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Everyone else in Dixie Carmichael's life has made falling in love look easy, and now she is ready for her own chance at some of that happily ever after. Which means she's done pining for the moody, silent former soldier who works with her at the bar that's become her home away from home. Nope. No more chasing the hot as heck thundercloud of a man and no more waiting for Mr. Right to find her; she's going hunting for him...even if she knows her heart is stuck on its stupid infatuation with Dash Churchill.

Denver has always been just a pit stop for Church on his way back to rural Mississippi. It was supposed to be simple, uneventful, but nothing could have prepared him for the bubbly, bouncy redhead with doe eyes and endless curves. Now he knows it's time to get out of Denver, fast. For a man used to living in the shadows, the idea of spending his days in the sun is nothing short of terrifying.

When Dixie and Church find themselves caught up in a homecoming overshadowed with lies and danger, Dixie realizes that while falling in love is easy, loving takes a whole lot more work...especially when Mr. Right thinks he's all wrong for you.

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From Reader Review Riveted for online ebook

Karen Mc says

"Show me the most damaged parts of your soul, and I will show you how it shines like gold." ~Nikita Gill

When you begin and end a book in tears, you know it's a game changer of a story that's ruled not only your head but your heart.

Riveted by Jay Crownover slammed into my soul with a force I never saw coming, but one I felt with every word from beginning to end. I had no choice but to fall into the words that bled into me – becoming me – because each word that Jay Crownover pens shines like gold, as powerful and as penetrating as the sun.

TRUE STORY: I typically start and end a Jay Crownover story in tears.

Riveted was both my sun and rain, the perfect storm and rainbow. *Riveted* was my light and dark, shades of grey that mix the gloom with the great. *Riveted* was my happiness and my sorrow. *Riveted* was so many things. ***Riveted* was everything...MY EVERYTHING.**

TRUE STORY: Jay Crownover's introductions and dedications to her books engage my emotions—feelings in full force—as much as the stories themselves.

The introductions and dedications Jay Crownover writes are as moving as the stories themselves, relaying the reasons for and the background behind the books but so much MORE. These introductions and dedications are pieces of this author poured into the books, glimpses into what makes Jay... 'Jay'...and what hits her heart and surfaces in her soul. Life lessons are poured into these pre-book pieces, ones that make you really ponder your life. **With each of Jay's beautiful and brilliant books that I'm inspired before I even start the story.**

You don't believe me?!? Here is a quote from Jay's Introduction, which resonated with me:

“No matter what kind of armor we wear, all of it has a chunk, a dent that speaks to a battle we fought and lost.”

This quote is LIFE!!!

TRUE STORY: Jay's words are not just emotions but inspiration. I can't help but ponder the meaning of life with the lessons Jay teaches in her words.

Dixie Carmichael is the red-haired beautiful bartender at Rome's bar who has had her eye on the bar's

gorgeous and gruff bouncer, Dash ‘Church’ Churchill for many months.

“He was effortlessly a whole lot of eye candy and there was no denying I had one hell of a sweet tooth.”

An eternal optimist and forever romantic, Dixie sees life as sunshine and rainbows while the muscular, former soldier, Church sees more darkness and storms.

“She shone as bright as the sun every single day but I was a man that knew all too well that too much time in the sun could lead to some serious burns.”

TRUE STORY: I try my hardest every day to be like Dixie—to be the sun to someone’s shadow—because negativity is a real downer, and I don’t want to bring others down.

Dixie has been waiting for Mr. Right, Church, to claim her, but her Prince Charming thinks he’s Mr. Wrong.

“I might have now known he was for me, but it was evident Church didn’t have a clue.”

Church thinks the world of Dixie and would love to claim her as his, but he doesn’t want his dark to snuff out her light.

“She lived in the light and I was far more comfortable hiding in the dark.”

Dixie is done waiting around for the former soldier, Church, to realize that he needs her sweet sunshine in his gloomy world.

“I’d never had him, but I was far from ready to let him go.”

TRUE STORY: As a military wife whose husband has gone to war a few times, I could relate to the former soldier, Church, as some of those battle scars truly never heal. Those kinks are still in that armor, as even the brave battle a few internal wars too.

