but this short series released between December 25th and December 31st 2011 really caught my attention. 7 Days 7 Short Stories each give us part of a clue and more background information on some of the characters from the books. These are great little short stories and they are more than worth the price of \$0.99 each.

Read the review and with links to other reviews of books in the 39 Clues series on my blog [Book Reviews and More](#).

Mark says

its very good. enjoy :).

Anna says

As a teenage girl, this is what I consider myself, despite the age that I truly am, I was yearning for something like this in The 39 Clues series: romance!

I started reading them because of Rick Riordan and because I love history and I never pass up a chance to brush up my knowledge with books like these, but I completely fell for the whole Ian and Amy concept.

I know that this isn't one of the series main focus points and God forbid it should ever be. I mean it would take all the fun out of the adventures. I think the balance The Medusa Plot introduced with the whole Amy and Evan relationship is pretty much perfect.

Don't get me wrong, I love a good romance book, check my shelves for Hush, Hush, Pride and Prejudice and the like. But I don't like it when someone takes a perfectly good series and turns the spotlight on the romantic relationships. With The 39 Clues, starting to focus on a love triangle or something that would involve Amy would be...awful, like The Left Hand of God's Cale turning all gooey eyed because some girl didn't love him.

Tragic!

Anyway, my overly-long rant aside, this was the first Rapid Series book I read and I liked it, a lot. My advice: if you like Ian (and not just for the male model-ish picture the authors have painted for him), you'll like this too.

Amy Jackson says

It was amazing, it was kind of an Amian but not really. We get to see how Ian really feels about Amy and the reason why they aren't together. Didn't like at the end though, how Nellie suggested to Amy that she should be with Evan to help her heartbreak, but it was a really good book!

Edshera Mae Abella says

I really enjoyed this book [well aside from the cover because that is totally not how I imagined Ian Kabra].

minor spoilers ahead

A heartbreaking one, specially for anyone who supports AmIan, and I love that ship so much it hurts... this book 'crushed' my freaking heart!

Isabel just ruins everything, poor Ian. And Nellie kinda pissed me off a bit... I did not like it when she suggested Evan to Amy, no no no, I did not like it one bit!

Anyways, I give it a five because even though AmIan did not get together here, it was a good story. But seriously, Ian is a freaking coward! Gosh.

Joy says

Well this book is too short to give a proper rating but AHH I SHIP AMY AND IAN SO HARD and the last part was just heartbreak ughhh stupid Isabel just run back to jail and let your son confess to Amy already D8

But whoa confronting Isabel was just... unexpected. What was the point of her breaking into the Kabra's house if all she did was to scare them? And from the description she didn't even seem to expect Ian to discover her presence.

Me:

Ah well plot twists are plot twists. I thought Ian's dilemma was also kinda strange but I guess I sympathise with him. ._.

Jenn says

NOTE MY REVIEWS OFTEN CONTAIN SPOILERS

The Clue Hunt has been over for seven months and Ian Kambra is planning to go to America and tell Amy Cahill that he likes her. For the first time in his life he's nervous and he doesn't know why. But when the night before his trip he learns his mother have been released from prison, he wonders if the son of her parents killer should even go at all.

I was kind of into this story at the beginning because Amy and Dan Cahill were changed by the clue hunt, maybe everyone else was as well. So I was willing to accept that Ian's personality might be a little different. I am not however willing to accept that Amy and Ian aged two years in seven months. Yes Amy is 16 during the Cahills vs Vespers series. However it says in book one of that series that two years have passed since the clue hunt, hence Amy would then be 16 since she was 14 during the clue hunt and Ian was her age. She did not turn 16 seven months after being 14 and neither did Ian. Next issue if Ian and Natalie's parents disowned them, why do they have the family home? Daddy's hiding, not in jail. And since when is the Lucian stronghold in the Kabra family home? We've been to the Kabra's house before during the Clue Hunt, and the stronghold wasn't there last time. And if you compare the descriptions between our Clue Hunt visit and this story it seems the children must have used their money for a total remodel. Also the story in Vespers Rising was like what – five months after the clue hunt? In that story Amy, Dan, Fiske and Nellie were living in the guest house on Grace's property planning to rebuild the mansion. What did they like magic it built, fully furnished and trashed in two months? And while Amy does kind of lead the Cahills during the Cahills vs the Vespers she's never proclaimed the head of family. Maybe if I could ignore all the things different in Riley's version of the Cahill family I might have liked this story, but instead I was getting so irritated that I wanted to throw my Nook. The story offers nothing in educational value and little in action. It did however have a decent flow with fast pacing.

Characterization for Ian and Amy was decent. Amy was exactly how I've always pictured her and the changes in Ian were realistic. They both had flaws and strengths. The problem with this story wasn't so much that characters that were off, it was everything else.

Overall this is another take it or leave it story that doesn't really add anything to the series. The best I can say is I liked the beginning.

Carla says

I was devastated when I read that the Rapid Fire books would be ebooks because I didn't have an ereader at the time. The first thing I did when I bought my Kindle was buy these books too. I love them!

Jovy says

Why do guys do this? It's not a teenager thing because this happens at any age. Do guys get trained or is it in their DNA to be jerks? Why can't Ian just tell the truth of canceling his visit to Boston?

Bettina Schulz says

This book... was either heartbreaking or exciting to me.
When it began I thought It was going to be a cliché Amian story but it wasn't.

IT.WAS.AWESOME

It showed why Ian hadn't made his move yet and why Amy started dating Evan,
So, applause for Clifford Riley!

Charissa Sophia de la Rosa says

[IAN LIKES AMY! XD XD XD (hide spoiler)]

Alisha Ahmed says

It was a good insight

I loved it in the sense that you saw insight into the characters lives and that helps you understand them so I thought like all other 39 clues books that it was amazing.

Kimberley Ang says

Seeing from Ian Kabra`s point of view to know more about how the Kabra`s life has changed from being very rich to poor and having their parents to disowned them as really affected their lives. It was also quite interesting to see a little chemistry between Ian and Amy even though at the end it didn`t worked out.....

Lily says

I cried a ton while reading this book. This was my favorite book in the Rapid Fire series. It has tons of Amian in it and I totally ship Amy and Ian so this was my favorite book. I cannot wait to read the next book.

Marcia Adversalo says

I didn't like this one as much as I liked the previous ones. Again, it does explain some things, but there are things in this book that I didn't realize had happened in the original series. I guess it explains a little bit, but the others had those "Ah ha!" moments that this book didn't have. Still interesting and I'd still recommend it to anyone who has read the 39 Clues series.
