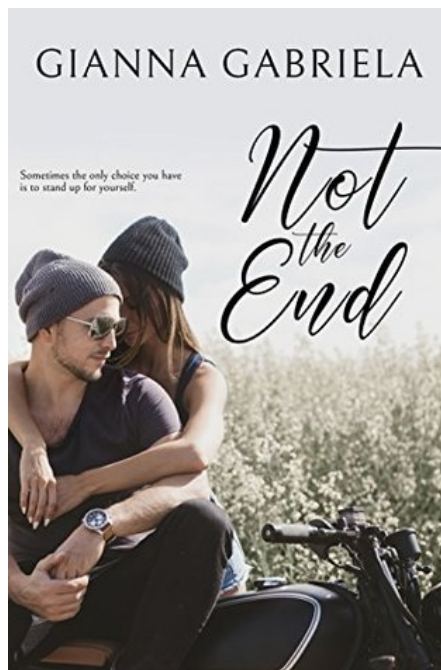




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Dimah Emerson endures something no one else ever should but, sadly, many do. After this life-altering experience, Dimah loses herself.

She's forced--by her silence and fear-- to remain in a place where no one knows what she's been through. She's constantly put down by bullies.

It isn't until someone shows up in her life that she realizes she has to stand up for herself and reclaim her life.

Trigger Warning: Story delves into issues of bullying & sexual abuse.

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Courtney Gray says

5 stars is just not enough, not even close to what this book deserves it's THAT GOOD!!

Dimah is now a senior in High School who is being bullied by the "popular" girl and her minions in school and I'm talking about the down and nasty kind of bullying too. Dimah is now a loner, she rides her motorcycle to school everyday, wears all black all the time and blasts her music in her ears while walking the halls just to drown out the stuff the students are saying about her. What they don't know is what really happened that night when her life changed completely. It's not until one young man talks to her that she starts facing what happened to her. In away he becomes her unknown supporter, that little voice in her head.

This is a story that everyone should read. Kids that are being bullied in school and feel they have no voice anywhere because of it are the kids that need our voices and stories like this so they know it's OK to tell someone what is happening. This is for anyone who has been raped or molested and is too afraid to speak about it!!

Gianna Gabriela, girl you ARE an AMAZING author, person and friend. I honestly can't wait to see what you have in store for us next because I know it will be absolutely amazing!!

Terri Lynn says

This book... I got my daily email from bookshark, I seen the cover, read the blurb and was a goner. Prologue, 11 Chapters, Epilogue. I didn't like the females character name... Dimah is an Arabic word meaning 'downpour.' The meaning of it was okay, but I didn't like the name.

* Instead, I cower like always. With my head down and my tray in hand, This part was a bummer, because I hate weak female leads in books. This book is realistic with the situations it tackles. The only problem is, I thought from the cover, and the blurb it was a romance novel. "Where are you going?" I ask, after he finishes. I pull the sheets closer, shielding my body from his eyes. But, it isn't. IT bypassed the spice parts, didn't give any details.

I don't like how it jumps from now to flash back. I feel there isn't any progress. Definitely no character growth. I didn't feel no connection to Aron and Dimah. I am not understanding why Jake raped Dim, when they we're friends for so long. It gave brief insight on Dimah, and Jake's friend ship. Not enough to understand the situations that happen. I think it would of been better to tell a story then to jump back in fourth. I thought from the cover in blurb it was a romance book. I thought from the beginning it was going to be a best friend-enemy romance. Janice is the mean girl. Jake is the old friend/rapist Aron chased her And She is just all around weak, but doesn't act like a victim of rape. I would recommend if your looking for a romance book. This book is lacking to much. No character growth, ended with Aron and Dimah agreeing to date, and getting ready to go to college, Too young for my liking, and character growth, I don't like how it flowed.

For me, this story came up to short. Too rushed. It tackled some deep situations, and I felt it wasn't written deep enough.

Debbie I Heart YA Books says

Gianna Gabriela's Not the End definitely is proof "less is more" in this emotional short story. A must read!

Yatarika Ally says

I give this book a high rating for how well it was written and how close to reality this is.

Dimnah was a top student until the end of her junior year in high school, all because of prom. Her long time crush asks her to prom. Things don't quite make sense, but because she's liked him for so long she trusted him. Then senior year comes and she's being called horrific names by her peers and being bullied by almost everyone. Everyone except Aron, he wanted to become friends with get and tried to show support to her. Dimnah is so scared and distrusting that she tries to push Aron away because she believes he's going to do what everyone else has. She allows the bullying happen to her because of fear, until one day she was pushed over the edge and fought back.

Will Aron finally convince her that he is there to be her friend? Will Dimnah accept his friendship? Will they become more? Read to find out!

This was an amazing story that touches your heart every time you read a piece of the backstory throughout the book.

I will add a trigger warning!!!!

****RAPE**** (it is mentioned, but not in detail)

Chasidy says

Raw. Real. Powerful. Heartbreaking. Beautiful.

I am not one to typically read novellas, but Not the End is such a powerful one. I was intrigued by the blurb and when I finally got my hands on the story, I was completely blown away. I do not want to give any spoilers away, but this is a story that everyone needs to read. I plan on letting my 14 year old read.

Gianna did a phenomenal job of giving us Dimah's story and all she has endured. Dimah, life has left her broken, bruised, and overwhelmed. Will she be able to find the strength to push forward?

Aron, oh Aron. I loved how he supported Dimah, but he did it from the sidelines. He is amazing.

