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Sun and Moon Details

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From Reader Review Sun and Moon for online ebook

Ravencrantz says

I received an electronic copy from NetGalley in exchange for an honest review

Although I really wish I hadn't clicked the request button....

Ugh. I swear, I've lost a good chunk of brain cells while reading this stupid thing. The writing is absolutely terrible. As in I'd rather be reading *Twilight* terrible. I swear, there are fanfiction writers out there who can write better than this. Hell, I'm sure there are middle schoolers who can write better than this. I'm so glad this was a short book, otherwise I would not have been able to even finish it. Even so, I had to take frequent break to keep myself sane because it was just so terrible and I just didn't care.

The characters are bland. Emily instantly falls in love with Ashe after he sort of saves her life twice. Blaze hates Ashe because Ashe and Emily are kind of a thing but Blaze loves Emily and has since he first met her (what's with all this insta love why can't we have normal relationships that are built naturally) but he doesn't do anything about it because he knows she just wants to be friends. Raelyn is a bitch because she has magic and Emily doesn't but even so she's nice to Ashe and wants to help him out? I guess because he's pretty? She's just your typical girl who thinks she's the shit because she has magical power and you don't okay. Whatever.

To be honest, I'm not exactly sure what happened? There was magic and then an explosion and then no magic and only Ashe, Emily, Raelyn, and Blaze were left. And the world is dying. So Ashe and Emily had to save it. and the other two died. But they didn't actually die. And the world wasn't really dying. But it was. But so was a bunch of other worlds. And Emily and Ashe had to stop it. For some...reason...I have no clue. I skimmed the last bit where they actually saved the world. Something about a Devil and Angels and it was a creator and the creators daughter was disappointed in him and everything just seemed so *fake* and I just really didn't care about anything that happened. I'm so glad I can just move on because I'm done with this shitstorm of a read.

Eve (Functioning Insanity Reviews) says

Sun and Moon by Elizabeth Paradise was provided to me by NetGalley and Indie Inked. The cover first caught my eye, bright and catching and the title was interesting to me. I have an affection for the flip sides and was interested in seeing the story.

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For me it was a pretty easy read and I liked it well enough but it also wasn't hard to put down. I liked the concept, but everything seemed to breeze right on by and the conflicts in the story didn't seem like much of a

conflict for me. They had a problem they tried and they were able to fix it rather quickly, without too much fuss. Also the characters didn't feel as flushed out for me. The only two people without magic find each other and have an instant connection, I can totally go with that, but there has to be something there and for me I didn't feel the sizzle there. It was interesting and I enjoyed the overall story enough to give it 3 Sun Stones.

Carolyn Diamond says

I received this book through NetGalley, but it was released December 8th of 2013.

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I thought this was a decent book, the summary and cover immediately grabbed my attention. The blurb sounds very promising, but as I read it I found that I was disappointed. The characterization and romance fell flat, as well as some of the world building. Emily and Ashe fell in love the second they laid eyes on one another, and they had no problems with that. They barely know each other, in fact the only thing they know about each other is that they were born without magic.

Emily and Ashe are constantly complaining about how inadequate they are, even after they've acquired the most powerful magic in Alasia. Emily is indecisive about whether she wants to have powers or not, claiming in the beginning of the book that she doesn't want magic but later in the book she is seduced by the promise of unlocking her magical potential. Emily often feels that she can't accomplish anything so she doesn't even really try, she just gets frustrated and gives up.

There are also some parts of the book that are repetitive, or unnecessary. As a character, Raelyn didn't really do anything. She was sort of a love interest for Ashe but he never really showed an interest in her, and most of the time she was just scared or she was trying more powers. Even her betrayal to gain power didn't affect the overall story much.

Overall, this book was okay. It did have some redeeming qualities, the magic for one. The author did a great job of hooking me in and making me want to keep reading, because all of the worlds intrigued me. I wish we could've seen more of the different worlds, and what they're like rather than just a basic description of it. I decided to give this book two-and-a-half stars because it has lots of potential, but it could use some improvement.

