

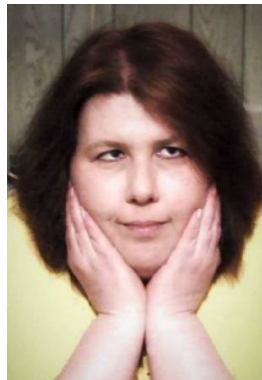
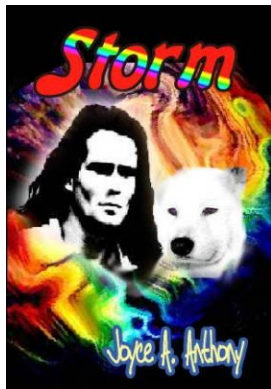
Book Review

Storm

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Storm is the first published book of author Joyce A. Anthony. This Young Adult book is suitable for teens and adults, but not for children under 13 years of age, since they are not mature enough to understand some of the book's themes.

The book starts with the mysterious appearance of a baby inside a basket during a stormy night. A lighthouse keeper named Sam, who is a childless old sailor, finds the baby and names him Storm and raises him as his own son. The day of his death, Sam tells Storm to seek his destiny which will be found in the whirling rainbow. Storm leaves the comfort of the island and starts his quest in search of the whirling rainbow as he meditates on the questions: Who am I? What is my destiny?

Storm takes a boat and arrives at a port. Soon after his arrival, he finds a wondrous creature with amethyst eyes, which he names Maggie. Maggie will become his companion and together they will encounter life challenges and help other people, too. Storm is very naïve with respect to human evil and has an innocent heart, since he was raised in a very protective environment removed from the wickedness of the world.

In some instances the conflicts and situations in which Storm is involved helping other people get resolved almost instantly, taking the excitement away from the reader. The rushed resolutions to the conflicts in the book give the impression that the author was writing under an enormous amount of time pressure. This book could have greatly benefited from the services of an editor to help the author keep the conflicts and situations momentums going to a point of resolutorial climax.

The end of the book is very disappointing because it does not belong with the elements described through the storyline. From the beginning and through almost the entire book the story has many elements of an Indian legend. The reader is led to believe that Storm is some type of re-encarnated Indian God coming into a world unknown to him. Then toward the end Storm's quest is over. He finds his identity; however, this revelation brings an unexpected end to the whole drama.



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READERS' COMMENTS:

Name: Ron Berry

"I have read your review of Storm. I have read Storm but I suspect you really didn't because you just missed every salient point in the book. Indian legend? How naive are you? This book is suitable for all ages. I suggest you have someone read this book to you, out loud and explain every parable covered, then the final resolution may make sense!"

Name: Janet Elaine Smith (www.janetelainessmith.com)

"I am delighted to see the interview you did with Joyce Anthony. I have known Joyce for quite some time, so some might think I am prejudiced, but I promise I am not when it comes to Storm. It is, without a doubt, the most life-changing book I have read since Norman Vincent Peale wrote The Power of Positive Thinking way back in the 1950's. You will never look at people the same way again".