Just as she started looking for another Mr. Right, Church asks her to return to his home in Mississippi as a friend to help him sort out some loose ends. Denver was supposed to be just a temporary stop on his quest back to the South...his home.

This cross-country trip reveals some truths, some hard, some harrowing, and some happy. Dixie is determined to shed some sunshine onto Church's storm, even if it means risking it all.

"She kissed me. Her lips touched mine and she destroyed me."

This book?!? *Riveted* DESTROYED ME, decimating every piece. This story hit my heart like a hurricane. *Riveted* SATURATED AND SHRED MY SOUL.

To Dixie, Church is not just a hero with a huge heart and her friend, but more.

"Maybe I wasn't the girl meant for happily-ever-after."

To Church, Dixie is the girl he wants but can never have as he will destroy her with his darkness, suffocating her sunshine.

I felt *Riveted's* light shine through me while reading. I felt the dark too that DECIMATED MY EMOTIONS, a dark cloud over my soul threatening to storm.

"I knew the sun could burn when you let it shine on your unprotected skin for too long. That's what it felt like after giving Dixie so much and having her still look at me like I was something special."

***Riveted* is an ALL-CONSUMING and AWE-INSPIRING roller coaster of a romance that dances between dark and light, shredding the soul and hypnotizing the heart. Oh is *Riveted* SPECIAL!!!** This perfectly imperfect story scorched and saturated my soul, teetering between storms and rainbows. This former soldier and bartender were magical together, a bold fusion of dark and light, two heroes whose story I'm glad Jay Crownover told!

Riveted is over, but I'm still riding the high from this moving and memorable story. Tears are still etched in my eyes, this brilliant and beautiful book fresh in my head. **Jay Crownover's wondrous words wrap themselves around me each time, daring me not to feel...EVERY. SINGLE. ONE.**

"Sometimes all people can see is what's different, but those differences are what make us who we are."

I don't see life as black and white; I see varying hues of grey. Jay Crownover's books are grey: not black...not white...not quite dark...not quite light...but sooooo bold and beautiful. Since I first met *Rule* years ago, I coined a few Jay-isms that apply to each since story of hers. Jay Crownover is the master of

writing fierce and flawed heroes, heroes that since *Rule* I've called 'bad ass boys with big ass hearts.' I know these boys, all of her heroes, own my heart for life as do her beautiful and brave heroines.

***Riveted* was my ADDICTION...my ACHE...MY ALL.** This heartwarming and soul-searing story will fall in a long line of Jay masterpieces with all of *The Marked Men*, *The Point*, and *Saints of Denver*. All of these stories hold a special place in my heart and most are signed beauties on my shelf.

TRUE STORY: Jay's books are my drugs. I call this addiction, which began with *Rule* and hasn't stopped, 'Crownover Crack.' The Crownover Crack gets me every time.

Jay Crownover's books have marked me for life, each story an intense imprint on my soul. *Riveted* left its mark, a mark that has lifted this story to a top February 2017 read and a best book of 2017. I just can't turn the feels left in the wake of Hurricane Jay off and I don't want to; I want to keep living through her wondrous words that are LOVE AND LIFE.

TRUE STORY: There were tears in my eyes as I wrote this review, the story still moving me though it's been over for many hours.

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Rachel Reads Ravenously says

3.5 stars

"I was the girl that everyone always assumed was good... so they never asked... but he had and the world stopped."

Riveted is the story of Church and Dixie. Dixie is that girl who is always sweet and happy, who never lets it show when life gets her down. Dixie knew early on that Church was the man for her, but he didn't get the memo. Coworkers at a bar, Church is aware that Dixie is attracted to him and a nice person, so that's why he asks her to come home with him to the South when there's a family emergency.

Dixie goes with Church knowing she shouldn't, that she'll lose her heart even more than she already has. But maybe this trip will be the kick in the pants Church needs to see the good thing he has right in front of him.

"No matter what kind of armor we wear, all of it has a chunk, a dent that speaks to a battle we fought and lost."

Jay Crownover is an author I always come back to if only for one thing: her characters. I love the dynamic, lovable people she brings to life in her books, you never get the same character twice. Her books are a much needed escape from reality, even when her characters have issues, I am always happy to peak into their lives for a little bit.

