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Two years before Beatrice Prior made her choice, the sixteen-year-old son of Abnegation's faction leader did the same. Tobias's transfer to Dauntless is a chance to begin again. Here, he will not be called the name his parents gave him. Here, he will not let fear turn him into a cowering child.

Newly christened "Four," he discovers during initiation that he will succeed in Dauntless. Initiation is only the beginning, though; Four must claim his place in the Dauntless hierarchy. His decisions will affect future initiates as well as uncover secrets that could threaten his own future—and the future of the entire faction system.

Two years later, Four is poised to take action, but the course is still unclear. The first new initiate who jumps into the net might change all that. With her, the way to righting their world might become clear. With her, it might become possible to be Tobias once again.

From #1 *New York Times* bestselling author Veronica Roth comes a companion volume to the worldwide bestselling DIVERGENT series, told from the per-spective of the immensely popular character Tobias. The four pieces included here—THE TRANSFER, THE INITIATE, THE SON, and THE TRAITOR—plus three additional exclusive scenes, give readers an electrifying glimpse into the history and heart of Tobias, and set the stage for the epic saga of the DIVERGENT trilogy.

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Raeleen Lemay says

I REALLY ENJOYED THIS.

It was really fun to get into Four's head 2 years before he even meets Tris, because you get to see a different side of him. You get to see the scared boy from Abnegation struggling to break free from his faction and abusive father, and you see him grow into the man he is by the time Divergent begins. There was plenty of foreshadowing to the other books in the trilogy as well, which I loved. It was also nice but somewhat sad to see some of the characters that maybe didn't make it to book 3.

Ida says

[And then taking them away one by one! (hide spoiler)]

Alexa says

I just love Four so much, seriously, my love for him is ENDLESS. I soaked this goodness right up and I couldn't help this surge of devastation and sadness as I closed the book one final time. It made me want to jump up and re-read Divergent immediately (Divergent *only*, reading the other two would be much too painful), and it made me realize how much I love Tris and Four's relationship as well. Aaaaand then of course there's Veronica Roth's beautiful writing.

Just, so much love.

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mmmm that cover
me likey.

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SO EXCITED FOR THIS FOUR MY BABY

Sarah says

Four: A Divergent Story Collection contains all of the following short stories:

1. The Transfer: A Divergent Story
 2. The Initiate: A Divergent Story
 3. The Son: A Divergent Story
 4. The Traitor: A Divergent Story
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Maureen says

I really really enjoyed this! I am beginning to think I end up liking Novella collections more than the actual series they belong to

Diana says

I AM SO EXCITED FOR THIS IT'S NOT EVEN FUNNY!

This is going to be my face until the book is released:

Kelly (and the Book Boar) says

Because no. Just no.

FOR GOD'S SAKE WHEN A SERIES IS DONE JUST LET IT BE F-ING DONE!!!!!!

No more novellas. No more telling the story from a different character's perspective. No more "where are they now" (or "where were they before"). NO MORE!

EDIT: I'm a mom to a teen (as of today - waaaaaaah). Whining on my review of how I'm a "big meanie" or how I "just don't get it" is something I hear on the regular, so save your breath. This is MY review and MY opinion - if you're a Roth superfan go post your own review. I cross my heart I won't come spam it.

EDIT #2: **WARNING THE COMMENTS GET ALL SPOILERY, SO ENTER AT YOUR OWN RISK**
:)

Melissa ♥ Dog/Wolf Lover ♥ Martin says

I was pleasantly surprised how much I liked this short book about Four (Tobias).

The book explores his early life with his father and the reasons he picked Dauntless as his faction. It tells of the different trials and tribulations he went through in the first couple of years.

Then it tells of his first meeting of Tris. I was glad they added that little tidbit in there. Especially after reading the last book in the trilogy. But nothing will ever be the same in this world. No matter how many times you read these books, they will always end the same unless you want to write some fanfiction and change it =)

Overall, a great little book! ♥

Miranda Reads says

Overwhelmingly underwhelming.

And that is as about as positive as I can get.

It felt more like the author was **filling in plot holes** rather than writing something new. Even when the stories weren't doing that, **they just seemed...forgettable.**

The Transfer - The whole time I was thinking, *How necessary is this?* I mean, from the books, **we already know** that Four picked Dauntless because he wanted to escape his abusive father. And this short story....told exactly that. It was just a really, really drawn out version of what Four mentioned in the main series.

