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For Evan Holloway, life is a series of careful routines and rituals. For a man who can't touch any object or person without getting a flood of impressions, that's the only way to live. He's not exactly happy, but he's content—until a single, shattering revelation turns his well-ordered life upside-down. Someone is trying to brand Evan a traitor, and they have evidence to prove it.

On the run, away from the shelter of the Delphic Institute, Evan is captured. His only hope for survival is to escape. To do that, he'll do whatever it takes.

Elijah Wexler walks out of work one night and straight into the path of an unbalanced man who takes him hostage. He soon discovers that the man isn't so crazy after all. Everything Elijah thought he knew about his job and his life was wrong.

Together, Evan and Elijah must discover the truth.

## **Touch Details**

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## From Reader Review Touch for online ebook

### Pam says

I enjoyed it. Touch is a good second release in the series. It starts off pretty quickly and maintains a steady pace, there's a smooth flow from one scene to scene, and the writing remain tight with good character development. I like Evan and Eli. These two guys are very different in all aspects of their lives--at least on the surface, but underneath, where it's important, they mesh well. Despite what looks like an initial mismatch the author has created a couple the gives exactly what the other needs.

The paranormal part of the story is the backbone but it doesn't overwhelm. The growing relationship of Evan and Eli--even while on the run--still takes center stage. But she weaves the two into a whole that's both well timed and believable. And the author did it while keeping me guessing about the direction of the plot. I love that.

I was hoping we'd learn more about the Delphic Institute but since most of the story took place off-campus that didn't happen. I was glad to see more about the Sameal Organization and it's leader. A true villain.

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### Jane (PS) says

I really enjoyed the flow of the story but some elements of the plot had gaps that weren't satisfactorily explained away. The two MCs are adorable and a great match. I'll slowly continue this series ~ I love psychic books!

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Dang - no more books in the series yet, although it looks like Garris may have been the next story. Not sure if he will make it to 'print' though since CG's comment was two years ago :(

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### Susan65 says

4.25 Stars

I liked this book much better than the first one, even though I really did love Cam and Tristan. But Evan, there is just something about him that makes you want to wrap him up and protect him. His life was horrible: his past, childhood, parents, no friends, locked up, etc...you name it, he's suffered.

I could not think of a better partner for him then Elijah. What a good, kind soul he is, and exactly what Evan needed.

The story starts off with a bang and doesn't settle down until it's over. It's a very fast read even though it's not a short story. I love when that happens.

There is mystery, intrigue, kidnapping, torture, but also, love, sweetness, and a happy ending.

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## Heather♥ says

4.5 stars

I enjoyed this one even more than the first book. It started off strong and kept a fast pace that had me quickly turning the pages in fear of what would happen next. My heart immediately went out to Evan because of how lonely and isolated he was. He couldn't even have the comfort of a simple touch because of the often horrifying impressions and emotions he would pickup through those touches. The way he was set up and betrayed (which really made me want to kick a certain someone's ass), and then soon after abducted and tortured, would have even the strongest person at their breaking point. But not Evan. With the help of Elijah, who was so compassionate and sweet (even though he was technically Evan's hostage), Evan was able to escape and even make plans for later rescuing the other unfortunate captives. I loved the slow build of their trust and tender love and especially the discovery of the special gift Elijah was able to bring to Evan's life. They really were so perfect for each other. It was great to see Cam, Tristan and some of the others again from the Institute, and I also enjoyed the new characters as well. I'm really looking forward to future stories in this well-done series. The only reason I knocked off half a star was because after all the buildup, I expected Jedidiah Wexler to be more cunning and put up more of a fight at the end. The resolution almost seemed too easy, but having said that I suspect we haven't seen the last of him by a long shot. More please!

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## Bubbles Huntly Honest & Direct Opinions says

*This review you're about to enjoy is told in three parts:*

*If you have a sense of humor read part one.*

*If you prefer something more serious read part two*

*If you don't like to read, but like pictures skip to part three*

*If you are brave and like all of the above read one through three...*

**...Read at your own risk...**

### **Part One: Explosive Sock Puppetism**

Fabulous

U should read this ASAP

Creative

Kick ass

Intense (like OMFG intense)

New lovable characters

Gooder (take that English) than the first book!

Astonishing

Wonderful

Elijah was so adorable and sweet

Sophisticated

OMG said that a lot reading it)  
Made me smile  
Evan is just amazing

*Words considered but not used above:* Timeless, extraordinary, masterpiece, pee your pants anticipation, had me gagging for more (that's a gay oral sex pun from a size queen, laugh bitches), Fun, great, gays on a road trip that was just a circle (brings to mind an old joke)... You probably get the point.....

## **Part Two:** Review With Sentences, not necessarily grammatically correct

If you can't tell I absolutely love this book. It was a great sequel and I loved it, more than the first book. Loved the two guys, especially poor Evan.

The book starts of fast and never slows down. It kept an intense pace and kept surprising me. Especially at the end. I wasn't expecting that at all. I'm already anxious for the next book. I don't even care who it is about I'm just excited for it.

I don't want to add any spoilers but read this story. It really was awesome. While I loved the first book it was a little slow in the beginning while this book is a lot quicker with a lot more suspense and a little more action.

It was a very entertaining read. I know this part of the review is a little weak but hopefully the pictures make up for it.

