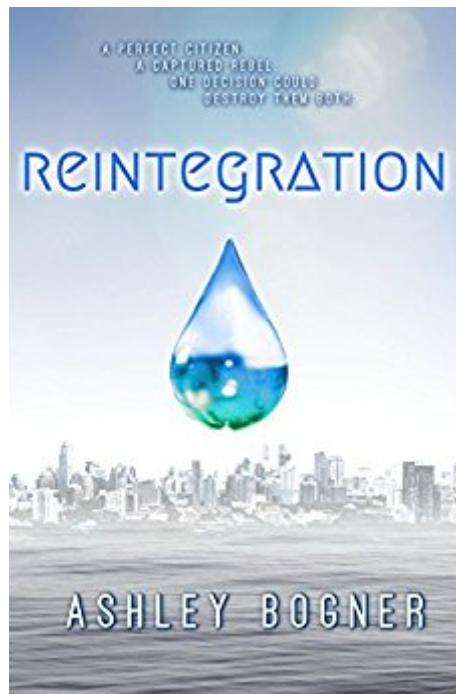


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# Reintegration



## **Synopsis**

A perfect citizen. A captured rebel. One decision could destroy them both...As a Regulator, seventeen-year-old Katherine Hollidayâ™s duty is to protect the people of the Federation from a group of violent rebels who have exiled themselves to the mysterious wilderness. When one of these rebels is captured within the Federation, the government leaders propose an alternative to execution, a procedure they call Reintegration. The procedure involves erasing the rebelâ™s memory and attempting to make him a member of society. The rebel, a young man named Matthew, is not the violent criminal Katherine expects, and she canâ™t help but befriend him. A few weeks after Matthewâ™s Reintegration, Katherine realizes the procedure failed and she is now presented with a choice no one else can help her make. Can she warn her superiors that Reintegration failed, which could mean death for Matthew? Or will she defy everything she knows to help him escapeâ™ and risk her own execution?

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## **Customer Reviews**

I received a free ARC of this book, but all thoughts are my own, and I wasnâ™t required to give a positive review (I just loved it!). I also bought my own copy, too. This book was sooooo

good!!!! It's a fun Christian dystopian with intriguing characters and an exciting plot. I loved reading it, and I'm definitely eager for the next book to come out! Katherine was a great main character, and she helped the theme of tolerance have so much more impact. I recommend this for everyone!

Out of all the dystopian future novels I've read this is the one I can most see actually happening. That combined with great characters really drew me in and kept me coming back for more. Defiantly cannot wait for the next in the series.

**Reintegration** by Ashley Bogner  
**My rating:** 3.75 of 5 stars  
**My Review**  
Ashley Bogner's debut novel, *Reintegration*, calls to mind some of the best dystopian books of our age--books such as Ally Condie's *Matched* trilogy, Nadine Brandes' *Out of Time* Trilogy, and *The Forgetting* by Sharon Cameron. It also follows the dystopian pattern of three, being the first of a trilogy. The sequel is set to release in 2018. *Reintegration*'s strongest suit is its characterization. The reader is deeply immersed in Katherine Holliday's point of view, and experiences the entire plot through her eyes. It was impossible for me not to connect with Katherine on some level, because while reading this book, I was Katherine. I was thinking her thoughts, feeling her emotions, and following along with all of her actions and reactions. The deep characterization did lead to some drawbacks, however--for the first 60% of the book or so, I felt like the plot was spinning its wheels a bit. Katherine rehashed the same issues over and over, without coming to any real conclusions. It wasn't until she decided to stop worrying and start acting that the book hit the ground running. Once the plot stopped revving its engine and got started for real, it took off at light-speed and never looked back. The last quarter or so of the book was especially phenomenal. I could not read fast enough to find out what was going to happen! Bogner packs a lot of punches into those last few pages, making up for the slow beginning several times over. There are a lot of secrets hinted at through out the book that weren't explained by the final page, and some major surprises that I wasn't expecting. Miss Bogner has chosen to play her cards close to her chest, and there's no telling what will happen in the following books. I'm rating *Reintegration* 3.75 stars out of 5. While *Reintegration* dragged some through the beginning and middle, the end made up for it with non-stop action and surprises. I'm hoping that the sequels will keep the action going, and get off to a flying start. Recommended for Ages 13 and up  
**Cultural Elements**None  
**Profanity/Crude Language Content**None  
**Romance/Sexual Content**Some light kissing, hand-holding, and hugging.  
**Spiritual Content**Matthew is a Christian, and shares his faith with other characters in the book, resulting in one or more conversions. The Federation teaches relative morality (that there is no "right" or "wrong," and everything is a matter of opinion),

and intolerance is a punishable crime under the Federation. Violent Content One violent death. Several injuries (some by use of a "stunner"--a taser-like weapon, and others by fist fights.) Drug Content Matthew is drugged to forget his past. A character takes a medical drug later, and experiences painful side effects. Note: I received a free copy of this book in exchange for my honest review. Buy Here: -- Barnes & Noble -- Createspace Cross-posted on The Story Sanctuary on August 18th, 2017.

This book is touching and thought provoking with plenty of twists and turns. There is some violence toward the end, which is why I don't recommend this book for readers under the age of 13, but besides that I found it to be totally clean and appropriate. If you like futuristic dystopian style novels, "Reintegration" will definitely keep you entertained and turning the pages. I couldn't put it down and ended up reading it in one sitting. The only complaint I have is that sometimes there were paragraphs of Katherine's inner thoughts that seemed to go on too long. Those scenes would have been more powerful without as much repetition and length. I think that is one of the main reasons why I haven't seen very many five star reviews for this book| the too-long inner dialogue bogs down the flow of the otherwise smooth yet punchy story line. However, I remember what it was like to write my first novel, and I think given time Bogner will learn to avoid this mistake. The themes in this book center on what happens when the true meaning of tolerance is forgotten and twisted into moral relativism, the importance of family, and establishing boundaries within the context of righteousness. Does God exist? And if yes, what would Katherine be willing to risk to get that information into the hands of her peers? Matthew was definitely my favorite character! I can't wait to read the next book in this series whenever it comes out, and I would definitely recommend it to my friends. I wish there was more Religious Fiction in the world like "Reintegration".

I very much loved the transformation of the main character, Katherine, in this story. I found it to be encouraging and inspiring as she sought to truly overcome fear and be bold in her actions. Though I can't go into much detail about it, I will say that her "awakening" was pretty amazing. It was interesting to read to say the least. Matthew was such a sweet guy! He made my heart smile despite everything that was going on. Katherine's world was one that very closely reminded me of our own world. Granted, we don't have Regulators per say or a certain law, but what's to say we're not too far from that? The book definitely doesn't seem extreme with what could happen one day. I'm excited to see what happens next in book two! That ending wasn't necessarily a cliff

hanger, but I'm pretty sure things are about to go down and it's not going to be pretty when it does. Also, there are a few unanswered questions I think that the author purposefully left open because it leaves me curious as to what certain things mean and why someone wants to do what they're doing. Overall, I loved this book's message and how encouraged I felt with Katherine overcoming fear. I recommend this book to YA readers and dystopian lovers.\*(I received this book in exchange for an honest review. All thoughts expressed are my own and was not required to write a positive review.)\*

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