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A blind traumatized teen learns of love, and becomes the catalyst for a revolution.

Abandoned by her parents to live on the streets, Sadie never knew kindness without first paying a terrifying price. The lessons from her childhood fuel a paranoia that makes it impossible to trust anyone, or accept their help. That all changes when she meets Fester, a young man with his own painful past. After he saves her from freezing to death, Sadie realizes that she must learn how to trust another if she wants to live; a feat that is easier said than done.

Meanwhile, a war is brewing. For decades the supernaturals have been plotting their revolt against a tyrannical government that exploits them. After using her own supernatural power against an attacker, Sadie and her friends soon find themselves in the government's cross-hairs. To survive, they are forced to team up with a criminal who has plans for Sadie and wishes to ignite the war.

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From Reader Review Sadie's War (A Supernatural Uprising Novel, Book 1) for online ebook

Escape Inside the Pages says

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Sadie's War brings about a heart wrenching tale of a girl who has seen so much struggle and strife that you cannot help but feel pity for her situation. Though she may be what is called a "supernatural" with a kickass power, she has been so abused and mistreated by her own parents, that she barely knows how to function in society. Luckily, the ever compassionate Fester finds her and takes her in. However, her situation soon becomes dire when her power threatens her life and the lives of those she comes to love.

I was so not used to reading about such a vulnerable and weepy main character, so that took some extreme getting used to in this book. Of course, Sadie's breakdowns were perfectly justified, because the things this poor girl has gone through are so inhumane, I can't imagine how someone would cope with it. The abuse that has been inflicted on her literally alters her entire perspective of right and wrong, so it was super interesting to read from that sort of twisted POV.

Sadie's power was super legit, and totally reminded me of Avatar: The Last Airbender. I also very much appreciated the other characters' supernatural powers, though I really would have loved to see more action from their powers, and just more action in general would have been awesome! Fortunately, Sadie got the ending she deserved and a romance that was strong enough to overcome any emotional obstacle. Though I wanted a little more action from the storyline, and a little more plot movement, Sadie's War was a cute romantic book that demonstrated what it takes to overcome the hauntings of our past.

Kristin Searce says

Disclaimer: I received an e-copy in exchange for an honest review.

Sadie is all alone in the world, blind, homeless, starving, and cold. She's in an area she's never been, the surrounding unknown, and there's no one to help her. However, she fends for herself as well as she can, until the "food man" shows up and changes everything for her. All of a sudden, Sadie knows kindness that she's never known before, and she makes new friends. However, her past demons still haunt her, and she must also deal with being a supernatural in a world that considers them societal threats. Will she and her friends be able to survive together, and what will be the cost of getting to that point?

I was pulled into this book from the start, and I read it all in a day. It's very moving to get involved in Sadie's story, both her present and her past, and try alongside Fester and Michael to figure out just what all she's been through. There are many heartbreaking scenes, and I'm glad I don't have the power of empathy as Chloe does. The way they all work together, for better or worse, and try to get through this strange life of theirs is admirable, and I sometimes felt, along with Sadie, that the shoe would eventually drop at some point. It was

a very well-done tale, and I look forward to more from this author in the future.

4 1/2 stars

Michelle Randall says

Reviewed for Reader's Favorite.

I received an Advanced Copy to review. The book is scheduled to be released towards the end of February 2014.

Young Sadie is blind and alone, left to live on the streets in an area called the Gutter. She is poorly equipped for life on the streets and doesn't understand the most basic of ideas of the world. Fester literally runs into Sadie one day, and he is captivated by her beautiful blue eyes. He makes it his mission to keep an eye on her, and when he finds her almost frozen on the street, he takes her to his home. Once there, her lack of understanding of the world becomes even more clear, and Fester feels the need to protect her, as well as his friend Michael and his sister Chloe, who all live together. What follows is Jayelle Cochran's amazingly beautiful and poignant story of love and family, abuse and neglect, fear and trust. Wrapped into a supernatural war between regular humans and those with special power's, that Sadie mistakenly believe's is all her fault. Sadie's War is a journey of learning and adventure.