G, you did a phenomenal job of writing Not the End. This is a story that touches everyone at some level and a time in their life. Real life issues that are so casually swept under the rugs these days.

Annie's reading corner says

ARC provided by the author in exchange for an honest review

This book was so sweet but at the same time so heartbreaking. It talks about a sensitive topic in a beautiful yet simple written way, and the moral is so touching. I just desire to have a little bit more after that ending, but it's just my need to not let go of these characters.

Katrina Haynes says

Omg.. What can I say about this book that I loved it from beginning to end. I so glad to be part of Gianna ARC to be able to read this book. It had me had my heart pipping. I loved how Aron helped Em. I don't want to give to much away since it has not been released yet but it a must read. I love to read more of their story. I wish I could give it more then 5 Stars because I would. It was the kindof book I didn't want to put down. Well done Gianna????

Jenny B says

The characters in this story went straight into my heart and bones in this super quick easy read. The pressures in this book were so realistic and made the book so easy to relate to and become one with the story. What a perfect emotional roller coaster

Cynthia Carpenter says

This book had me I tears from beginning to end. Each page gives you a different emotion. You will be mad, sad, and a little happy.

Dimah is living in a nightmare. She is picked on in the worse way. She is only counting the days till she leave. After Prom the one boy who should have been there for her treated her like Garbage. Than she meets Aron and she tries not to let him in but things for her start to change when she stands up to her bullies? Will she be able to keep standing up for herself and be able to tell the truth of what happened?

Amazing and the truth of what happens when things are how they are told. Can't wait to read more from this author. Her stories are amazing and heartbreaking and beautiful

Nora Fresse says

This story was just... I can't put it into words. My heart just broke for Emerson who is having a really tough time in school. What she's going through unfortunately happens to a lot of young girls in high school. A time that is supposed to be carefree and fun turns into a nightmare. After she befriends the wrong person, she becomes the target of this vicious person and his entourage. The humiliation and betrayal she endures causes

Emerson to lose herself and her sense of worth. Her journey to get back the girl that she once was requires some internal fortitude that she finally discovers, thanks to a little help from her friend Aron. Love him!!! Her breaking point comes from the most unexpected place and her transformation is a thing of beauty. I jumped for joy when she unleashed her anger and stood up to her tormentor.

Gripping, intense, heart wrenching. This story had all the feels. It left me bawling and then it left me angry and then it just lifted my spirits with that ending. Beautifully written. I loved the plot, the characters and the overall message it leaves the reader with. Aron was such a great support to Emerson. I love that he wasn't easily deterred by her rejections. He was determined to pursue a friendship or more with her. I loved the ending, the idea of driving into the future was poignant. I will definitely be adding this one to my list of favorites.

Jami Jones says

Not The End was so beautifully written, heart breaking and heart felt. I don't usually like emotional books but this one just clawed it's way into my heart. Dimah is such strong girl and the bullying, name calling and everyday harassment she had to put up with broke my heart. I felt for her in this story. Nobody should have to endure that. She eventually stands up for herself with the a guy that becomes her friend and the end was truly a happily ever after. The only problem I had with the story was I wanted more. Definitely a must read. I have fell so in love with Gianna's books and style of writing.

Joy Westerfield says

My emotions are all over the place! What a beautifully written story. Dimah Emerson is a young girl who is having a difficult time because of something tragic that happened to her in the past. She keeps to herself and is wary of others. Then along comes Aron Lincoln who turns her life upside down. She doesn't understand his persistence and he doesn't give up. It's not often I have tears while reading a book, but when it does happen, I know it's a truly great story. The way the author describes Dimah's feelings, you can't help but actually feel them yourself. This story is truly amazing and inspiring. Please do yourself a favor and read this fantastic book!

Yvette Velez says

Just finished reading Not The End as I received an ARC.

This is one of those stories that everyone will benefit from reading, especially if you have found yourself being bullied or have been a bully yourself because it opens your eyes to many things: one thing for sure, you can't believe everything you hear.

This story is relatable for all age groups as we all are on a journey to find ourselves, to find our voices, to find our place in this world.

Like Dimah, we often let ourselves believe what others may think or believe of us, but it is up to us to stand up for ourselves, confident in who we are.

Elizabeth Knox says

I really don't want to spoil this book for anyone, and I won't, but what I can tell you is how amazing Not The End is. I can tell you how it ripped my heart open and made me feel in such a truly authentic way. D's story is one you have to read. I think that a lot of girls will be able to relate to what she went through and it will help them heal. Great job, GG!

Rebecca Austin says

Dimah Emerson was close friends with Jake Hastings since they were in elementary school together but now that they Jake is nearing the end of high school something has changed.

When Jake breaks Dimah's trust will she be able to handle the aftermath and find a way to reclaim her strength?

This was such a beautiful and heartbreaking book that finds a way to give back the strength in ourselves that we had lost.

I loved Dimah and my heart absolutely broke for what she went through with Jake. For someone that used to be so close to her to do what he did is horrifying and it happens so much in our society. The author shows how much pain Dimah is in after and how cruelly she is treated by Janice and her friends.

Aron Lincoln was there for Dimah when she wasn't even aware and I loved how he slowly gained her trust and proved that he was there for the right reasons. He gave Dimah the ability to regain some of her strength.

I loved the big showdown and how Dimah was able to get everything off her chest and with that regain her own power back. I loved how the author showed what is possible when you have even one person in your corner.

Such a beautiful book and I look forward to more!
