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Working with the ex you secretly love to save the souls of the innocent is almost as bad as working with a mighty battle unicorn who would be thrilled to watch you plummet to your death.

Scout is used to pain. Her body has been broken, her heart has been broken, and the only thing keeping her together is her relationship with her younger sister. Lil Bit believes in unicorns and terrifying monsters she calls soul stealers. But unicorns and monsters aren't real...are they?

When Lil Bit falls prey to the mysterious disease sweeping the country, Scout has two options – believe the doctors who say it's a pandemic or believe Lil Bit, who says it's the soul stealers. She chooses her sister and goes looking for the unicorns who are supposed to save them. What she finds aren't the cute pastel mythical creatures she expects. Battle unicorns are big and tough and full of attitude. Who knew?

Unicorns are real and so are the monsters. Soul stealers are reaping the souls of the innocent, and the unicorns are fighting to stop them. But to save the world, they need the help of humans – the enemy they're dying to protect. And first to sign up for the fight is the ex-boyfriend Scout's heart won't stop loving, no matter how determined she is to hate him.

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Pam says

Scout has been broken in more ways than one. The one person she trust completely is her little sister Lil Bit. Lil Bit is very special and sees unicorns and knows things. She knows Soul Stealers are on their way and the cause of an epidemic. Now she has to see if she really believes Lil Bit as it is up to her to save her town. She goes on the hunt for unicorns and is surprised at what she finds. Scout now has to help the unicorns fight the soul stealers but she has to learn to let go of all her pain. That is hard to do when the source of most of her pain is right with her. Her ex boyfriend just won't let go of her and wants to help her. Scout has to prepare for the battle of her life.

Scout has been hurt physically and mentally in her past. She holds a lot of anger inside her. Her one ray of sunshine is Lil Bit. She is also very tough as she battles pain to make Lil Bit happy. I really liked her as she has so much fire in her. Lil Bit is very special to Scout and I can see why. She is an innocent but very sweet person. Trey I did like even if he made a few mistakes. He did keep trying so I have to give him credit.

I love unicorns and as soon I saw this book I wanted to read it. It is so amazing and different. You get to know all about Scout and the others and what they have been through. It's not just the humans you get to know but the unicorns as well. You see why this battle rages on and what caused it. I love the scenes where the unicorns live it is a very magical place. I have to sat Scout got paired up with Ashra and they are the perfect match. they both have so much spirit and fire that they make a great team. I will say the one character I didn't like is Kylin I wanted to smack this girl so bad. This is packed full of adventure and is a magical journey. If you grew up loving unicorns you will love this book. I simply can't wait for the next one. I have to know what happens next.

Iris says

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Ik hoefde maar een blik op de cover of blurb te werpen om te beslissen dat ik Warrior Beautiful wilde lezen. Ik bedoel, het gaat over EENHOORNS! Hoe vaak kom je nu boeken tegen waarin deze prachtige en magische wezens centraal staan? Nou? Waarschijnlijk weet je er niet echt veel op te noemen... Daar moet toch echt eens verandering in komen. Eenhoorns zijn super mooie mythische wezens waar ik graag meer over wil lezen!

Vol enthousiasme begon ik dus aan dit boek, denkende dat ik in een heel andere wereld zou belanden vol met eenhoorns en weet ik niet wat. Om daarna helaas alleen tot de ontdekking te komen dat het zich afspeelt in het hier en nu. Op aarde. In deze tijd? Oké, daar had ik even een omschakel momentje voor nodig, maar het pakte gelukkig heel goed uit. Zo kom je namelijk te weten waar de eenhoorns zich in onze wereld verborgen houden! Ze bestaan dus echt ;) !

Scout is, samen met Troy, de hoofdpersoon van dit verhaal. Ze is een geweldig personage om over te lezen. Ze heeft pit, is niet bang aangelegd en heeft alles over voor haar geliefden. Je leert haar aan het begin kennen als iemand die in haar korte leven al veel heeft meegemaakt. Van een levensgevaarlijk ongeluk, waardoor ze dagelijks nog steeds veel pijn heeft en haar grote liefde, dansen, niet echt goed meer kan uitoefenen, tot het verdriet dat haar ex-vriendje heeft veroorzaakt en om wie ze nu nog veel geeft. Zo veel pijn en verdriet dat

ze met zich meeneemt... Gelukkig heeft ze haar kleine zusje, Little Bit (echte naam Veronica ;)) nog. Zij is haar stralende middelpunt. De balm die haar wonden verzacht. Diegene voor wie ze alles op alles zal zetten om haar terug te krijgen van de verschrikkelijke Soul Stealers!

