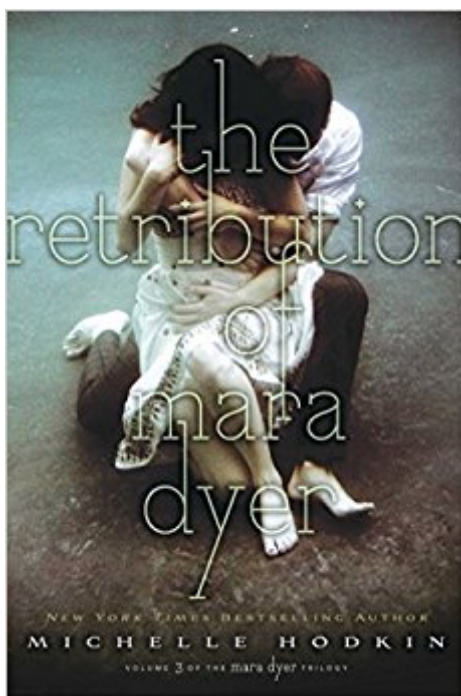


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The Retribution Of Mara Dyer (The Mara Dyer Trilogy)



Synopsis

It had to end sometime, but Mara had no idea it would end like this. Experience the mind-blowing conclusion to the New York Times bestselling Mara Dyer trilogy. Mara Dyer wants to believe there's more to the lies she's been told. There is. She doesn't stop to think about where her quest for the truth might lead. She should. She never had to imagine how far she would go for vengeance. She will now. Loyalties are betrayed, guilt and innocence tangle, and fate and chance collide in this shocking conclusion to Mara Dyer's story. Retribution has arrived.

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The Retribution of Mara Dyer 2> THE EXAMINATION OF MARA DYER was taken on [redacted] at the Horizons Residential Treatment Center for Behavioral Health. 31821 No Name Island, Florida.

Video transcript time: 2:13 p.m. Examination by: Dr. Deborah Kells Also present: Mr. [redacted]

KELLS: Hello, Mara. My name is Deborah Kells, and this is Mr. _____. We're here because your family says that you have agreed to residential treatment at the Horizons Residential Treatment Center for Behavioral Health on No Name Island, Florida, just off No Name Key. Is that correct? [Silence] KELLS: How much Amytal did you give her? MR. _____.: Forty ccs. KELLS:

Anemosyne? MR. ____: One hundred micrograms. KELLS: And the midazolam? MR. ____: Fifty milligrams. Same as the others. She won't remember any of this. KELLS: God, she's like a zombie. Mara, Mara's are you awake? Do you understand me? MARA: Yes. KELLS: Great. Thank you. Is it correct that you agreed to being treated here? MARA: Yes. KELLS: Thank you. Now, if at anytime you don't understand what I'm asking you, just let me know and I'll try to make it clearer, okay? MARA: Okay. KELLS: Now, you'll notice that there's a video camera in the room here with us. We want to record this just so we have a record. Is that okay with you? MARA: Yes. KELLS: Excellent. Okay, Mara. Let's start with the basics. What is your full name? MARA: Mara Amitra Dyer. KELLS: And how old are you? MARA: Seventeen. KELLS: Where were you born? MARA: Laurelton. KELLS: Where is that? MARA: Outside Providence. KELLS: Rhode Island? MARA: Yes. KELLS: Thank you. Can you tell me a little about why you're here? [Silence] KELLS: She's struggling with the open-ended questions. Can we counteract the Anemosyne? MR. ____: She might not be as cooperative. KELLS: Well, she's not exactly cooperative now, is she? MR. ____: I'll have to do it intravenously. • KELLS: Obviously. Just • MARA: I hurt people. MR. ____: Do you still want me to adjust • KELLS: No, let's see where she goes. Mara, who did you hurt? MARA: My teacher. KELLS: What was her name? MARA: Morales. MR. ____: Her file says that her teacher, Christina Morales, died of anaphylactic shock in reaction to fire ant bites on [date redacted]. KELLS: Let me see. MARA: Also a • a man. He hurt a dog. I • KELLS: It's okay. Take your time. Just tell us what you remember. MARA: Rachel. MR. ____: Rachel Watson, deceased, died Wednesday [date redacted] in Laurelton. Remains discovered at six a.m. with those of • MARA: Claire. MR. ____: Claire Lowe, yes, as well as her brother, Jude Lowe • Mara: Noah. MR. ____: Noah Shaw? I don't • KELLS: Quiet. MR. ____: Sorry • whoa. Did you see that? She just • KELLS: What else is she on? MR. ____: The hundred milligrams of Zyprexa, as prescribed prior to intake. It shouldn't interfere. MARA: [speech unclear] KELLS: What did she say? MR. ____: I don't know. Jesus, look • KELLS: Is she on anything else? MR. ____: I don't • KELLS: Is she on anything else? MR. ____: No. No. KELLS: Does she have a history of epilepsy? MR. ____: I don't think so. KELLS: Well, do you think or do you know? MR. ____: No • Jesus Christ. Is that a seizure? Is she seizing? KELLS: Turn off the camera. MARA: [speech unclear] KELLS: What did you say, Mara? MR. ____: I'm going to call • KELLS: Don't call anyone. Turn off the camera. What, Mara? MARA: [speech unclear] MR. ____:

Did she just say our names? Did she just say— Kells: TURN OFF THE CAMERA. MR. ____: Oh, God— [End video examination, 2:21 p.m.]

