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Zoey's life has changed, and she definitely doesn’t think that it is for the better. As a Collector she hunted down the fae that she could see, but now she is one of the hunted. The co-workers she had considered on her side and fighting the same battle are now her worst enemies. Her only allies are a narcoleptic fae monkey and Ryker, the fae Wanderer whose magic she had somehow stolen. She learns she has a genetic defect that could end her life at any moment. Nose bleeds and horrible migraines are the most telling symptoms, having increased and preceded the deaths of all others like her. She races to try to return powers and protect those she cares about.

Brown does it again in her second book of the Collector series, bringing humor through Sprig’s sometimes innocent yet sometimes twisted comments, sarcasm and brooding from Ryker, and Zoey’s ever-relatable feelings of self-doubt, lack of power, self-blame, and grief. A coming-of-age story that can rock your core and shake things up with how you may have once viewed things. Do the end justify the means? Where can you draw the lines of what is right versus what is wrong? Is everything just perspective and right and wrong don’t really exist? To what lengths would you go to do what you thought was right? Lie? Fight? Torture? Murder? Brown shows that just as there is only more than just right and wrong, there is always more to a story than meets the eyes.

*Contains severe sexual content and severe violence.

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