Sadie's War, as she thinks it is all her fault, is driven by one action. The fierce need to protect her from harm that both Michael and Fester feel. Sadie has no ability to trust, but slowly learns that all the lessons in her life where wrong, and that she can trust people. Although the two main characters, Sadie and Fester have suffered terrible physical and mental abuse at the hands of their parent's, the abuse is not detailed and only alluded to. Jayelle Cochran does a wonderful job of telling this remarkable story without terrorizing the reader. The fear and love that the characters feel come through in the book so vividly it had me crying and laughing all throughout the book. Even given the topics, this would still be a good book for young adults, with some parental guidance for any questions they might have. I found it to be a story of hope and love, of life after tragedy and what family can provide if you allow it. Amazingly poignant.

Rebecca Bryant says

I thoroughly enjoyed this book. Sadie our main character has supernatural powers and has suffered greatly at the hands of her family. She gets involved with a group of other super natural and things get interesting. I love seeing Sadie try to learn to trust and let people into her life. It was a good book and a must read.

Maria says

Sadie's life has been nothing short of sheltered and abusive, although she didn't know either of those things, she thought that was simply how life was. When her mother leaves her on the streets of fend for herself, she's at more peace than she's ever been in her entire life. Being blind doesn't bother her because she doesn't know any other way to be, but her ignorance just might be the cause of her death, when she nearly freezes to death living outside in the winter without knowing where to go for shelter. Luckily though she is found by someone

who truly wants to help her, if only she can trust in his help.

This story is told through Sadie's POV so you only know what's going on based on her understanding of the world. She has powers that help her at times, but doesn't understand them because she was taught they were bad.

Sadie is a sweetie and naive to the world around her, although she does her best to understand. I did get annoyed with her at times when she was finally somewhere safe, but she still refused to ask questions keeping her more ignorant than she had to be. She wasn't taught to let other do things for her and even though they are trying to now I did enjoy her trying to show that she was capable, even when they thought she wasn't and also when she showed her independence.

The other characters in the story each added something to it as well. I loved Fester and his pure heart, trying to help even when it was a difficult task. Chloe brought a lightness into the story when things began looking too dark. Her being a child with only simple ideas helped when everything else became hard so we didn't get dragged down as badly with what was in Sadie's head. And Michael. He seems like a hard ass but really he's a good guy just trying to protect his family. I connected with his character desires, but my problem with him was how difficult it was to understand him. While I understand making a character unique and true in themselves his way of talking was so over the top that I barely understood any of what he ever said and it brought my excitement with the story down the more he talked because I truly wanted to understand him, but just couldn't.

Overall I enjoyed the story, even though it was hard to get a grip on the world created, because Sadie didn't really understand it, it didn't keep me from getting immersed in the story as I kept reading.

Christa Bengtsson says

I won this book on Goodreads and I am glad I did. I love this book and was sad that it ended, but I love that the last chapter was from Fester's point of view. The author kept me captivated and I couldn't stop reading it till the end. The book was very well written and I can't wait to read other books by the author. I will be looking for other books by Jayelle Cochran.

Fran says

Sadie's War: Jayelle Cochran

There are some wars that are fought on the battlefield with weapons, artillery and in combat. Other wars might be fought in the schoolyard as gangs take over and fight for power and territory. But, what about a war that someone fights within himself or herself when the world is dark to them and the people that surround her cannot be trusted? What happens when parents inflict pain on a young girl telling her that she must be punished for her wrong doings leaving her permanently scarred and psychologically impaired? Sadie is a young teen that has never experienced the outside world in the way other teens do today. Cast aside by her parents and forced to live on the streets, Sadie learns many hard lessons when dealing with people and the outside world. Parents that required her to submit to things that are unspeakable, focusing on what they claim are the rules that she must live by you meet her as she moves about in a place she calls Downtown hoping to

