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Twelve-year-old Audrey Wyatt bears the unfortunate nickname "Odd." A name, even her bar hopping, alcoholic mother uses--when she's sober enough even to recognize the girl. Odd doesn't protest. This is her life and it can be no other way, not when she's deformed as she is.

Born with a combination of rare birth defects, Odd's eyes are a startling and dreadful red. Demon eyes is the first thought that springs to mind and the little girl takes care to hide them behind dark sunglasses. This is something her mother insists on, except when she's trading freak show peeks for dollars or drinks, a practice that is a nightly torture for the girl.

Yet when her mom abandons her, Odd discovers that loneliness and fear of the unknown are far worse than being a freak. Desperate for the least love, the girl with red eyes begins a quest through the American underclass that takes her halfway across the country. She thinks her adventure is a search for her mother, but in truth she's after so much more.

Sprite Details

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Sam says

I absolutely love this book! Totally recommended! This is a story about a young girl trying to find her mother, but really shes finding herself. The main character, Sprite really grows, shes a strong female lead. Thats what I love about this book, I mean shes practically fearless. Her character really grows by the end of the book, and shes like a new person. Its really hard to find strong female leads in books these days so I was happy to have read this book. She is not strong physically but mentally and thats what I like. There was not a single boring moment in this book and I wouldn't mind reading it again. It was also a book that made me all teary eyed. It was so sad. The sadness was like eating at my heart. When the book was over I was like what!?! I want more!! The heroine was awesome and the story was awesome, gawd I just totally loved it. I strongly recommend it!

Sala McCarthy-Stonex says

This book was so so so so sad. It was sad, depressing, harsh--yet it held so much hope. I cried a few times in this book, not gonna lie. This book was great. It really was.

Susan Visser says

I'm giving this book 5 stars despite the sloppy editing in some places. The story is that good! The author has figured out a way for a person to have a birth defect that the majority of people will find quite hard to take, but is easily hidden. You'll experience most emotions through the course of the book and love the growth of the main character. This book is another example that there are really great people in the world!

Kay says

Excellent book, bought and read in one sitting! literally couldn't put it down. I would recommend this to everyone, be warned though you may end up a little weepy!

Nikki says

I got sucked into this book in a surprising way. I started with the sample and was so into it that I was confused when it ended. Needless to say that I bought the book and then read it straight through except when I had to stop to get more tissues. Yeah, it was a tear-jerker, but a good one.

Carol says

Sprite by Peter Meredith is a change from the author's usual genre of horror. Instead is a story of a little girl trying to survive on her own and wanting love so much. The more that you read, the more you want to read.

Sprite, aka, Odd, aka Audrey Wyatt has a genetic condition called ocular albinism that cause her to have red eyes. She is afraid to let people see her eyes because they react with screams and some even accuse her of having demon eyes. Her mother habitually abandons her while she bar hops. Sprite has had no love from her self-centered mother. Her mother's focus was on getting men to buy her stuff and support her.

Sprite has missed a lot of school and has no friends. She wears sunglasses to prevent people from seeing her red eyes. Her glasses are a shield from their reactions. She desperately needs someone to love and care for her.

One day, her mother leaves her with a little bit of money for a few days of rent and Sprite has to scrounge for food as she tries to find her. Can you imagine having only a small bowl of pretzels to eat for a few days?

This very neglected and vulnerable twelve year old girl has been in foster homes so many times before and her latest experience was terrifying. She hears that her mother was in California and sets off on journey from the Midwest to find her. Mind you that with her sparse education she had little knowledge of how to find her or even where California was. On her journey she learns how to love a person, and is finally loved but also that the outside world was even scarier than she could imagine.

The characters are very well drawn, and as the pages go on you really sympathy for Sprite and want the best for her. The only negative that I have about this book is that the evil characters seemed a little one-dimensional. I didn't feel comfortable about the ending.

I enjoyed this story and would recommend it to my friends. This e-book was free and I was encouraged to read this e-book by the author but that had no influence on my review. My thoughts are my own.

Peter Meredith says

My favorite book. The character, Odd, took over what was supposed to be a horror story and changed it to suit herself. She became the story.

Linda says

I originally read an excerpt of Sprite prior to the full length of the novel being available. With just an intro, I was hooked, and got my full copy as soon as I could. I fell in love with this little girl, bit by bit, until I wanted to adopt her myself!

The author does not waste the readers time with grammar issues, so common in many kindle books. The writing is beautiful and simplistic, making it easy for the reader to endear themselves in the complex emotional events in the book.

My only warning is this: make sure you have tissues close by.

Adriana Maria Pettepier says

All I have to say this is an amazing book. I don't want to say anything because I feel like I'll give so much away. All I have to say is this book needs to be read :D

Kylee Dyer says

Sprite wasn't at all what I was expecting. I thought it would be paranormal fantasy. Instead it is maybe the saddest story that I ever loved. By that I mean I don't really like these sorts of books, but I was just caught up in it so fast and couldn't put it down.

Doreen says

Such a sweet book. This is the story of Odd(Audrey) a 12 year old girl who has three huge problems:

1. Odd's eyes are grotesquely red and tend to freak people out. It's so bad that she can't go to school or really anywhere without her sun glasses.
2. Odd's mother is an alcoholic, selfish B***** who abandons her on a whim, leaving her with a few dollars, a motel room that's paid up for a week and a promise to return. A promise she breaks.
3. Odd's world sucks and seems to be populated with the lowest form of people: pedophiles, rapists, crack-heads, and perhaps worst of all, people who have just given up on life.

Despite all of this Odd perseveres in her search for her mother and does so in such a way that I fell in love with her. I cried when she cried, and laughed when she laughed, and hurt at her every predicament. On a journey across America she finds there is more to life than she ever thought possible. I highly recommend Sprite.

Jen says

Sprite is break your heart good. It was amazing all the trials Odd had to go through just to find her mom.

Stacy Mitchell says

What a heart crushing book. I finished this two days ago and I couldn't bring myself to pick up another book. Odd is a beautiful person. She isn't a character, not in my mind.

Karl Rundel says

Sprite...what can I say? I'm a grown man and I cried while reading this book. Peter Meredith brings a 12 year old girl to life with his words. It felt like I was reading about an actual person and sometimes it hurt my heart to continue, but I couldn't stop.

Jeanette says

Beautiful young lady...

Books are my greatest entertainment...a well written book is wonderful. This one is emotionally well written. Did it affect me? Oh yeah...

Odd-drey is a beautiful blond haired 10 year old little girl with a strange eye problem. Severe albinism has left her with red very sensitive eyes. Her mother(if you can call her that) insists she is a demon child. Odd & her mother exist in a world of bars, drugs & sketchy men. Cheap hotel rooms, it's all she knows. Her mother leaves for California with a truck driver promising to return the following week. The days come & go ...Odd is alone.

What can a 10 year old do? No money, no home...just the promise of foster homes where no one really wants this strange child.

Written with tremendous emotion, the author gives us Odd's world. Nasty foster homes, a system that is obviously broken, disreputable people who want the money more than the child.

Odd is different..a sweet loving child who is looking for something she's never had. Adventure & tears will follow as Odd makes her way cross country. She will find love but at what cost?

This is truly a remarkable book. I would recommend it to anyone who enjoys a nice, solid read! Get your tissue ready, you're goons need them!

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