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Molly says

Where do I even begin with this? I am trying SO HARD not to write a biased review guys... so just believe me. I actually HATE reading books that my friends wrote because I'm always worried 'what if I hate it'. Then I worry 'what if I love it and nobody believes me because I'm friends with the author?!' Well... let me tell you, THERE IS NO BIAS HERE. I loved this book and I will not lie. Sure there were moments of predictability, but that comes with the territory of MOST fiction. While I love books that have gut-wrenching twists... it is nice to have fun books that leave you just plain happy.

And this book does just that. Average girl, cute boy, monsters, kissing and SO MUCH SASS YOU CAN'T HANDLE THE SASS. I fucking LOVE Gabi. She has SO much sass, I was cracking up and quoting her and just I CANNOT get over her. I loved her voice. LOVED IT. And I loved her choices. I loved her flaws, and her way of thinking. I would totally be friends with her. She had me at 'I work at a Texas themed convenience store called the Convenience Corral'. And then when she went and knocked over a display of chips. HILARIOUS.

When Gabi faces down demons, secret organizations, and a dwindling wardrobe (because the cute guy who is slaying the demons and working for the secret organization keeps getting demon blood on her clothes and RUINING THEM) she does it with spunk. She doesn't run away and hide or cry. She doesn't become a target and she doesn't fall into any of the damsel in distress tropes. She is a fighter, and just looks at the situation and says 'ew, but okay, lets do this shit'.

Months ago I publicly announced that I thought Rafe was a dumb name for a character. I didn't know that Melissa had USED the name and effectively stuck my foot in my mouth and down my throat. I still hold true to that though, not a fan of the name. But maybe that's because all of the other Rafe's I've read about SUCK. This Rafe HE MADE ME CRY. Yes, I was sitting at work and Rafe is being all sincere because EVERYTHING he says just makes you want to hug him and be like WHO ARE YOU?! HOW ARE YOU SO ADORABLE?! but yeah. Real tears happened.

And Chloe, Gabi's sister... omfg she IS MY SISTER. I am just secretly wondering if she was modeled off my own sister. WHAT A LITTLE BRAT. She was such a real character to me, and I just loved the family dynamic so much.

I also loved Gabi's friends. It's so refreshing when the side characters also don't fall into the standard cliché's that most friends fall into in the YA genre. Penny and Harrison and Evan were all so well rounded and I just felt like I knew them. I've been friends with people like them before. I've had dumb fights with girls and had to deal with hot guys who are full of themselves.

Characters aside... there were some things that I did NOT see coming and like I said, there are moments of predictability, but then there are things just just blew me out of the water. I HAVE SO MANY QUESTIONS THAT NEED ANSWERS. And the demons! THEY ARE SO FREAKY. I loved the descriptions of them and the creepy ass names that Gabi gave them. I also like the set up of Silver Moon. We get enough information that we can understand, but there is still SO MUCH MORE to be learned.

And THE ENDING OMFG HOW CAN IT JUST END LIKE THAT. WHO WAS ON THE PHONE?! HOW COULD HE DO THAT. AHHHH! I need the sequel NOW!!!!

I would also like to note that I basically read this in less than 24 hour. COULD. NOT. PUT. IT. DOWN.

C.J. Burright says

The Sight Seer is an awesome debut from writer Melissa Giorgio. Gabi, a high school student whose highlight in life is working at the Convenience Corral, has a simple goal of getting through her four hour shift of boredom. Until a confrontation with a shoplifter—a demon—who stalks her home. Luckily, demon hunter Rafe Fitzgerald was in the neighborhood to save Gabi's patooty. When Rafe realizes Gabi can See demons, a talent he doesn't possess, he convinces her to team up with him, which leads to tons of trouble for Gabi and her family. The awkward, budding relationship between Gabi and Rafe is a delight to watch, and Gabi's personality adds a touch of fun to dangerous situations. Can't wait for the sequel.

Gabriela Scheinberg says

I loved the main character - Gabi. She was brilliant, really. Made the book so good. What I was kind of dissapointed was the way it ended... I thought it was a standalone but clearly the plot is set for a sequel... Oh well.

Yoshiblacklurvstoread Andino says

I don't really like Supernatural YA but this book was really fun to read. I finished it way too fast for my liking too! I loved Gabi, she was funny and let herself be too affected by cute Rafe.

Also, I liked Evan, can I keep him?

Erin says

I LOVE GABI. She is so sassy and great. XD What a refreshing difference from most YA protagonists! Love love love love! :D

April says

Oh goodness, where to start, where to start...

I loved Gabi and Rafe's relationship. They were so very *real*. And Gabi!! She wasn't perfect, but she also wasn't so imperfect that she was dislikable. I really enjoyed her interactions with Rafe and her thoughts about Evan. Her relationship with her dad was also very real and reminded me so much of my own relationship with my dad when I was a teen.