stay below the radar of others and just survive. But, Sadie encounters many cruelties and many people who push her aside and threaten her safety until someone special comes along. Fester is a young man whose past might be checkered but whose spirit and heart are made of gold. Calling him the food man at first she questions why he would want to bring her food and make sure that she did not starve. Fighting her inner most thoughts and fears her own war for survival began the day she was born and the one she is fighting right now. Fester brings her food but she does not understand why he does not ask for anything in return. Things are not free and she was taught that debts had better be paid or something bad will happen. Trust comes hard to her but the cold weather sets in and what happens next will help readers understand why we need to protect those that are homeless, create some way for them to have shelter and find it in our hearts to realize that they are people too. But, Sadie has an added handicap. She is blind and walks with a cane in order to navigate the streets. Sadie is strong willed and fearful and when Fester finds her half frozen and riddled with a high fever it takes a lot out of him to convince her to come and stay with him.

Michael and Fester live together along with Michael's nine-year-old sister Chloe. What we learn about these men will enlighten you to more about Sadie and the reason why they provided her with a shelter and how they are all fighting not just the war of survival but another one too.

Fester and Michael are both fighting wars of their own within themselves and outwardly. Both have the same fear of a woman named Sal. Michael remembering, as Sadie does, the cruelties done to him by her as Sadie recalls what her parents did to her to teach her lessons she never realized were wrong. Each day is a struggle for all three and Chloe who responds and reacts to the emotional upheaval of others and feels their pain and sorrow. Sadie feels that she is never right and all she does is wrong and often wants to leave the safety net of her new home and live on the street not wanting to owe these two men any more debt. "Nothing is free," "Everything comes with a price." Sad way to think and to live but many do. But, one wall down the street of a place called Gutter in the downtown area of this town would change it all in a negative way. While going to lunch with Michael and Fester something happens and they need to fight off attackers. Using her ability to control the wind, Michael's to create lightning they both fend off their attackers but not before the cameras video it all. Three dead and one wounded did anyone see they were just defending themselves? Would the government send the PSI after them to investigate? How would they get help and how would they survive?

A dangerous woman named Sal is connected to both Michael and Fester and her attempt to seduce Sadie did not work at first. With the men and Chloe in danger and blaming herself for all that went wrong what Sadie does will endear to her even more as she proves not only her loyalty to Fester but also her love. Things heat up as Fester disappears doing something for Sal leaving Sadie alone with both Michael and Chloe. But, Michael's moods are erratic, his temper flies. Not violent yet equally as angry with his words Sadie feels his wrath, hopes that it won't affect Chloe and still within her own mind feels the world would be better off without her. Sadie's War is constant and as she reveals something about her past her quest to help Fester strengthens, protect Chloe and free someone special from enduring what she did from her parents. Child abuse, physical abuse and sexual demands riddled her life before meeting Fester as her parents taught her harsh lessons in life and left her an empty shell at times. Even leaving her to live on the streets pretending it was for her own good, proved false when she learned the words that appear on the sign she held following her mother's rules to get paid different than what she thought. Blatantly telling the world she needed money for food because she was blind, it took her time to believe what Michael tells her about what the sign really said.

Sadie suffers many wars within her own mind before she can come to terms with her past and deal with it in the present. The world has treated her cruelly and she does not know how to accept kindness and understanding from others. Leary of both Fester and Michael thinking they have an ulterior motive for wanting to help her. Sadie is tormented and cannot and will not focus and talk about her past. She wants it

left where it belongs in the past. But the second war is equally as powerful as the supernaturals fight the government in order to survive.

