

Anger is a Gift

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High school student Moss Jeffries, along with other high schoolers, has had to deal with budget cuts and a crummy school system as long as they can remember. But when the school somehow pulls the money for more security, police officers, and even metal detectors, the students feel more like prisoners than students, with new, violent incidents occurring that no adult mentions. This hits Moss harder, as his dad was killed by a police officer, and now that students are being blamed for problems that police started, Moss has to decide whether he wants to give in to fear or use his anger and put it in the right place.

This book gave me a large mix of emotions, some positive and others negative. While this book is not my cup of tea, that's not to say that this is not a good book. I prefer books with a happy ending, and while this was an interesting book, it did not that happy ending I was looking for in most books. I would recommend this book for teenagers and older, as it contains scenes of violence, language, and character death. This books also deals with police brutality, so if those scenes do not appeal to you, I would not recommend this book for you.

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