My favorite parts of this book were Dixie and Church themselves, I felt they were developed really well and neither one of them annoyed me at any point in the book. I understood their actions and what justified them.

I enjoyed this book, but mostly the second half of it. I've noticed something in this book, as well as in Honor and Charged: Crownover has been getting long winded with her writing and it's been taking away from my enjoyment of the book. The first 100 pages of this book felt super long and almost nothing plot wise happened, and this went away the last ?'s of the book which picked up a lot for me. In the nicest way possible, I really hope this doesn't continue, because I almost didn't keep reading because of the long winded writing. It felt way too long and a lot could be edited out. That's just my opinion.

Anyways I am excited for Salvaged and cannot wait for Poppy and Wheeler's story!

“Sometimes all people can see is what’s different, but those differences are what make us who we are.”

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Pam Nelson says

5 Riveted Stars

I am LOVING this series, though I wanted Poppy's story sooo badly I am kind of glad we have to wait a little bit longer.

Dixie and Church are phenomenal I loved their story so so much. I think I like that Dixie was a ray of sunshine. Maybe because I relate to that, sure life can be hard and get you down but there is always something to smile about. :)

And being able to make others have a smile because of something you did or just a kind word. Well, I feel like I try and do that every day. And Dixie does it too. Sunshines through her and I think that was one of the reasons Church found it so hard to step back and keep his distance from her.

He was always watching her even if he didn't want to admit it to himself he was already falling hard for the pretty girl with the crazy hair.

I feel for Wheeler, but I love that Dixie takes him in like a big brother, even if her sister is the one to have broken his heart. Dixie was there with a kind word and a couch to crash on.

I think I knew right then that Church was head over heels for Dixie because he was soo green with jealousy. ;)

LOVEEED the narration sooooo hard. I actually said to my husband this man's voice is smooth, so smooth I want to rub it all over my body. Yes he looked at me like I was crazy but I am telling you listen and you will

understand what I am saying! So I am going to be looking for more books by Sean. And Stephanie does a fabulous job with Dixie loved it.

You don't have to like my review but its 100% my opinion, and I am allowed to have it.

Aisling Zena says

Soooo, who else is rooting for Wheeler and Poppy next?

Aisha ???? says

Going to stop @ 25. Maybe come back later.

Don't feel like going any further.

First time doing it to her book.

Sad

XxTainaxX says

Jay Crownover has a way of sucking you into her stories that is quite remarkable. The webs she weaves, interlocking these great characters together, bring me a sense of nostalgia as I get to read about the previous couples in the Marked Men series.

Dixie and Church share a special connection that our hero is quite adamant about resisting. Dixie is the happy go lucky girl that wants someone to finally see her heart. She has this vulnerability to her that makes her all the more likeable as a heroine. Church has some shadows in his past but there's a depth to him that bleeds through the pages. I liked the contrast these two offered. The plot was interesting with great pacing and the writing was excellent as always. Definitely not one to be missed.

Safety: No cheating. No rape or abuse.

ARC received in exchange for an honest review.

Jennifer says

★★★★½

Riveted was my first exposure to author Jay Crownover or this series: [Saints of Denver](#). I was in the mood for a contemporary romance and the audiobook was available at my local library so I thought I would try out a new-to-me author. I was surprised how familiar Ms. Crownover's writing style felt. It reminded me very

much of Kristen Ashley and I am not a reader who typically compares authors, but the familiarity was strong. Riveted features a strong but humble heroine and a flawed and complicated hero. The romance was the focus of this novel but it certainly wasn't the only element. Family dynamics, small-town living, culture, military service, unrequited love, and mystery/suspense were additional elements that made this story feel engaging and kept me invested throughout. I'm glad I have finally been properly exposed to this author, and although this was my first Jay Crownover book, it certainly won't be my last. Check it out!

Note: This book offers alternating perspectives between the female and male lead characters. Sean Bassett is the narrator for the male POV and **OMG** I wanted to listen to his voice for hours more. I will definitely be seeking out audiobooks that feature his narration.

My favorite quote:

"There is something to love about all women, no matter what form they take, so eat your salad and enjoy your chocolate doughnuts. If a man can't appreciate what's right in front of him then he isn't a man that was raised right and he doesn't deserve a taste of that sweet skin, no matter how much or how little of it there may be."