Added in the author various the dialogue used to distinguish the characters as we hear Sadie speak and listen to the words of Michael, Chloe and Fester embracing a harsh and more crass dialogue used by street gangs or those living in tough neighborhoods. Yet the use of swear words fits the story, the powers that both Sadie and Michael employ quite exciting as they both battle together to survive. Sadie is innocent and naïve in many ways and when it comes to many of life's

Alone, blind and homeless Sadie needs to fight not only her inner fears but also the bitter cold outside. Although she is relatively safe with Fester her insecurities and fears are always in the forefront and her need to feel independent on top. Not wanting to feel beholden to anyone she makes sure that she finds a task to do to pay her own way and her debts.

Sadie refuses to allow anyone into her heart, her past and finds it difficult at times dealing with the present. Both Michael and Fester want to truly ease her pain but how? Every tear, every heartache is felt by Chloe whose supernatural power is empathy. When placed in danger they were sent to a safe house but something happens and they had to move again. Learning more about her powers Sadie discovers that someone she loves is very close to her when they are moved to an underground compound. What Sadie learns about herself might make her realize that she is as she states not "Wrong," and that someday she will be Clear and True like everyone else. When the truth about what she endured is spoken and the words flood out what happens will surprise readers as the leader of compound has two difficult decisions to make. Author Jayelle Cochran brings to light what happens when someone is abused both mentally and physically brainwashed and forced to submit to the tortures inflicted upon her thinking she has no self worth. What will be the final fate of all four friends that are now family? What happens when she is reunited with someone she loves? Will they remain together or will something or someone split them up? The answers will come when the author pens the second in the Supernatural Uprising Novel Series.

Sadie represents anyone that has ever been abused, hit, browbeaten and made to feel unworthy. Sadie fights many inner battles within herself yet tries to understand and make others understand that she is capable of doing things for herself and not helpless. This is not about being blind or not being able to see. It is about developing self-worth, self-esteem and trust. Each character has many wars that they are fighting within themselves. Michael remembers the pain inflicted upon him. Fester what he endured with Sal and Sadie and Chloe dealing with their emotions and how they affect others. Always saying she is sorry and does not belong when will Sadie understand that Fester, Michael and Chloe just want her to KEEP WITH THEM. A powerful novel and a must read for young teens, YA's, guidance counselors, family counselors, discussion groups, parents and adults.

Fran Lewis: Reviewer

Am Brumpton says

I found 'Sadie's War' an internal emotional war with her past and the present aswell as the build up of an

external war between the government and supernatural's.

I like my books to have quite a bit of action and although the main action does not get going until halfway through the book, it had enough suspense throughout to have kept me intrigued and interested to the point where I was actually leafing through the pages to find out what happens before reading the chapter correctly, something I have not done in a while!

Read this book, go on give it a go, please note it does take a little while before the true plot starts to reveal itself but keep on reading and it soon picks up and gets truly going.

Warning there is quite a bit of swearing throughout the book but not enough to be distracting, (read the synopsis for other warnings about the book), then just read the book.

United Indie Book Blog says

There is something sad and haunting about the cover and each time I look at it , my heart feels heavy , it could be because I know her story

Sadie was abandoned by her parents and forced to live on the street ! I can actually feel the bile rise in my throat ! Sadie is at a disadvantage being blind . There is this man that reaches out to her and shows her kindness and compassion , although she's filled with gratitude she's taken by surprise .

The kindness this man shows towards Sadie has me weeping , assuming the foetal position. How many times so we pass a vagrant and feel irritated ? We don't know who or what or why . Kindness and compassion is ours to give freely so why are we so stingy with it !?

We also get to experience the flip side of the coin , there are those individuals that are cruel and selfish. Some vile creature tries to rape her but my girl stands her ground and gives the potential attacker a damn good ass whipping !

Food man finds her cold and with fever , he takes her in and I feel safe with him , he means her no harm . OK so food man has a name , Fester , I can't help but chuckle , I start humming the tune for The Adams Family ! Fester is determined to keep her safe and give her shelter so much so that he's willing to sacrifice his share for her <3

Sadie's words kill me and I've promised myself to make sure nobody , that crosses ever feels this way " Kindness is never free. There is always a price."

