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When I was six months old, I dropped from the sky -- the lone survivor of a deadly Japanese plane crash. The newspapers named me Heaven. I was adopted by a wealthy family in Tokyo, pampered, and protected. For nineteen years, I thought I was lucky.

I'm learning how wrong I was.

A Sheltered Life

Life is good back in Japan where I'm safe and papered as a princess though I miss the freedom I had in L.A. But now maybe I'll finally face my enemy.

And I can learn the truth about who I really am and what I will become.

I am Samurai Girl.

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Jasmine says

Ending left Grade 7 me crying.

David says

I was thinking this was going to start rapping things up, and well it left me on a cliff hanger. Also have to admit I was not very happy with some of the twists this book took. But won't go into details (ie spoil it).

Miranda says

This was not the best book in the series. I was disappointed with the ending. It seemed like it could go on but I've not heard anything about a seventh book.

Kelly Edwards says

The last book of the series wasn't nearly as good and well-written as the first book.

The ending was a bit messy and I was surprised at how they changed Hiro's character. However, the question is-was the Hiro shown in this book who Hiro was all along and the more idealized Hiro was just how Heaven saw him in the first five books?

Maybe. Overall, this book felt rushed. Like the author just wanted to be done with it. The ending left things a bit open as to what will happen with the characters, but that's not necessarily a bad thing.

Crystal says

This series started off so strong. I was excited to read each title. Then came the last two books. They were confusing and not well written. I felt as if the author wasn't sure how to end the series, and had forgotten what she had previously written.

I will not be recommending this series.

Caroline says

This last book in the series was very interesting and twisty, but the ending was messy and sequel-needing. It was pretty vague what would happen to Heaven.

Bonnie says

Spoiler warning: This is the last book in the Samurai Girl series. This review will mention some things that happens in the end and I will also be referencing the other books. I recommend you avoid the last book and come up with your own ending for the story.

.....What..happened here?

I had actually looked forward to reading this last book in the Samurai Girl trilogy, not only that, the title "The Book of the Heart" gave me an positive impression "that everything is going to be alright in the end" and the book ending will be great. But no. It left me infuriated. No book has destroyed my expectations like this. The Samurai Girl books had a great setup with plot and characters only to get derailed in the end.

Here was a thing that bothered me: all female characters (every single one) except Heaven and her biological mother, were not to be trusted. They all turned out to be backstabbers. Not just in this book, but the whole series as well. I found this to be very biased on the author's part.

One character in particular, Cheryl, was a positive character for the most part with no ill will towards Heaven. In later books however she turns a 180 and helps the same people who harmed her and burned down her house to get back at Heaven.

Does that make sense to work with the same people that burnt down your home that injured you in the process with burn scars?

Also, Heaven saved her from a previous enemy before. I found this disappointing in Cheryl's character but random too.

It wasn't just the female characters I had a problem with, it was also a notable character in the series who had been at Heaven's side and taught her how to defend herself: Hiro.

He is also the main love interest to Heaven and was my favorite character in the story. But in the last book....the author just killed him off. The way the author portrayed him in the last two books was as if she planned ahead of time to kill him off. She made his character not trustworthy (or undependable) which in turn contradicted his original character. At the same time, the author hoped the readers wouldn't be too mad when he dies (or how the whole novel ends up).

Not to worry, Heaven runs off with her mother and starts to develop an interest in Teddy Yukemura. The same person who in the first book used her as a human shield.

Nice.

Not only that, the issue with Kogo, Heaven's adopted father, is that he is STILL IN A COMA. He doesn't die nor does he wake up, which leaves the story unresolved.

This is the worst ending to a series I have ever read. I think the author gave up by book five as that book wasn't good either. It dragged. After reading book five, I had hoped book six would pick up with the story and resolve it. After reading this, I wish I hadn't.

Sarah Crawford says

This is the final book in the series. Heaven has gone back to Japan, but the situation there is just as perilous as it was in the U.S. Everywhere she turns people have betrayed her and want to use her for their own purposes, or just outright want to kill her.

The solution seems to be return to the U.S. via a route that could get her and Hiro, who has now joined her, shot. Once in the U.S., of course, things again are bad and once again there are ninjas everywhere attacking. Heaven has gone in search of her mother and finds her, and the ninjas find them.

This is after a two major characters in the series die.

The ending is sort of a non-ending, and here is my major criticism of this volume (other than it just is more of the same all the time.) Where Heaven is going to go is supposedly safe, but everywhere else she has gone the ninjas have found her and there's really not much reason to assume they won't again. It's like believing that the enemy all of a sudden won't find out something they have managed to find out every single other time.

Basically, I'm glad the series is over. It went on too long and got way too repetitive.