"It was as if Predilon pulled his worst fear right out of his dream, and brought it here to face him once again"

"Emily's hair shimmered with the power of the sun, appearing like a flame dancing about in a breeze. A wind flowed through the depths of the root grove, catching at the skirt of her yellow dress. Her skin ignited in a current of shimmering power. For a moment it captivated him. He had never seen her so beautiful before, but he knew it couldn't be a good thing"

-RadioactiveBookworm- says

Goodreads Synopsis: Imagine having your world turned upside down. You realize that nothing is what it seems.

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My Review: I'm going to be honest here. When I requested this book from netgalley, I thought it was going to be better. The synopsis on there made it sound a lot better than it was. I'm disappointed. I was expecting this epic book that wrapped itself up quickly. What I got was something I couldn't stay interested in, and kept skimming through it. I know, harsh, but come on. It's gotta be done. The characters weren't really interesting. Most of them disappeared and we never read about them again. Though the storyline was a good idea, it wasn't executed very well. There was a cheesy love triangle between Emily, Ashe, and Blaze. It was awful. She definitely picked the wrong person, in my opinion. The characters were boring to learn about. It started out as a good story in the beginning, but after the rock exploded and no one knew what happened, I lost interest. There was insta-love between Ashe and Emily that I didn't like. The first guys that the main characters actually fought were a mix of the two things that the characters were most afraid of, and I don't like that. I dunno. I just didn't like this book.

Thanks for reading, here's a link to my blog!

radioactivebookreviews.wordpress.com

Malinda says

The plot description for this book only gives you half of the story. There is a surprise in store for the reader. A unique concept in the true identity of the main characters. Can't say much more without giving things away. It is a short book but sets the scene well for a sequel.

I am confused as to whether there is one or will be one as this title is listed in many ways such as parts 1-5. I think what I read was all of them in one book. A bit confusing.

I enjoy her writing as the story flowed quickly and that is the kind of reader I am. I will certainly look for more of her books as she publishes more.

Wendy says

Thanks to NetGalley for the ARC in exchange for an honest review

This book had some potential but I had a couple of problems with it. There wasn't enough details, things moved along too quickly, some confusion, it was a bit boring, but most of all the characters! EMily had the

potential to be a bad ass but she was whiny and was obsessed with Ashe the second they saw each other. And he was such downer too and kept talking about Emily like she was the answer to everything. The only thing I liked about it is that it was short. Sorry to think about this about a book but I wish it reached its full potential.

Emily says

The concept and the summary of *Sun and Moon* drew my attention right away. It sounded like such a unique book and I was excited to dive into reading. However, it feels like it's an early draft in desperate need of editing.

Generally, I am not one to complain about typos and formatting issues, however there were several poorly written sentences that I had to re-read several times, and still was unable to understand them. There were also several spots where a sentence would be chopped and a new paragraph would begin.

The plot of the book felt choppy. It felt to me like the author wrote an outline, crammed all the pieces into a first draft and only went over it a few times. The transitions were poor from one scene to the next. It also felt like the book started out on one path and then suddenly shifted in a new direction.

The characters were so-so. The book was so rushed that there was little time for character development. Emily seems ok, and I'm sure I would like her if I was able to get to know her. The other characters felt a bit flat to me.

Overall, I think the book has the potential to be good, but it is in some desperate need of editing and fleshing out.

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Ashley says

Sun And Moon immediately drew my attention from the synopsis but as I started reading it I felt as though I couldn't really get into the book. I didn't feel the writing was strong and the characters were flat. To be honest, I couldn't finish the book. I only got maybe, 25% into it but had to put it down.

Yee Books says

I just couldn't finish this...I just did not like it.

The cover and title are pretty to look at, but the story is just meh.

Meh how? Well...

From the very beginning it wreaked of, yes, 'insta-love'. I just hated it. There was no reason for any attraction whatsoever except for the fact that she is a girl and he is a guy...Bleh.

Now I know that some books are short that are good, but this one is only 154 pages. Its very, very short and felt as if it was a story that was being rushed to be written and shoved out there for readers. It just felt like there was no heart put into this book.

The characters were just too flat for me. As I said, the only reason they had any interest in each other was the fact they were the opposite sex.