It took me forever to finally suck it up and read this book, but now that I have I am so glad I finally made myself finish this series. I actually originally started reading it when it first came out, but then I never finished because I just was not ready to say goodbye— so like the adult I am I ignored it. Over a year later I finally decided it was time, I picked it up and started from the beginning again. Then once again I got to about the same point as the first time I tried to read it and just suddenly stopped reading— partially because I got busy and partially because once again I was scared of the ending. But then I really decided to suck it up and read and once I did I had trouble stopping. I even ended up power listening to the last half of the book one day at work. This has always been a weird series but *Retribution* somehow got even weirder. There are so many moving pieces to this story and it makes your head spin at times, but it also has an addictive quality to it. Mara is such a unique heroine. She is an anti-heroine at its finest and I love her all the more for that. She is so flawed and has no qualms about doing unthinkable things, but I cannot help but root for her the entire time. I love her and her crazy more than I can say. I have to say this though; the main drawback for me with *Retribution* was the lack of Noah Shaw. It takes a really long time for him to appear again (and I don't think this is a spoiler because boy is on the cover, obviously he is going to be in it, and also because a spin off/sequel has already been announced). I don't like being that reader that gets hung up on where the guy is, but I couldn't help it here. Noah is a fantastic character and he brings so much to the story and I seriously missed the dynamic between him and Mara. Their banter is phenomenal and has always been one of my absolute favorite parts of this series. So naturally, it was really tough for me with him being MIA for a good portion of the book. I will say though, that once he shows up he makes up for it. GAHH some of those scenes were awesome. There were quite a few quotes at the end that I absolutely fell in love with. And those last few lines of the book were awesome. It was such a crazy way to bring the series to a close. It now has me excited to see this world continued, even though I am super nervous to see my beloved characters go through more trouble. *The Retribution Of Mara Dyer* was a weird yet great wrap up to a great series. This is an incredibly unique and engaging series that I would recommend to basically everyone.

Actual rating 4.5 stars. After a very long spate of novels where after the first 100 pages or so, I was still struggling to get into the book. — The *Retribution of Mara Dyer* —

broke that slump. It jumps right into the action and had me trying to puzzle things out, gripping me with every page. I had put off reading this last book of the trilogy for so long because of the difficulty I had getting into *The Evolution of Mara Dyer*, but we get answers very quickly, and it puts all the series of events up to this point into a new perspective straight away. Someone should have slapped me upside the head earlier on and forced me to get into this final book sooner.

With such a dark, captivating and complex tone, I was truly enraptured. Our protagonist Mara is definitely a troubled teen the way she handles the darkness, the things she does left me uneasy. It was compelling reading, but I don't fully understand how the people around her can dismiss the gravity of what she has done (and what she is capable of) so easily. It's the one issue I have with this book – zero repercussions for crime, murder and violence. All aspects of the mystery surrounding Mara Dyer are solved. And she is no longer the victim as I thought of her in book one, but an anti-hero. I really enjoyed her journey, but also found it disturbing. Noah as lovely as he is, as gorgeous as the love between Mara and him is, is whipped. The romantic in me finds it endearing. But the realistic side of me wonders if he's not being stupid but that's the thing with love isn't it? It makes you do silly things. To have the gorgeous relationship blossoming between these two characters amongst so much tragedy is juxtaposing. A gothic romance. At times the narrative felt a little long winded, but it did not detract from the excitement of the story. I was constantly wondering how the hell they were going to get out of the mess they were in. My mind was doing a lot of scrambling to work out what was going on. So any of my predictions flew out the window very early on. With a great writing style, it comes off as lyrical and full of shadows. But also manages to give answers and real technical information to tie up the trilogy without spoiling the mystical feel of the novel. It was a brilliant end to the series. May I say cute even. Which is weird given the dark aspects to the story. Highly recommend this trilogy, though I did struggle with the middle book. Recently hearing that *The Shaw Confessions* is getting added to this universe, with *The Becoming of Noah Shaw* due for release on November 7th this year, I'm getting really excited. I may be making little squeaky noises, and jumping up and down!

5 mind-blowing stars! Wow. Just wow. This final book in the trilogy series has left me utterly breathless. Outstanding. Intense. Shocking. Mara is coming to accept who she is. What she is. But is she truly grasping the danger? Is she understanding the lives she endangers simply by existing? Is

she willing to live while others around her die? This series has been an incredible read. Honestly, I haven't read anything like it. It is a unique story. A breath of fresh air. Something outside the norm. And I'm so happy I finally read these books. Now, do yourself a favor and add this to your Goodreads, purchase the books, and dig in to this epic story.

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