Jay Crownover's Saints of Denver series includes the following installments as of March 2017:

#0.5-Levelled

#1-Built

#2-Charged

#3-Riveted

#4-Salvaged

Note: I read Riveted as a standalone and enjoyed it as such.

***TANYA* says**

The author would not let up on Church's inner turmoil. Ugh. Too repetitive and nothing much going on. This one is my least favorite in the series.

The Romance Book Disciple (Samantha) says

Link to full review below! Dixie is the heroine I didn't realize I was looking for. She is perfect! This book was perfection! See full review on The Book Disciple

Michelle says

ARC provided by publisher in exchange for an honest review

A riveting, sexy, steamy romance that packs an emotional and heartwarming punch!!! Jay Crownover is no stranger when it comes to writing romance that has sass and steam but her stories and characters have a magical way of always leaving a lasting impression when it comes to the matters of the heart and in her

newest release, **Riveted**, Jay lures readers to feel for her characters and see behind the facade. She allow them to see and understand everyone carries their own set of baggage but in the end, you just need to find the right kind of people who are willing to ease the load.

I might have now known he was it for me, but it was evident Church didn't have a clue. No one had ever given me any idea how to handle it when the right one came along, but you weren't the right one for him."

Dixie Carmichael has witness everyone around her falling in love and settling down and all she wants is to find her missing piece as well. She is the kind of girl who sees rays of sunshine and hope. In other words, Dixie Carmichael is a good person who hasn't much luck in the love department that is until Dash Churchill aka Church asked her to accompany him back home to visit his family.

Church has known love and loss. He experienced it firsthand after losing his mother and stepmother. These two women's death affected him in such a way that he didn't know how to cope and so Church thought it was best to leave and enlist in the military. Once Church left, he didn't look back and left behind the man who raised him and his baby brother. Fast forward ten years later, Church finds himself traveling back home but this time he won't be alone since Dixie Carmichael is the unexpected ray of light that will awaken and piece back together his heart, soul, and mind.

Dixie Carmichael was the nicest girl I had ever met. She didn't have a mean bone in her perfectly curvy and petite body. She was always smiling, always laughing, and there wasn't a moment spent in her company where it didn't feel like the sun was shining directly on you. She embodied warmth and care."

She kissed me like it was the only thing that mattered. She kissed me like it was important, like I was important. She kissed me like she loved me even though she knew there wasn't any way possible for me to love her back."

There was no denying it that there was a connection between Dixie and Church. These two fit each other like two jigsaw puzzles and so as Dixie and Church told each other about their past, their transition from friendship to something more was undeniable. It was like fate was leading them to each other and back home. With the help of Dixie and his family, Church finally found the peace he had been searching for.

He was constantly telling me that he was a liar . . . but with him over me, with him inside of me . . . I believed every word he said. The truth was in his hands, in his mouth, in the way his cock moved in and out of me like he couldn't get enough of me . . . or of us together."

With her sexy blend of heart, family, love, and steam, Jay Crownover will have readers saying take me to Church. Well not that kind of church, but the Dash Churchill kind. It was not that hard to fall for Jay's characters as Dixie and Church easily demanded your attention as layers of their personalities began to be peeled off. You gotta love a story where readers could relate to both hero and heroine and that's what I just did. I found myself being drawn to their vulnerability and honesty. So if you are looking for a story where family, love, second chances and new beginnings are the main backbone of this love story then I suggest you better one click and get **Riveted**.

Jay Crownover

?Julalicious Book Paradise? says

rating: 4.75/5

Original review on Julalicious Book Paradise

If you have been on my blog for a while now, you know that Jay Crownover is one of my favourite authors. There isn't a book of hers that I don't love or a series that didn't catch my eye. When I received this ARC for Riveted, I was jumping up and down seriously because I was really excited to read it and I wasn't disappointed at all.

I'm trying to find where to start my review without is being too spoilerish and it's hard. So, let's just type and see where it will take us, shall we?

Let's start with the characters...