## **Part Three:** Sexy/Funny Pictures

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**Phaney says**

**2012 Review:**

One of the absolutely worst things about good books is that you have to leave them behind eventually. Oh, I am not heartbroken the way I used to be in my teens (and even a bit later) when I finished a book I wanted to keep reading on and on because I loved it so much. This one I love, but these days my heartbreak is restricted to stuff that happens inside those books, and the real world.

Anyway, getting off track.

I knew I would most likely be enthusiastic about this one. For one thing, it was what prompted me to pick the series up in the first place; secondly one of the main characters was my favourite secondary char from the first volume. And it played out wonderfully. I had tense times while I worried (view spoiler), plus something at some other point that I've forgotten now, but this time there was no gut-wrenching tragedy like in the last one. Not complaining either way, although I certainly did not *need* to be put through the emotional wringer twice in one day. ^^

Man, this was nice. I want more, damn it!

This is a very good author and I love her stories and the way she handles her characters and generally the whole attitude she displays. It certainly does not hurt either that she is a pretty impressive writer. So all I am left with now, besides the fuzzy glow of happiness, is the need for more!

In particular, I hope the author writes more of this series.

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### Chris says

3.5 stars. Good paranormal m/m romance about a member of the Delphic Institute who gets captured by a rival organization. When escaping, he takes a hostage and everything starts to change.

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„•\*°\*~Gwendolyn~°\*\*\*★°\*\*\*★ says

[\"lurked back\" like he touched fire , when he found out.. (hide spoiler)]

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### Ami says

Cassandra Gold never lets me down. Not once. With this book, she proves again why she is one of my favorite (and auto-buy) authors. By the way, you all might want to read Bubbles's review first. Mine is all letters (and boring); he has pictures!! :p

Evan is being framed as traitor and when he runs away from The Institute, he is quickly kidnapped and tortured (with graphic impressions from other people being tortured and murdered). Evan manages to escape though, and in his attempt to run, he sort of kidnaps Elijah so they can leave together using Elijah's car. On the run, Evan and Elijah develops feeling for one another except Elijah has a secret that might shatter the relationship.

I agree that this book is better than the previous one. It practically opens with a choc of action, that pulls me in immediately. It has fast pace and I never feel bored. Sure, there's slowing down moment, like when Evan and Elijah are resting on a motel -- but the pace never drags on.

In book #1, Healer, Evan is described as "*the most powerful psychometrist the Institute has ever had. Poor guy can't touch anything or anyone without getting flashes of the past, present, or future*". Here, we see how his power has kept Evan alone all of his life. He cannot touch other people (or thing) without wearing gloves. Because of that, Elijah is so perfect for him (Elijah's power reminds me of Allyson James's Nash from her Stormwalker series). But it's not just because of Elijah's power -- he is so calm and is the right man to handle Evan.

If I have complaint, I think Elijah is slightly underdeveloped compared to Evan. Yes, Elijah has daddy issues which drives him to be the kind person that he is. But other than that, he is a little bit plain compared to Evan. Another complaint will be how the climax is, when Evan and Elijah confront the villain. It lacks of BANG, you know?

But no matter, they are just so wonderful together. The sex scenes are sweet without feeling like a manual (or ritual) I often find. Thanks for another great story, Ms. Gold. I hope you write more about the characters from The Institute ...

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### **Ayanna says**

It's...not bad?

Parts of it were quite good. And then parts were cringe-worthy. And there was one party that was lather-rinse-repeat of bk 1. Almost word for word, if my impressions are correct.

It gets a bit better, though.

I like the way Evan's POV was worked, although sometimes it got a little melodramatic.

Overall, though, this one was rather well-crafted. I think I rather liked it.

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### **V says**

Wonderful sequel!!!!

My only complain is,

Book 1 was Published October 30th 2011, and book 2 was Published July 1st 2012.

Do we really need to wait that long to read the next sequel...please, please can we have the next book release sooner?

If you want to read a great review, here it is.

<http://www.goodreads.com/review/show/...>

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### **Jane A says**

This was a quick read. I really liked it as the second book to the series. It wasn't as suspenseful as the first

one, but it was still exciting. I am glad that Elijah's identity didn't mess everything up for the couple. I would love to read more about other characters from the institution. This series is really good!

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### **Ang -PNR Book Lover Reviews says**

Best Bubbles rec EVER!!!  
this series has been wonderful!!

But this book was the best one so far i loved it so much i gobbled it up :)

For an outstanding review go check out this review!!

<http://www.goodreads.com/review/show/...>

thanks B!!

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### **Edina Rose says**

4.5 stars

Excellent plot: action-packed, clever, not over the top, great character and cute & sexy romance. There is a nice build-up before the sex and the end is not sirupy. This could be used as reference to teach how to mix romance and mystery.

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### **Heather C says**

**Wow, this was a fun story!**

...and *way* much better than the first book. It was fast paced and I adored both Evan and Elijah; both were a little sad and geeky. Still, there was some insta-love, but it didn't really bother me this time because I felt like the characters really connected and cared for each other.

The plot was also better; faster paced with more twisty surprises. I was really into it. There seemed to be some inconsistencies with Elijah's power, but that can be forgiven.

My biggest issue seemed to be that both characters' names began with "E" and it caused me a lot of confusion. Looking forward to the next book.

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