The action in the book was also a lot of fun to read. Parts of it had me tense because I wanted to see what

happened so very badly - but it was never a *bad* tense. Just the sort of tense that I want in a YA book. I also enjoyed the fact that swearing was kept to a minimum (unlike some of the other YA books I have read recently) - although there was some here and there, it was enough to be realistic without the F-bomb being dropped every third sentence (which was a bone I had to pick with books like Nick & Norah's Infinite Playlist).

The ending though!! Holy crap. I want the next book in the series out *now*. XD Talk about a cliffhanger ending... Giorgio really knows how to pull her readers in and make them actually truly care about the characters, as evidenced by the fact that I want to read the next in the series immediately (which is not always the case with series... even ones with cliffhanger endings, since sometimes those endings can be kind of dumb).

Well done on a wonderful book. I recommend this to pretty much everyone who wants a good, solid read with likable characters (well, for the most part...) and a fun plot.

Jessica (Goldenfurpro) says

This and other reviews can be found on The Psychotic Nerd

I received an ecopy of this book in exchange for an honest review.

MY THOUGHTS

This book has an idea that is very common in YA books (a teenage girl being able to see through glamour), but it was executed so well, and I loved it!

The book focuses on Gabi, who runs into a hideous shoplifting monster at work. Later, the same monster followed her home and she sees a boy fighting said monster. Turns out that the boy, Rafe, is a demon hunter and just saved her life, but is surprised to find out that Gabi has the Sight. Gabi is able to see through a demon's glamour, which is very uncommon for those who are not demon hunters. Rafe needs Gabi's help to hunt down demons.

I had issues with Gabi at first. I didn't particularly like her voice and I thought she was a bit immature. It also bothered me how long it took her to put together what was going on. As the book went on, I began to like Gabi and her voice. It still bothered me how long it took her to put things together, though.

As far as romance, I thought it was great! It didn't take up the entire plot and it wasn't an insta-love. Rafe is such a great character and I really like Gabi and his relationship.

The plot, while I've read many books with the general plot, became much more and surprised me. The book became very fact-paced once Gabi and Rafe met, and it was very thrilling!

IN CONCLUSION

This was a really great read! I had a few issues in the beginning, but I eventually grew to love both the plot and the characters! I'm definitely continuing the series! In fact, I have an ecopy of the next book waiting for me on my ereader!

Megan says

I don't have a whole lot to say about this book except to praise it's protagonist, Gabi. She is such a real person - easily one of the most realistic teenage girls I've read in a long time. She has quite the distinct voice, and is filled to the brim with sarcasm.

Thank goodness no love triangle. It's kind of refreshing for the main character to just date one person! No angst! Honestly, that's my favorite part of the book.

Melissa Giorgio says

Writing *The Sight Seer* was an amazing, incredible journey, and I'm so excited to finally share it with the world. Thanks for checking it out, and I hope you enjoy it!

Amy McNulty says

I've never read a YA paranormal with as much humor and as much heart as *The Sight Seer*. Can I tell you how much I love Gabi? She's smart, she's got a wicked sense of humor and she, unlike a lot of YA protagonists, knows there's more to life than romance--especially when she discovers there are demons in disguise all around her.

That said, there is a sweet romance in this book, and the guy that Gabi falls for actually deserves her affections. He's an actual person with complex characterization and not just a "omg, he's so hot and brooding and only thinks about me~" stereotype. (Although, yes, he is drool-worthy.)

And the supporting cast! Can I be the first to "claim" Evan as a book boyfriend? Thanks! ^^

This one's a page turner! Hope you all enjoy it as much as I did. I must read the sequel!

Kam Gardner says

I want this review to be completely honest and unbiased, since I know the author. So here goes.

I don't read a ton of YA; it just isn't my first choice of genre to read. But I do read it occasionally. That being said, I'll go into the review.

I actually had a hard time with Gabi at first. She just seemed a tad over dramatic and immature (yes, I know she's 16). But as the story progressed, I started liking her more. I would be totally happy without the high school drama crap (one reason I don't always enjoy YA), but it was a pretty small part and it worked out okay.

I did like Rafe a lot, though sometimes he was just a little unrealistic to me. The storyline itself was great, and I enjoyed the different descriptions of the demons. The book moved really quickly, which I also enjoyed. Evan was great; he's definitely my favorite character. And no love triangle! I was really happy about that. I'm interested to see what happens in the next book, and how the characters will evolve.

L. Petunia says

Can't wait for #2!

Dawn says

I'll be very open and honest about the fact that I'm friends with the author (wow, I don't get many chances to say that!), but I'll try to keep my review as unbiased as I can, regardless of that fact.