Dixie is simply a good person; too good if you ask me. She has a golden heart and she will always be there for everyone she cares about whether its family, friends or the man she's madly in love with. She has a zest for life that not a lot of people possess. But that doesn't mean she had or has an easy life. Not everything was or is always beautiful in her life, but she prefers to not let those things bring her down. It's actually her need to help others that is the reason she agrees to follow Church back home and pretend to be his girlfriend for a few days. She knows it wasn't a good idea, but she can't seem to refuse him. I believe that this journey didn't only teach Church a lot about himself, I think it taught Dixie to think about herself more; that she can be put first instead.

Church is a complex character that you just want to dig deep and see what happened to him to become the man he is now. He is not a bad person at all, but he doesn't let others become close to him; he always keeps a distant between them and him. When he and Dixie leave on this trip to his hometown, you embark on a journey you didn't expect. I won't lie, I had imagine a past a lot more different than the one you discover as his past is unraveled. You can see the little boy he used to be, the one who lost so much so fast and how it affected him and others around him. Church grows a lot in this book and even if he still has a lot to make peace with, he is still willing to make things better for him and the people he cares about.

The relationship...

Dixie and Church have something together. It's just not an easy road for them to get there. Church has a lot of fear inside of him when it comes to letting people close and though Dixie would do anything for him, she isn't completely ready to be destroy by the man she loves. Both of them have a rocky road, but their story is so worth following. I'm not writing much because I might really let out spoilers, but believe me, you will follow their journey and want to see where it will all lead and what it will mean to the both of them.

Drama comes and go....

But romance is not only the main subject of this story, oh no, you will have some drama happening in this book. Some will come from Church's family and some will... well not hahaha Stopping this here again

because spoilers might be revealed if I continue.

So yes, this another book of Jay that I recommend you read like YESTERDAY. It was an amazing read and once again Jay created interesting characters and you will have your share of feels throughout this book.

I was giving an advanced copy of this book in exchange of an honest review.

Corina **BookTwinsReviews** says

What a heart-warming book!

For me Jay Crownover has always been an author I could rely on to deliver a solid and captivating book. Riveted was a perfect example.

Back with Saints of Denver crew we finally learn more about the always frowning and taciturn Dash Churchill. He was the whole package – hot body, totally sexy, quiet, brooding, and a certain air around him. He was everyone's volatile dream come true.

Dixie wasn't an exception, except for her he was more.

The women in her family fell fast, loved hard and deep. And Dixie had been waiting for a long time to fall herself. She never thought once, that when she fell in love it wouldn't be reciprocated.

Church had no idea that Dixie was falling for him. He had to bite his tongue every time Dixie was going out on a date. He kept himself mentally locked away. Not allowing himself to take what he wanted. Or to hope she could be meant for him. They were opposites in so many ways but most of all she was soft, where he was jaded.

His experience taught him that good things were taken away. Especially the women in his life. And it always could get worse. He felt helpless and the only way to protect his heart was to keep himself away from things he wanted – Dixie.

But a situation arose that forced him to ask Dixie for a favor.

And that favor would change the life as he knew it – forever.

I thought that Church was a very interesting character. From the very first time he was mentioned I took notice. Always a supporting character, he made me incredibly curious. I love guys that are more on the quiet and brooding side. And Church was all of that and more. He had been kicked in the heart too many times and emerged hardened and cynic.

I loved Dixie's upbeat personality. Whatever was thrown at her, she managed it with a smile. Her sunny and sweet-natured disposition was exactly what Church needed.

The couple had wonderful chemistry, and their road trip was filled with moments of healing, laughter and

sexy times. At the end it was all about redemption, mending relationships and finding a way back to family.

4 stars

ARC generously provided in exchange for an honest review.

Michelle says

ARC provided by the publisher via NetGalley in exchange for an honest review.

I want to be Church's pretty girl.

This book was brilliant. I really enjoyed it. I was dying to know aghast was holding Church back from being with Dixie (I just luv that name). Dixie is such an amazing girl she sees the best in everyone and everything. Life hasn't been easy for her but things could always be worst. I really liked how she was so up beat even dealing with Church and his broody ways. I don't think I could of spent so long loving someone without getting even a lil bit back. But she would do anything for Church.