Fester and Michael try and find out more about Sadie and like me they're mortified ! When they seen the proof of her momma's "lessons " I actually throw up ! The more I read of Sadie and what she had to endure, the more I feel like hunting down her so called parents and cubing them into alligator food!

Sadie, Fester and Michael are each battling their own demons and one evening out they're confronted and they have to defend themselves , with disastrous results , leading them feeling exposed and vulnerable .

Again, I put Sadie's War down , my heart just can't take it ! But I pick it up again , I need to know what happens to Sadie and her companions .

Sadie is an inspiration and her words spoke to my heart on different levels. I'd highly recommend this to

anyone who's been abused, abandoned, bullied or who feels worthless. Actually its a book I'd recommend every library, school, institution and home have.

Once in a while, if not in a lifetime, a book comes along that changes your life forever, well for me that was Sadie's War!

If I could I would love to meet Joyelle Cochran and give her the biggest bear hug ever and thank her from the bottom of my heart for a life altering read!

No review or rating will ever do Sadie justice!

Reviewed by: Heidi

Mary says

The premise for Sadie's War is good - a girl who has paranormal powers but doesn't know that she's a supernatural gets caught up in a war she believes she caused. Sadie has been through some horrific abuse - abuse caused by her parents. Parents who never let her leave the house. At least until the day they dropped her off in Downtown so that she could fend for herself or die. But Sadie is far tougher than they imagined and she survives. In Downtown she meets Fester, Michael and Chloe.

Ms. Cochran does a terrific job with Katie's character. The problem though is sometimes we get stuck with Sadie as she must try and work through issues caused by the abuse and separation from society. I also enjoyed the interaction between the characters.

I did give this three stars because I was a little disappointed with Fester and Michael's language. The Gutter talk was too distracting and I thought a little overdone. If not for that, maybe add a little more movement, I would have given it a 4 1/2 stars.

Andrea Murray says

I received a copy of this novel in exchange for an honest review.

Sadie's War is an interesting beginning to a promising series. I'm a huge fan of the whole mutant experience. The idea of an outcast making her way in a harsh society combined with Sadie's emotional baggage makes for a unique coming-of-age novel. When Sadie is abandoned by her mother in Downtown, she has little to no experience with the real world. In her struggle to understand this alien world around her, the reader experiences the same confusion and fear. Her blindness increases her bewilderment and adds an extra layer to her dire situation. Her story was both touching and shocking, and when she finally allows Fester to break through her mistrust, the love blooming between them creates an entirely new story.

I did have some issues with the pacing, however. The story was slow to develop with little action for long sections and a great deal of rehashing the same or similar "thoughts". Sadie's brainwashing (from her parents) is obviously a huge issue, and I realize Sadie can't flip a feeling switch and turn it off, but she teeters with her trust issues so much that I found myself skimming large paragraphs restating the same thing

to the point of tediousness. The novel lagged because of this. Another problem is the “gutter” dialect. Michael’s dialogue was so convoluted that even reading it aloud proved ineffectual at times. It seemed like overkill. The reader can understand his lack of education as well as the effect of the setting without so much dialect. It slowed down the reading and frustrated me completely.

However, the story is unique in a saturated market, and overall, it was good.

3.5 Stars

Marjorie says

Given To Me For An Honest Review

Sadie's War (A Supernatural Uprising Novel Book 1) by Jayell Cochran is one that you must read. Although it really is not a genre that I normally read I am so glad that I read it. This is about Sadie, a young girl who is blind. She has grown up being terribly abused by her parents. One day she is left in the streets to fend for herself. She knows nothing about caring for herself. One day she is found almost frozen because it is so cold. Fester takes her in to help her. Soon she meets Chloe and Michael too. Fester, Chloe and Michael help Sadie to learn how to trust and accept what has happened to her in the past and let it go. It is difficult for Sadie. This book is one that once you begin reading it you won't put it down. You will end up on the edge of your seat. It has twists and turns and it a real page turner. I highly recommend this to all. I look forward to more from Jayelle Cochran.