Daarnaast hebben we Trey, die gebukt onder een mega groot schuld gevoel keer op keer verkeerde keuzes maakt met alle (irritante) gevolgen van dien. Met hem had ik dan ook een minder grote klik. Ik begreep wel een beetje waarom hij sommige beslissingen maakt, maar aan de andere kant ook weer niet. Voeg daar zijn zeer irritante en enorm op de zenuwen wekkende egoïstische vriendin aan toe en ik wilde hem het liefst door elkaar schudden. Gelukkig is Warrior Beautiful ook voor hem een reis om de keuzes die hij gemaakt heeft te accepteren, de gevolgen ervan in te zien en daarnaar handelen. Dus helemaal unhappy met hem ben ik ook weer niet ;)

Dan hebben we natuurlijk ook nog eenhoorns in overvloed in dit verhaal, die bovendien kunnen vliegen :D ! Elk met een eigen stem en persoonlijkheid. Zo is er Ashra, die heerlijk sarcastisch kan zijn. Torz, de jongeling met een hart van goud en Havik, de onverschrokken leider. Samen met de andere eenhoorns leven ze in een prachtig paradijs, dat door één man ruw verstoord werd. Met alle gevolgen van dien, waardoor ze nu de wereld tegen de Soul Stealers moeten beschermen. Ooh, wat was het af en toe spannend! Ik heb echt op het puntje van mijn stoel gezeten :)

Conclusie

Warrior Beautiful is een heel leuk verhaal over beeldschone wezens waar veel meer over gescheven mag worden. Het bevat hoofdpersonages die nergens voor terugdeinzen en het hart op de juiste plaats hebben zitten. Een spannend en meeslepend verhaal vol magie en enge soul stealers. Een must-read voor elke eenhoorn liefhebber ;) !

Anna says

I have read very few young adult books about unicorns. I feel like they are hard to come by, especially ones in a contemporary setting like this novel. So when I was approached about doing this blog tour and writing a review, I jumped headfirst into it with the hopeful assumption that I would really enjoy it. Thankfully I was right and absolutely loved it! The main character and heroine of the novel, Scout, is still recovering from a car accident that almost took away her ability to walk a year ago. The only person she feels truly understands her is Lil Bit, her truly special younger sister, who everyone else is busy telling she needs to change and she's crazy. Because Lil Bit believes wholeheartedly in unicorns and their nemeses, soul stealers. Scout believes that Lil Bit is telling the truth as she sees it, not intentionally lying. But she's not sure whether or not to believe that either phenomenon is real, even though she might've seen a unicorn in the hospital after the accident. Scout is full of hurt and anger, but her family loyalty was something fierce to behold that I truly admired. I understand the feeling that you would walk through fire to get back your sibling from danger.

Trey is the other side of the coin, Scout's ex-boyfriend who abandoned her after the accident they were in together and now regrets his awful decision. He's wrestling with guilt over Scout's injuries and he's still in love with her, even though he's in a relationship with a girl named Kylin. But when the soul stealers attack the entire town, including Trey's family, he and Scout are taken to Paradesos to train with the battle unicorns to attack and kill the evil beings. He immediately bonds with a unicorn named Torz, while Scout has a tentative understanding with a sarcastic unicorn named Astra who has also suffered great pain in her life. A huge chunk of this book was set in Paradesos, while both teens were training to become warriors with their

respective unicorns, and it was definitely some interesting world-building that I enjoyed reading. I really enjoyed the in-depth characterizations and the fact that this book was in third-person omniscient. It really let me get an inside look at both Trey AND Scout's feelings, so I never ended up hating Trey for his mistakes with Scout, or vice versa. Probably the most beautiful part of the book for me was the sister-to-sister relationship between Lil Bit and Scout. I also appreciated the fact that this book was clean. It was nice to read a book where the romance was key, but it didn't become the entire novel and the author didn't use it as an excuse to get nasty.

Overall, I really enjoyed reading this one. I had a hard time putting it down to go to bed, desperately wanting to know what happened next! There is a REALLY big cliffhanger at the end, and I cannot wait to read the next book. Exactly the right balance of action and everything else, probably my only complaint would be how heavy the angst between Scout and Trey got. I am not a fan of angst and it became a focus point for me a little too long. Otherwise, I could find no real faults with this one! I highly recommend it to anyone in search of a good book involving some unicorns (be warned, these ones are rather fierce) and some interesting worldbuilding!