Katie says

By the time I got to this book, I was starting to get bored with this series, but now that I am finished with it I am terribly disappointed. This was the worst book of all. The first and second books were amazing, and really roped me in. But, by the end things established from the beginning just made less and less sense. For example: (1) Heaven never really fell from an airplane in a crash that supposedly killed her parents. (I thought this was the story at the center of the series!) Her father had an affair with a stewardess from that particular airline named Sara and tried to cover it up by adopting Heaven. (2) It was somewhat obvious that Heaven's adoptive mother Meiko never liked her, but nobody really knew why until the truth came out about her birth mother. But, as a reader I never would have suspected she had training as a nina under her brother Masato. (It never mentions in the books directly that her and Masato were behind the nina attacks throughout the series...and it would REALLY seem stange if she was the mysterious masked nina who killed Heaven's half-brother Ohiko, [Meiko's son:] and [it's possible:] put Heaven's father Konishi in a coma.) (3) Heaven no longer trusts Hiro, both because of his family's yakuza connections and also because he seems to get further and further away from his zen-self that always made him seem so collected and centered at the beginning of the series. She fell in love with his quiet strength and Buddhist beliefs that seemed to make him so pure. But, instead he (or the author) decides to change his character and give into temptation with the yakuza. He even "takes a hit" to kill Heaven, eventhough he supposedly loves and desires her enough to sleep with her. Something Heaven feels great pain and guilt about afterwards until Hiro is killed for not fulfilling his mission. (4) Konishi never wakes from his coma and it is reveiled Meiko and Masato are slowly killing him to take power of his "business." This is not all that surprising, but the strange thing is how deeply woven the web of the yakuza is around Heaven. But, the only family who does NOT seem to be involved is Teddy Yakemura's family, which stangely would be joined to the Kogo's if the wedding between Teddy and Heaven took place. Maybe Konishi was choosing the "least of the evils" when he arranged the marriage? (5) In the end battle, Meiko is discovered/wounded as a masked nina fueled by jelousy and rage agienst Heaven and her birth-mother Sara. Terribly out-numbered by her and Masato's

ninga attackers they ride off into the night with...another surprise, Teddy. That's it. THE END. I'm still scratching my head saying "Huh?"

I'm not sure if another volume in the series would tie things up nicely, or if the author out-did herself in the beginning to where she ran into a brick wall and just had to find some way to end it. Either way, this last book was very disappointing. I wonder how ABC Family will depict the series for their TV Show? (The original reason why I started reading the series in the first place.)

Carrie says

A hugely disappointing final book in this series. I could barely make myself finish it (compared to tearing through the first five books in about a day each). The author seemed to forget what she'd previously written, and wanted to just finish the series without any finesse, grace, logic, or conclusiveness. My biggest pet peeve was the way she made several characters turn out to be completely opposite of how they'd been presented in the first five books, but without real evidence or warning. The author wanted a devastatingly unexpected characterization twist, but didn't want to put any effort or thought into making it happen. Very sad, since I loved the series up to this point.

Helena Wharton says

Sucked all together. too many loose ends and the plot points are either unexplained or don't make any sense. No wonder there are so many bad reviews for this book. The story had good potential and the writer(s) ruined it by a quick ending. I think the author(s) rushed the series. I should have known better than to expect a decent read from a book series written in less than a year. The characters are also flat and Heaven is a mary sue. It's a tragedy that a good story idea is ruined by mediocre writing and plot holes

alana says

Gahh, what a rubbish ending to this series. It was beginning to get shakey by the fourth installment, but there was still the possibility that it could wrap up in quality fashion. Alas! I realize the series was authored for mass consumption by a group of company writers, but the first few books maintained a fairly consistent voice. This final book, however, read as though a completely new author had taken over. Heaven's comments seemed off -- and no Japanese teenager would look at a hooker and refer to her as a "geisha girl"! Come on...do your research. Other major characters were completely rewritten, and there were repeated continuity issues (see: Heaven with bleached hair?). And above all...Hiro...he was such a charming character, it is a shame the supposed revelations of his past had to fall so flat.

I'm donating this series to my Japanese school, but I'm less enthusiastic about encouraging my students to read it now.

Reiko says

I really love this series! Although the ending didn't really do it for me...

For me , I got upset because she didn't end up with the guy I wanted her to be with, happily. Instead she felt things for a different character in the book (cough, teddy..). I didn't really like the other character but since she ended up with him ... I just didn't like it and it felt wrong for me.. Haha. But overall I loved this series!!

Kelly says

Terrible resolution to the series. And it's not because I didn't like what the author did to end the book. It is because there was no resolution!! The book effectively ended in the middle of the plot.

WARNING! Spoilers will be given below this line so please stop reading if you do not wish to know details of what happened in this book.

The thing that made me the most irritated was that the enemy was identified but, Heaven never did anything except run from them. There was no resolution to that situation. At the end she was just fleeing for cover AGAIN. Konishi was a plot point that fell by the wayside. I was rooting for Teddy a little because I felt like they really connected after Vegas, however that connection was never fully realized and explored. I found elsewhere on the internet that Carrie Asai is a pseudonym for a group of writers. I feel like this partially explains things because things felt so disjointed and like different parts pulled Heaven in different directions. I stayed committed to the series because I had bought the books and was still curious as to how Heaven was going to get out of the predicament she was in. Turns out not even the authors know. Very disappointed. This motivates me to give up on frustrating fiction sooner.

Heather Carothers says

This is hands down the worst ending to a series I've ever read