Sarah-Jayne Briggs says

(I received a free copy of this book in exchange for a review).

(This review may contain spoilers).

When I first read the blurb of this book, I was particularly intrigued by it. I was also curious to see how the author would write a character who was blind. I personally think writing a character without a sense is pretty difficult, but I thought the author did a really good job of showing the world from Sadie's perspective.

I found myself empathising with Sadie really easily. She was an interesting mix of a seriously damaged person and one who tried to be strong and independent, as much as she was able to. There were some things that really affected me about her past and the way it had shaped her personality in the story's present. I thought it was really good that the author had Sadie act in a way that was realistic and consistent with what she'd been taught by her parents... or not taught, in some cases.

I thought that it was interesting how Sadie could control the air and use it to 'see', but I have to say, I was a bit confused with how that worked at times. There were moments where there seemed to be too much detail when Sadie used the air.

The idea about the supernaturals was quite an intriguing one, though I would have liked a bit more background and history about them, as well as some background of the world itself.

I particularly liked Fester. I liked Chloe, too, but Michael took a little while to grow on me. That was partly because he came across as quite harsh at times... but I also found a lot of his speech very difficult to follow. I tended to only get about half of what he was actually saying.

I wasn't really sure what to think about Sal by the end of the book, but I have to say, I did find her quite an interesting character. I would have liked to see a bit more of her during the book.

There were a lot of moments in this that were quite intense and the plot was enough to draw me in and keep me reading. If there was a sequel to this book, I'd definitely be interested in checking it out... and I would also read other books by this author in the future.

Gayle Pace says

REVIEW

Young and alone, Sadie is blind, abandoned by her parents to live on the streets. She lived in an area called the Gutter. The author sets you up on the first page to become totally interested in the book. You wanted to reach out and help Sadie. She has no skills for the treacherous life on the streets and doesn't even know the basics of the world.

A man named Fester, I wonder if the author made that name for a reason?, has seen Sadie and became enthralled by her beautiful blue eyes. He decides to watch out for her. In the winter he finds her almost frozen on the street and decides to take her home. She knows now that her lack of knowing of the world is even more so. Fester and those that live together, Chloe, Michael all want to protect her. The author then brings into the story, love, family, abuse, neglect, fear and trust. All of this the author has encased in a war that is supernatural between regular humans and those that possess special powers. Sadie decides that all of this is her fault, but is it? She has never been able to trust, but slowly learns what had gone wrong in her life, and there are those she can trust. This book is a beautiful, and at times sad, journey of learning, trusting and adventure. The author did a wonderful job of not detailing the terrible mental and physical abuse that both Sadie and Fester had suffered. The abuse is only hinted at, not detailed. Ms. Cochran didn't put fear in the reader. You will find yourself laughing, crying and not wanting to let go of the book.

I was given a complimentary copy of SADIE'S WAR from the author Jayelle Cochran for my view of the book. No other compensation took place.

Kyra Dune says

Intense and visceral, Sadie's War captured me from the moment I first met the young blind girl as she struggles to survive on the unfamiliar streets. Sadie is a broken character, but with an undeniable strength beneath the surface that comes from more than her power over the wind. After all she's endured, you can't help but hope she can learn to trust in the kind hearted young man who brings her in out of the killing cold.

Emotional tension runs high throughout this tale of hardship. With each turn of the page, the lives of Sadie and her newfound companions become further complicated both by Sadie's terrible past and by the

machinations of a nasty mob boss.

It's the characters who drive the narrative forward more so than the story, especially in the beginning. Sadie with her broken past. Fester with his kind heart. Michael with his quick temper. Sweet little Chloe. Together they make this story shine.