Like I said I was dying to know more about Church. I knew he was in the army with Rome and then Rome helped him with job. But there was something about this sexy strong man that had me wondering why he couldn't let go with Dixie. She was the woman that turned everything from dark to light. Church's past wasn't very really a happy one he lost a lot of people that he loved and this was his reasons for signing up and getting away from it al. It's also the reason he didn't go home as soon as he was back in America. But know he had to go home and deal with the people who had missed him so much at home and he had to turn to the person who he didn't want to get close to Dixie.

I really enjoyed this book. The story was really good. I wanted to know how things were going to go with these two very different people. I 've luvd this series so much. The characters are just brilliant. It was great to get a little but our Poppy and Wheeler. The end of epilogue had got me dyin for there book. I just know it's goin to amazing. I feel like I 've been waiting forever for it. Overall I really enjoyed everything about this book. I would highly recommend it.

Sabrina says

NOW LIVE!

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I'm pretty sure I've said this before, but holy wow Jay Crownover is one amazing author. She has a unique ability to take a simple storyline and turn it into something spectacular. She somehow subtly entwines real life issues into her stories and I am in love with how she does that.

Riveted follows Dixie Carmichael as she tries to find her forever person. She's sure that the one she's supposed to be with is the big and brooding Church, but he doesn't seem to want her back. Not one to chase after a man, she gives up and enters the crazy, and sometimes too ridiculous to believe, dating game.

But Church needs her help with his long overdue family reunion and Dixie can't deny him. The two head to Church's hometown of Lowry Mississippi where Church hasn't stepped foot for over a decade. He prepared himself for all the obstacles he thought he would face back in his hometown, but what he didn't prepare himself for were the feelings Dixie invokes in him.

Church is a character that has really intrigued me in the past because of his quiet intensity. I'm a sucker for a Hero like him and he was exactly what I wanted him to be. He kept his issues bottled up and wouldn't let people in until Dixie came around and forced him to face his past. I found them perfect together because she had the ability to make him smile when nothing else could.

Dixie was a very interesting character to read about. She wasn't overly happy to where it got annoying but it was easy to always be smiling because of her. I have no clue how Jay pulled off writing the complexity of her character because I can barely even describe her while also making sense. She was happy and cheerful so much of the time but there was also the underlying emotions of her wanting someone to be there for her. I really liked that she had so much going on and it made her very intriguing.

Overall, I definitely recommend this book and this author if you haven't read her before. *Riveted* can easily be read as a standalone but I hope you'll read the other books in the series since they're just as good. And fans of the Saints of Denver series will be very happy to know (if you didn't already) that Poppy's story will be next!

ARC won in giveaway and kindly provided by author.

Izy says

Riveted is about a woman who waited so long to find the right one and when the right one came along she wasn't sure if she would ever be the right one for him. **Dixie Carmichael** has always believed in love, she has this bubbly happy personality and she wants everyone around her to be happy. **Dashiel 'Church' Churchill** is trying to recover himself before heading to his hometown, he is the silent brooding type.

Church and Dixie work together at the bar owned by Asa and Rome, in the months that Church has been there, Dixie has really taken with him. When Church has to return to his hometown and needs a favour, he ofcourse thinks of Dixie, the warm kind hearted woman he has gotten to care for more than he would like to admit.

Church and Dixie have both been through a lot, Church has been through several tragedies (from his parents to being in the military) that make him want to run away as far as he can from the word love. While Dixie even through the hardships she faced never gave up on love. Dixie's gentle and sweet nature makes Church slowly but surely realise that not all love given ends up badly.

I really liked them together, its Jay Crownover so ofcourse the couple had abundance of chemistry and connection but more than I really liked how they were with each other. It was just gentle kind and caring love. It has opposites attract trope which worked really well here. We get to see them grown closer and get to know each other and fall deeper in love. They were honest and understanding towards each other. It was a natural progression of their relationship and while Church didn't think that a road trip and being this close to Dixie would make him open up to her, and just end up being really in love with her (which was what he had hoped to avoid).

The book has a road trip, a homecoming, suspense and a couple who didn't think they would get a happily ever after. I really adore this series, the characters are multifaceted, their personalities vivid and the secondary characters are also very interesting. **A fantastic edition the series and I'm really looking forward to Poppy and Wheeler's story!**

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