The Initiate - This was a bit interesting. We see some of the main players from Divergent (mainly Eric and the Dauntless-born initiates). But honestly, it feels like we already lived through this. Divergent - A stiff enters dauntless, gets ridiculed but manages to come out on top. The Initiate - A stiff enters dauntless **BUT he's like, super nervous and stuff**, gets ridiculed and manages to come out on top.

And we see how he gets his tat. That bit **bugged the ever-living daylights out of me** He goes on and on about how **NO ONE CAN KNOW HE'S DIVERGENT**. And what does he do? **Literally gets the most divergent possible tattoo on his body ever.** I mean, honestly. This kid.

The Son - Four trains for a leadership position. He spends most of the time waffling on whether or not he wants to do it. Then decides not to because reasons. And corruption. **This bugged me too.** Four is all like, "oh no, I don't like that my faction is corrupted. Whine whine whine." *Then he abandons the leadership position thus allowing the corrupted guy to get the spot.* **NO WONDER YOUR FACTION FALLS APART.**

The Traitor - honestly just filling in plot holes - how does he get into the computer room? How does he know about the abnegation attack? He meets Tris and falls in love with her because reasons. Blah blah blah.

Then there's a few scenes from Four's perspective. Nothing new. No inner revelations, no big reveals.

Honestly, I think I preferred it when we weren't in his head. **He seemed much more interesting that way.**

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Heather 'Bookables' says

It should come as no surprise that I rated this book as a 5. I have always dubbed Four as my fictional husband will always continue to do so.

I loved this entire book and devoured it within hours. I loved learning about Four's past and how he came to be Dauntless and even meeting Tris.

There's not much else to say really. I don't want to spoil the Divergent trilogy for anyone who hasn't read it. I will say you have to read it though! It's one of my favorite series, ever!!

All I gotta say is- MORE FOUR!!!!

Virginia Ronan ♥ Herondale ♥ says

"I don't care what she says – this isn't a safe room. There are no safe rooms, no safe truths, no safe secrets to tell."

I was always intrigued by Four and his history before he became a Dauntless, so when I found this little gem in the YA section of my library I actually let out a little squeal. Apparently it was loud enough to cause a few raised eyebrows and disapproving looks, but hey this girl here just couldn't contain herself. XD In my defence: It's rare to find a book you wanted to read for ages and I certainly didn't expect my library to actually have it. *lol*

Well anyway, I loved **"Divergent"** and even though the series lost its appeal during the second book I'm still a huge fan of Tobias and Tris. =) Of course I immediately borrowed the book! ;-P

"I wince as his fingers stabilize my head, and hope he doesn't see it, doesn't see how even his slightest touch terrifies me."

I really liked those additional stories from Four's POV and the only reason I gave it a 3 star rating (I really would need half stars here because it would actually be 3,5) is the simple fact that not a lot is happening. I suppose this was to be expected because it are merely four (haha Four) short stories that give us a better insight at Tobias life before Divergent truly happened.

"I struggle for air, but it's not because of my aching legs; it's because of my weak heart, growing stronger with each passing second."

Still, those stories were interesting to read and kind of caused me to remember why I loved the first book so much! XD Poor Tobias though. He's such a broken boy and to read about his struggle to become a part of Dauntless strongly reminded me of Tris initiation in the first book. Which might have been Veronica Roth's intention all along but who knows? *shrugs*

"I've learned to be stronger, but one thing I haven't learned, won't let myself learn, is how to enjoy causing someone else pain. If I'm going to become Dauntless, I'm going to do it on my terms, even if that means that a part of me will always be a Stiff."

Anything else I need to tell you?

Yep, I almost forgot that Eric, that little numpty, was an Erudite before he transferred to Dauntless. Who would have thought it? *lol* **AND** I was surprised about Amar's little role. I mean after reading the trilogy I really would have thought that Four and him were closer. For me this wasn't consistent and so I was a little confused about why Tobias trusted him so much.

"I will not be molded and shaped by Jeanine Matthews. I will not be a pawn, not for them and not for my mother and not for my father; I will not belong to anyone but myself."

