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Pivot Point #2: Split Second

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Book Review

Title: Pivot Point #2: Split Second

Author: Kasie West

Reviewer: Nancy Haight

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Number of Pages: 360

Interest Level: Young Adult

Rating: Excellent



Review

Addie moves to the normal world, where no one has special abilities, to live with her dad. The difficulty is that she previously saw how a different decision (in *Pivot Point*) would have put her together with an attractive boy at her new school. Now, she must figure out how to make that attractive future happen without scaring him off. Along the way, she discovers that her grandfather, who supposedly died in heroic circumstances, is living in the normal world. Can she trust her father who has perpetuated this lie? When her friends arrive for a visit, complications develop and they are soon left wondering if they can trust anyone. In the end, Addie and her friends find themselves scrambling for their lives, running from a false grandfather and those who govern the extra-ability part of the world. The attractive young man helps Addie and chooses to be with her.

Split Second is a sequel to *Pivot Point* by the same author. West's compelling writing style and imagination have created another story that soon has the reader hooked. The story unfolds in alternating chapters told from Addie and her friend's, points of view. West continues to develop realistic characters and place them in believable situations for the world they live in. The reader will be as surprised as Addie at the twists and turns her life in the normal world take. This story is probably best read after *Pivot Point* because of the continuing characters, but stands on its own as a great read.

*Contains mild violence.