The writing was okay. It wasn't the worst and it wasn't the greatest. It didn't grab or reach out to me and make me squeal. It was just okay. You know, your average joe. You know, THAT guy. The one who has no real specialness to him. The one who just exists to exist. THAT one.

Where was I?

Okay well, I didn't finish this book. I'm kinda ashamed that I didn't since I read a lot of books. But this was just eh for me. And I'd like to review other books.

Aurélie (Exploring Pages) says

This review appears on RelleReads. Check it out for reviews, writing and more! Nope, kidding. Just those two.

Sun and Moon is that kind of novella you start reading, with no high expectations because you don't know what to expect. Not only didn't synopsis make much sense, but neither did the entire book. It was full of clichés, unrealistic character development and flat characters in general. It contained all the elements I don't like in a book: from insta-love to confusing writing when it's really not necessary. One moment she's going home and a few sentences later there's an explosion and chaos. The way it's written now makes it seem like it's very rushed. It's clear that the author wanted to have something special in her writing style and failed miserably.

It may have had potential to be good, yet it went against my expectations. It just wasn't my cup of tea.

Monica says

I received a copy of this book through Netgalley for an honest review. The premise of Sun and Moon intrigued me. A world filled with magic suddenly and unexpectedly gets that magic taken away, and the story follows two young people that are caught in the middle of this event's aftermath. Unfortunately, this story by author Elizabeth Paradise turned out to be an indie novel that still needs a lot of work. There were a significant amount of typos in the book. So many, in fact, that they were distracting from the book's plot. The book was set up well, but after the first few chapters the story seemed very rushed, and it was hard to care for either of the protagonists.

Extended Review at:

<http://avidfantasyreviews.wordpress.c...>

Julie Baswell says

This book was a very short read, 126 pages. Its setting is a world with everyone having a form of magic, and having a rating on their abilities. Of course, the main character is the only one with no magic and is considered a "zero". The day another zero appears, things happen, people disappear, and the two zeroes suddenly have powerful magic.

I enjoyed reading this but it ended as soon as the action got started. I will definitely read the continuing story.

Rapunzel says

Not going to go into detail on this one, because sometimes I feel like too much ranting takes away from the most important things that need to be fixed.

- 1) The sentence structure and writing: it wasn't the worse I've ever read (I've read some *really* terrible writing), but at times it was so bad I literally could not focus on the story, I was so hung up about the fact that it flowed about as well as a clogged river.
- 2) Flat characters. They lack depth. Enough said.
- 3) Instalove: when Ashe was introduced, I practically made up my mind about the heroine. "I'd never felt this giddy about a boy before." And this is when she sees him for the first time.
- 4) I thought perhaps a combination of simple plot, character, and writing would mark this book as more of a middle-grade rather than a YA, but sadly I was mistaken. The themes do get more complex, but not in a way that makes up for this books shortcomings.

Sorry, but was largely unimpressed with this one.

Jonathan says

Please note I received an ARC from publisher via Netgallery. This my first experience with Elizabeth's writing. Firstly whoever did the cover for the author did a really good job. I'd give 5 stars for the cover alone if we could rate covers. The author writes on her goodreads page that she writes to inspire people. Consider me inspired and I really loved the book. She includes a preview of her book *The lost Dreamer* in the end which I thought was a good idea.

Kirsty (Amethyst Bookwurm) says

This and my other reviews can be found at <http://amethystbookwurm.blogspot.co.uk/>

Thanks to Netgalley and Indie Inked for giving me this book to review.

In a world where everyone is ranked on how powerful their magic is, Emily is an outcast and thought she was the only one born without any magic. That is until she meets Ashe and is instantly drawn to him. When the source of magic on their world is destroyed, everyone but Emily, Ashe, Emily's friend Blaze and a girl called Raelyn have disappeared and Emily and Ashe have developed powers. They have to fight to find out who they are and to save the lives of not just their world but other worlds that are dying.

Sun and Moon is an OK fantasy book, but while at the start fitted the description of the book, about halfway through the story, it changed and made it really hard to follow.

Emily was an interesting character with her struggle against destruction and the hard time she had with people judging her because of her lack of power. However, I found Ashe dull and seemed to have not much personality.

Overall Sun and Moon is an interesting concept but a bit let down by the story and the characters.