Ok, so I'll admit, I don't read nearly as much YA Fiction as some of my friends do. Not that I don't like it or anything (I like plenty of stuff that's considered YA), I just usually don't go out of my way to read titles in that genre most of the time. So I wasn't really sure what to expect out of "The Sight Seer", since I hadn't really read much about it (I didn't want to spoil myself for when I actually got a chance to read it). It's not a long read, and the concept isn't anything terribly new; but that doesn't mean it's bad, not by a longshot.

The story revolves around young Gabi, who seems to be like any average teen girl, with normal problems. But an encounter at her part-time job soon reveals that she has the ability to see demons that walk amongst us, trying to disguise themselves as humans. She also meets Rafe, who is a demon hunter for a mysterious organization called Silver Moon...and conveniently, was born with the supernatural handicap of not being able to see demons (like apparently most demon hunters in this world can). After some convincing, the two team up to fight demons together, and young Gabi soon develops a bit of a (reluctant, at first) crush on the handsome demon hunter along the way.

Of course, something like demon hunting could never be THAT easy. The two soon stumble upon some demons that are too much for them alone; leading to an even more powerful foe from Rafe's past to deal with, as well as entangling someone Gabi holds dear into the mess. This leads to a "final battle" of sorts, as well as an ending that's left a bit open for a sequel.

Admittedly, the book started a little slow for me. At first I found Gabi to be a bit too "snarky teenager" for my tastes, but as the book progressed, you find that Gabi's not just a smart-ass. She's very genuine; and cares about her friends, family, and the people around her. I guess that, since when we first meet her, it's during one of her shifts at her abysmal job; I can't really blame her for coming off as a grouch at first. If I had to work at a Texan-themed convenience store, I'd probably seem just as miserable!

Gabi is also a very funny, take-no-nonsense, smart girl. That's not to say that she doesn't have her weak moments, but that's what makes her seem so real and human to the reader. I think many teenage girls would definitely be able to see parts of themselves in Gabi's character, and it's always refreshing to me to read a story with a main female character that doesn't spend half of the story waiting on her prince charming to show up and save the day. While Rafe is definitely the stronger of the duo, Gabi often proves that she has enough smarts and confidence to hold her own--and when she doesn't, well, at least she tries.

The rest of the book's cast is also well presented, for the most part. Gabi's friends are very genuine people who care about her, tease her, and even get into fights with her. Gabi's little sister is a pain; as are most younger siblings, and is written very realistically. Even Rafe, the seemingly perfect demon hunter with a heart of gold isn't ALWAYS perfect. Giorgio's done a great job creating believable, relatable human characters in this world full of magic and demons. A world that also has a lot of humor in it, which surprised me for a story in a genre that you'd normally wouldn't expect humor in. I think fans of such things as "Buffy the Vampire Slayer" or "Supernatural" would probably have a good time reading this book--smart humor, action, magic and demons, and a dash of romance. If you love those things, and you love YA fiction, I'd definitely recommend this book. I had a lot of fun reading it, and look forward to future stories with these characters.

Elizabeth Lance says

very much enjoyed the first book of The Sight Seer series! Gabi and Rafe make a great pair! Here's the blurb:

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The battle scenes are great, but it is the chemistry between Rafe and Gabi that really moves the story and leaves you wanting more! I can't wait to get my hands on book 2!

Sam says

I'm not going to lie, my review is going to be entirely biased because I am friends with the author. Even knowing this, I'm amazingly proud to be Melissa Giorgio friend, because her debut novel is a stunning, rich and honest story.

This book drew me in from the moment it started: Gabi's world is full of sass and sarcasm, and when it's flipped-turned-upside down, she still finds ways to spin humor into even the worst situations. What I particularly loved was her narrative voice -- she felt so honest and reacted in ways that felt so natural. The characters in this story were fleshed out in such a way that they didn't feel like props -- they were people, through and through. I found myself genuinely surprised as to how much I felt for the characters in this story, particularly Gabi's father who struggles to deal with raising two girls on his own, and his mannerisms reminding me of how my own mother responds in situations. I equally loved Chloe and Evan, as they were

both acting out in different ways to cope with their own problems.

But the character I particularly loved, was Rafe. I loved how goofy and sweet he is, but he also has this raw side that comes across so genuine. You believe the words he's telling you, he knows his flaws, he's not ashamed to admit to who he is, and I always appreciate characters like that. The chemistry between him and Gabi as felt very natural. The way they bantered back and forth really made me smile. Melissa does such an amazing job of never missing a beat when it comes to strengthening relationships between characters, something I think she is so talented at.

This story is such a fun ride, and the demon element is handled in such a way where it's creepy, quirky, and just plain fun. There's just enough action and romance for those who love the paranormal. I realize how biased I may sound, but I truly adored this story and I couldn't stop flipping pages because I wanted to see how the story changed and how these characters would grow. I sincerely can't wait to see the rest of Melissa's efforts, and I look forward to Gabi and Rafe's next endeavor.