VERDICT: 4.5/5 Stars

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Tammy Hall says

I was absolutely blown away by this book! I entered it not sure what would happen or if I would even like. I didn't like it I loved it! I want more! Warrior Beautiful is exactly that, beautiful! This book holds nothing back from the reader at all. The amazing battle scenes were as epic as Harry Potter and that's saying a lot coming from a huge Harry fan. I couldn't put this book down I blazed through it. Feeling like I had fought some of the battles myself right along side the main character Scout. Scout is a beautiful girl with a huge heart especially where her sister Lil Bit is concerned. Scout finds herself in some gut wrenching battles to save the one person who has the heart of a true believer. I will be keeping this book on my reread shelf and will be excitedly awaiting the next in the series!

Paula Berinstein says

I found this book interesting for two reasons: 1) I haven't read a book about unicorns before, and certainly not warrior unicorns, and 2) The protagonist wasn't the character I expected it to be. As a result the story was full of cool twists.

This is the kind of book that begs to be filmed. The visual aspects are so breathtaking that it's a treat to imagine them. I'd love to see what a variety of filmmakers would do with the design. The unicorns are huge, glossy, and magical; the world they inhabit is drop-dead gorgeous. Lots of fodder for visual artists here (pun intended).

While I enjoyed the premise of the romance, the characters felt a bit distant to me. I think this was because we weren't deep enough into their heads, which is not to say that the story should have been written in first person. I just felt that we didn't see enough of the processes that led to their feelings, especially in the case of Trey. The lovers were special to each other and yet I couldn't quite see why.

I'm interested to see how Kylin's role develops in the series. She was so whiny throughout the story and then at the end . . . I won't spoil it. Suffice it to say that she began to show promise.

I received an ARC from the author but my opinions are my own.

Cali Jewel says

This is a action packed adventure through a world of magic and wonder. Scout is a very smart and strong leading lady but her little sister sure does steal the show with her amazing world view. Lil Bit is so unique you can't help but adore her. Trey is just so perfect for the role of helping her and Lil Bit save the world from Soul Stealing evil. The Unicorns in this world are so unique and interesting to read about I found myself reading the entire book in one night just completely fascinated by this take on a world protected by these amazing animals and their reluctant partnership with human riders. So excited to visit this world again and see what happens next.

Enika says

I really enjoyed this story. The characters were well fleshed out, even the unicorn ones. One of the things I admire about Wendy Knight's books is that the heroine is very strong and capable, the type of girl I would want my daughter to read about and want to relate to. I appreciate the clean language as well. The story is imaginative and fresh, and it has...talking unicorns! Overall, an excellent read.

Jen Wylie says

I opened up Warrior Beautiful.. just to read a chapter or two, and didn't come up until the last page. Grrrr This is another wonderful read by Wendy Knight, who has a knack for pulling you in to a wonderful story. I love unicorns, so especially enjoyed this book.

Scout was a wonderful MC and I really enjoyed the relationship she had with her sister.

Now Trey... Trey, Trey, Trey. Their relationship, or current lack thereof and how this came to be was very well done. This was something I haven't read a lot of in YA and found it very refreshing.

Definitely recommend.

Christy says

I received a free copy of this book to read and review for Wicked Reads.

As a little girl, I loved Unicorns! I cannot remember how many times I asked for one as a pet...lol. Wendy Knight has brought me my beloved Unicorns, in a way that I have never imagined. Scout is a heartbroken and bitter teenage girl, whose only love and friend, is her sister Lil Bit. Lil Bit is so much more than Scout's little sister though. She knows when things are coming or are going to happen; no one wants to listen to her though. Scout tries her best to be there for Lil Bit, then things go horrible wrong. Scout's entire town is taken by the Unicorn's enemy! The person she wants the least to do with and her much ride the Warrior Unicorns to save THE WORLD. Scout is not ready to face this or to work with the one who broke her heart and his new girlfriend. Oddly either she is her unicorn. Though the bond of bitterness they fight fiercer than anyone.

Will it be enough to defeat what must be defeated, another book can only tell. Wendy Knight's book gives us a new mythology for a well know beloved creature. This book is on my reread list and pinned for the next book as well.

Jedi Christy

Shantal says

This book needs to be made into a movie--stat!!! I always go into reading YA novels a little unsure of what to expect. Some I really enjoy and totally get and others just make me laugh out loud. With those, somehow I just can't suspend my disbelief. Not a problem here:) Warrior Beautiful, however, reminds me of J.K. Rowling and Rick Riordan rolled into one. That's how epic the battle scenes are in this book. They are so descriptive and full of such great action, I couldn't help but wonder what graphic artists and cgi techs could do with it on film.

The other thing I really enjoyed about this book is how the author ramps up the stakes for the characters in every single chapter. You think that they've experienced all they can handle . . . until the next chapter and it just get worse, but then you empathize so much with them and how they decide to solve it. I also really admired Scout's love for her sister and the sacrifices she is willing to make for her. Scout's relationship with Trey was painful to watch unfold. She has so much to hold against him. The author has you wondering the whole time if it is beyond repair. Since Warrior Beautiful ends on a cliffhanger, I'm quite excited for the next installment.

