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He'd make her his future...if only he could rewrite his past.

Blackwater, Book 5

Before his adoptive parents stepped in, River's childhood was little more than hellish misery. He still has the demons to prove it. Too bad he can't seem to convince Jeanette Munroe that he's damaged goods, and anything beyond friendship is an act of futility.

He's done everything in his power to keep his ugly past from touching her sweet, innocent heart. Yet when he learns she's been mugged, nothing will keep him from her side. And soon all he can think about is stripping her bruised body naked.

Ever since she tripped over her clumsy ninth-grade feet and into his life, Jeanette has been secretly crazy about her best friend. To her frustration, he's never seemed to notice—until he comes to her rescue like the white knight she's always believed him to be.

River never realized how deep and hard he hungered for Jeanette until her kiss, her touch sets his desire free. But as the heat between them rises to fever pitch, his secrets threaten to shatter any chance for a future.

Warning: Contains a green-eyed devil of a man with a tortured past, and a woman more than capable of chasing his nightmares away—one scorching kiss at a time. May cause an uncontrollable desire to give or get a hickie.

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Stephanie says

A bunch of sweetness!

Christina Montminy says

I loved this book....River's past has now been put forth to understand & it makes me like him even more than I did. Jeanette was sweet, but she had a side to her that was also devilish when it came to River. She was so in love with him & he was with her even though he didn't want to admit it. Her being mugged brings them together & has sparks shooting everywhere. They were a great couple together & his mother Wanda was so pushing her son in Jeanette's direction that she even got his twin to help. There was a great deal of sadness in this story but there was also a funny, light heartedness to it as well. Will definitely be rereading this series & recommending it. Great job Anne Rainey I love your work.

Dre says

[accidentally got pregnant since the same thing happened with Lucy and Reilly in the last book (hide spoiler)]

Moira says

DNF at 49% from 2014.

Jane says

My favorite book in the series. Loved this series.

Tina says

River's Redemption by author Anne Rainey is the fifth book in the Blackwater series. This series just keeps getting better and better. I love the connection these characters have. I also love the friendship they have. The storyline is both believable and runs at a great pace.

River has learned to bury his happiness down deep so no one, not even he can see it. His foster father had put on a show for the outside world. Secretly he abused River. River still has nightmares about it. His adoptive parents and brothers mean the world to him along with his twin Reilly.

Jeanette has been River's closest friend since high school. She loves River, but he only sees her as a friend.

That is until the day she gives up on him. She is working on her law degree.
Jeanette gives as good as she gets. She is not a doormat I loved that about her.
River learns to miss what he has always had when she decides she has to move on.
Both characters grow in this book. They learn to trust and that love can make you stronger.
I cannot wait for more from this series. I loved this story and all the characters. I want more!!

Anna says

This book was an alright read although not as good as some of the others. River's reasons for finally moving forward with Jeanette were miniscule and I got particularly irritated with Jeanette for invading River's privacy instead of talking to him, using the excuse that as they were in a relationship now that previous requests for privacy no longer counted. I can't imagine how angry I would be at someone for doing that and yet River just brushed it off. Also, it is mentioned in previous books that Jeanette is the only person ever to sleep in the same bed as River due to the fact he has nightmares every night, when she was younger she apparently spent weeks in his bed while they were friends. However, the first time she sleeps in his bed after they start having sex with each other is apparently the first time she's been witness to his nightmares. Very irritating in the lack of continuity and incongruence.

Moran says

Another great book in an amazing series.

I'm sad that this was the last book in the Blackwater series.

Denise says

this is River's story and the last book
in this series .. the book was shorter than I expected
I was disappointed after reading the other books that she didn't have
all the brothers in this one .. It was still a good read but when the series end I really like to read what
everyone is up too .. But people who loves the series will enjoy this book also , maybe it's just me ..

Michelle says

We finally get River and Jeanette's story as the finale to a great series! I think I liked this novella the best because the emotion was the deepest, the angst was more intense and the backstory was filled in and questions were answered. My only complaint was there seemed to be several déjà vu moments with Reilly's story... Even some passages seemed repeated with names changed! I enjoyed them the first time, then when I read them again in this story, I just chuckled and rolled my eyes! Anyway, I loved all the characters... A family of 5 sexy, alpha brothers that love their women just right! Worth the read!

Guilty Pleasures Book Reviews says

Slick's review posted on Guilty Pleasures Book Reviews

Review copy provided for an honest review.

5 STARS

I've read and reviewed Anne Rainey's Blackwater series from the start and I always knew that River's story would be the hardest to read but I also hoped that it would shed some light on River's earlier life and what keeps him at arm's length from everyone. I will never understand the monsters who abuse children but unfortunately I've seen the damage it causes and the fallout that occurs and Ms. Rainey did a very good job of helping the reader understand the burden that abuse victims carry with them and the demons they must slay. When the River and his brother's were put in foster care they were separated and while most of them fared okay before being adopted by the Jennings, River was placed in an abusive household. His brother's have always worried about him, his adoptive parents tried to right the wrong, but River has it in his head that he doesn't deserve anyone special in his life, especially Jeanette Munroe who he sees as way to innocent for him. Friends since childhood, Jeanette has always had a crush on River but a recent incident had her backing away and breaking ties but when she's injured River steps up to prove he can and will be there for his friend.

Having seen these two interact in previous books there's no denying how close they are but River has always been careful about keeping his distance and Jeannette has decided it's now or never. When a male friend of Jeanette's visits, River finds the ugly green monster jealousy rearing its head and making him confront his feelings. I loved that Jeanette has no problems with telling River how she feels about him and once he makes a move she's all over him and pretty much doesn't let go. River is so stubborn and even though he feels something for Jeanette he just refuses to believe he's the man for her. Thankfully he has friends and family that have no problem helping him see the light. River and Jeanette have a long history as friends and so when they finally make that step to lovers; it's a truly special moment.

It was hard re-living some of River's past through his dreams, memories, and personal re-telling but it was important to the story. It also helped the reader to understand his thinking as well as the outlet he uses to combat the stress. River is a pretty complex guy but thankfully Jeanette has no problems digging in and figuring him out.

I've loved the Jennings family from the first book and while I'm so happy they've all found their perfect match, I'm sorry to see this series come to an end. I've enjoyed each book, but I'm going to admit that River has always held a special spot in my heart and thus his book is my favorite. Everyone deserves happiness and love and thankfully Janette showed River that he was no different.