Conclusion:

I enjoyed reading "Four" and I'm sure everyone who liked Tobias will be happy to read those stories as well. They are a nice addition to the Divergent universe and I'm glad I stumbled upon them in the library. ;-)
Enjoy!

Natalie (Never trust a duck) says

The fact that this is a thing makes me so happy. And yes, this is Theo James.

karen says

hahaha kelly's review for this cracks me up.

and i totally agree with the fact that sometimes when something is over, you just have to let it be over. make a clean break. but i am, in many ways, a completist. i have seen all the movies in the *saw* franchise, i keep getting wicked excited every time i see there is a new newflesh short story available, just when i thought i would never get to revisit that world, and i will read any and all retellings of wuthering heights, no matter how dreadful.

so i get the impulse that leads to the perpetuation of a series, even when it might not be "necessary" in terms of addressing unanswered questions or filling in any timelines. because this one isn't, really, except for giving fourgasms to the fangirls:

i thought it was interesting when roth made the move in *Allegiant* from tris-centric narration to a tris-and-four split-narrative. it was intriguing to get another perspective to the events, and to gain insight into four's mind, rather than just seeing all of his actions through tris' eyes. and, well, obviously there was more of a structural need to give him a voice in that third book. this collection reads like a bunch of "what-if" writing exercises. what if we'd had four's voice all along? what if this scene had been seen through his eyes in *Divergent*? what if we knew his motivations from the very beginning? these stories end up being fun without

being particularly illuminating. we get more reasons to hate eric and marcus, we get a little more texture to four's relationship with evelyn, and we get a little more uriah ♥.

but honestly, part of what made four compelling as a character was his secrecy. he was enigmatic, troubled, hard to predict. his POV in Allegiant was compelling for the novelty of it, but it took some of his power away as a character, because his weaknesses were more exposed. sure, it was humanizing, but sometimes it's better not to know all the dopey-moony things your tall dark and handsome is thinking, yeah?

but, overall i enjoyed it - i did like the details and the dovetailing it did with the things that were already known to readers, and in the bound (non-digital) edition, there are an additional three scenes after the four *four* novellas, which is even MOAR FOUR for your buck.

thanks to greg for buying me a book about FOUR!!!

Kai says

“That's what I really want - to shed all the people who want to form and shape me, one by one, and learn instead to form and shape myself.”

4.5 out of 5

I had a great time with this collection of *Divergent* short stories. Reading about this universe from Four's POV was really fascinating. It was nice to get to see what he thought in those situations. Of course, I already knew a lot of what was going to happen so there were not too many surprises in this book. I just really loved reading scenes with Four and Tris in particular.

Apart from that I can't get enough from Veronica Roth. She should consider writing faster, cause I'm desperate for more. Veronica is seriously one of the most amazing writes in YA today.

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Roshni Ajmal says

And i fell in love with Four all over again

Reading Four made me feel this weird feeling, That feeling you get when you watch your old photos or videos like. I was not prepared for this.

There is nothing new.... Its more like behind the scenes. We get know that what Four was up to all along. like. how he discovered about the attack on abnegation. It was good that it was not divergent all over again.

We get to see his friendships with Zeak, Shauna and others. and his Hateship with Eric too.

Four is one of my favourite character of all time. (forgetting the fact that allegiant ever happened). I loved him in divergent and same for this one. I got the same old feeling of liking him.

In Allegiant Four's voice was too similar to Tris's and I disliked it. But here Four's voice sounded original. It really felt like it was HIM speaking.

When i read divergent i felt that i was right there in the dauntless sector. This one also has that power to make you feel you are present right there.

Last three scenes from Fours POV were the best parts of this book.

First Jumper—Tris

Careful —Tris

You look good—Tris

When i closed this book all submerged feelings of Divergent came back on the surface all over again.

Fav Quote :

“One thing I know: For helping me forget how awful the world is, I prefer her to alcohol.” —
Four

Because it was the last line of book and i had this big giant smile on my face.

If you loved Four like i did then read it. If you didn't then leave it.

I will leave you with these gif.

**I swear i didnt wanted to read anything from Veronica Roth. But common how can i resist these quotes and our good old Four.
AHhhhhh**