Jessica says

I received this book for free to read and review as part of the Wicked Reads Review team

This book has a really good plot. I like that kids are the riders of the unicorns. The typical unicorn is basically what most people consider white and just hangs out in the forest or something BUT Wendy Knight's unicorns they fight demons. They're pegasus unicorns and each unicorn has a different kind of color for the group they are in. Like the battle unicorns or the healing unicorns.

I liked Lil Bit, even though people tell her that these things were not real she kept believing.

The story is very detailed, you can actually picture things in the book; like a movie in your head.

I would recommend this to my friends and I am 13 years old.

JAC, Loner, Loser and Complicated Mess says

This book had a rough start. There were editing issues that drove me crazy especially the authors repeated use of the characters names in the same sentence and paragraph. Thankfully it didn't take long for it to smooth out and I was able to concentrate on the story.

I'm glad I persevered because this was an awesome book. Unicorns aren't a common subject for books,

probably because of the tendency to see them as slightly ridiculous fantasies suitable only for girly girls. But this series really created some kickass warrior unicorns that destroy demons and would be happy to kick most humans in the teeth.

Interesting subject matter, good story and nonstop action. I highly recommend these books.

Tia Bach says

Scout suffers from physical and emotional pain. And, as much as she tries to avoid her former boyfriend, Trey, the one she can't help still caring about, she can't. Thankfully she has her little sister, Lil Bit, Scout's one saving grace. Many say her sister is "special"--she believes in unicorns and soul stealers--and needs help.

Scout adores Lil Bit but is skeptical of her sister's claims, until a fateful day where the only way to save the people she loves is to believe. Trey is at her side, his family also at risk, and willing to fight. Can they save their loved ones? Can they find their way back to each other?

I've always loved unicorns, so when I first picked this book up, I was worried it wouldn't live up to my expectations. That feeling didn't last past the first page. Scout is a well-developed and memorable character--her pain is searing, yet she fights for what she believes in. But some of the most interesting characters in the book are the various unicorns, and the author does an amazing job creating them and their world. Moviemakers take note and snatch the rights to this book before someone else does!

Reading this book is like riding a roller coaster through a magical land. There's never a dull moment, and it often takes your breath away. Then, it comes to a sudden stop and all you want is more. Note: this book does end on quite the cliffhanger. Book two can't get here soon enough.

I highly recommend this book to fans of the fantasy genre and anyone who loves to escape into a great story. It's a thrilling ride. But, at its heart, it's a story about love, survival, and strength.

Note: I received a complimentary copy for review purposes. A positive review was not requested or guaranteed; the opinions expressed are my own.

Michele Roberts says

Honestly, I was a little hesitant to pick this one up. Did you say unicorns? But since I have a track record for loving wizards, vampires, and body stealers, I thought why not? Glad I did! I feel in love with the characters and loved the book!

Melanie says

Trey and Scout used to be the "it" couple. Until the accident. And Trey broke her heart. She's now back in school and he's trying to make amends but she wants nothing to do with him. Because it hurts too much. And he has a new girlfriend, anyway--Kylin. The only person Scout wants to be close to is her younger sister, Lil' Bit. There's a pandemic sweeping the country and it finds Scout's and Trey's families but they are able to escape with the help of unicorns. Kylin comes, too, which adds extra fun to the mix. As they learn the truth about what's happening and how to stop it, will they be able to do what needs to be done?

Scout is in a lot of pain, both physically and emotionally. I feel for her and want her to be happy. The unicorns aren't able to heal her completely because she's got so much anger and bitterness inside. I really liked what she was able to learn about forgiveness towards the end of the book.

The unicorns are amazing! I'm not usually interested in unicorn stories but I loved Feudlings so much that I decided to give this a try. I'm glad I did. There is some conflict between Scout and her unicorn, Ashra, which was humorous at times. I enjoyed reading about their relationship as much as her relationship with Trey.

Trey is a confused guy, haha. I understand why Scout is so upset with him and feels love/hate towards him. He makes some typical teenage guy choices and finds himself in a mess that he wants out of but isn't sure how to go about doing it. We get the story from his POV at times so we know how he's really feeling and it isn't difficult to figure out what he will ultimately do. It will be interesting to see what happens next in their relationship.

Warrior Beautiful is a fun book to read and one I would recommend, no matter how you feel about unicorns. The ending sets up the second book nicely and I'm looking forward to hearing when that book will be released!

Mel's Shelves
