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For eighteen years a girl with no name, a Redwing, has been hidden away in a small attic room within a city of hissing pipes and curving temples perched on the side of the great volcano, Mol, while her sister, Jey-identical except for her eyes-has lived her life in public as an only child. Their father had hoped the hidden girl would one day grow up to be a normal human girl and not the wicked creature mythology has promised, so he secretly spared her life as an infant.

But when she switches places with her sister, striking up a flirtation with the son of the Empress while working in the royal gardens and gets attacks by two suspicious priests on her journey home, she is forced to call forth fire to protect herself, unleashing her previously dormant powers and letting her secret out. She soon catches the attention of a cult with a thousand year old grudge as well as a group of underground rebels, both seeking her for their own gain. But when her sister goes missing and the Redwing uncovers a great plot to awaken Mol and bring fiery destruction upon them all, she is forced to embrace her powers.

In Adi Rule's new novel, *The Hidden Twin*, the girl with no name, must choose a name and a path for herself, drawing a line between myth and history to prove herself more than a monster if she is to save both her sister and her home.

The Hidden Twin Details

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From Reader Review The Hidden Twin for online ebook

Karen says

This review was done by **KissinBlueKaren**

The premise for this The Hidden Twin was so interesting. This is a hard review to do because (the cover is gorgeous, and) I wanted so much to like this book.

A girl with no name is born a twin. She is identical to her sister, except she has blue eyes. Oh, and she is also a Redwing. Redwings are suppose to be a myth. Redwings are fire monster, born of lava, and so they are killed at birth. Spared by her human father she is kept a secret her whole life due to her possible identity. She lives through her sister's stories. When her sister agrees to trade places with her for just one day she manages to accidentally flirt with the most powerful son in the kingdom and gets identified by a cult of priests. When her sister is captured in an effort to draw her out, she face what she might actually be.

The Hidden Twin story started off pretty good. I liked the no name main character at first. She comes across as such a sweet and sheltered girl. Her father and sister seem like they are trying to protect her, at least at first. As the story progressed, it became clear that her sister was a bit bratty and her father was not really home much. I was a little confused when people were chasing the her. Then, when the one person she met on her one day out ended up being the most powerful son in the kingdom, I lost interest really fast.

First of all, the main character doesn't even have a name. So we start following this no name person who never leaves the house. Her history, or how she came to be, was pretty interesting, but that's it. She has no idea what she is, or even if she is a dangerous thing. All she knows is that her blood is black and her eyes are not the same as her sister's. Also, her family doesn't really know either. The only people who seem certain are the cult of priests. When faced with them, she does the most monstrous thing. It was hard to understand her motivations in this story. I didn't really feel anything for the girl with no name, or her mission.

The world building in this story left much to be desired. I know that the town is near a volcano, but other than that not much is given. I really had a hard time picturing the scenes and the characters in this story. The kingdom (?) isn't really explained much. We meet one royal player in this story. I didn't understand the slaves verses the workers at the palace. The difference wasn't clearly explained.

For me this story was a complete miss. I have to admit it did pick up and towards the end I felt like I had to see it through. This story was very character driven and I had a real hard time connecting with the characters. Sadly, I don't recommend this book.

Mlpmom (Book Reviewer) says

3.5 Stars

The Hidden Twin was a rather unexpectedly fun read that didn't take me long to get wrapped up in with the myth and lore of the Others and the Redwing and its memorable characters and circumstances.

With hidden meanings, lies, and mystery riddled throughout the pages, this ended up being a read that took

me by surprise and was compelling in both theory and writing.

I wish I could say more about it but I'm afraid I will give too much away. Instead this is a read that you really need to experience for yourself.

With a main character that desperately doesn't want to be a monster and is willing to do more than most to prove she isn't this story really will sweep you away and leave you wanting more by the end.

If you are looking for something different, a bit out there, and unlike most YA fantasy, this just might be the read for you.

ARC copy provided by the publisher in exchange for an honest review.

Dede says

O carte care mi-a plăcut mult! Sper că povestea nu se oprește aici, deoarece simt că nu s-a spus chiar totul? În mai sunt destule lucruri de lămurit. Vreau să cunosc mai bine personajele și să înțeleg unele decizii ce le-au influențat să facă anumite chestii pe parcursul acestei lecturi. În plus, chiar vreau o continuare, deoarece finalul pare unul care promite neapărat una!

Recenzia aici: <https://bookysme.wordpress.com/2017/0...>

Ashley M says

The Hidden Twin is about a girl that for a total of eighteen long dreadful years she has been hidden away in a small cramped attic room within a city of hissing pipes and curving temples perched on the side of the great volcano, while her sister, Jey-identical except for her eyes-has lived her life in the public as an only child. This girl doesn't have a name. Their father had hoped the hidden girl would one day grow up to be a normal human girl like everyone else, and not like the wicked creature mythology has promised, so he secretly spared her life as an infant. Everything changes when one day she switches places with her sister, and she explores the real world.

This story made me feel like I was on a hunt for a big mystery that felt like it would never end. I recommend this book to people who are interested in mystery and things that feel like they are going on for an eternity. This book reminded me so much of Daughters of Ruin in so many different ways, and if you liked that book you would for sure like this one. I loved this book and highly recommend it.

Monique says

3.5 stars

I received a copy of this book through NetGalley in exchange for an honest review

This took me a little while to get in to but I'm glad I stuck with it because it ended up being a great read. The writing is really compelling and I thought the world was populated with great characters.. Would definitely recommend.

Melissa ♥ Dog/Wolf Lover ♥ Martin says

MY BLOG: Melissa Martin's Reading List

This book was so cool! First off, the cover is stunning! I had no idea this book was going to be so good!

*******MILD SPOILERS*******

There were once twins born to a human and an Other. The one twin that was a Redwing was supposed to be killed at birth, but was not.

*******EXCERPTS*******

Redwing. A creature of twisted soul with the vengeance of the ancients burning under its skin, the result of an unholy union between a human and an Other.

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When Jey and I were born, somehow my parents convinced themselves we were both human. They even let the local priest of Rasus into our house to perform the holy branding on our splotchy little foreheads.

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But our mother was an Other, a princess of light and virtue straight out of a fairy tale. Jey and I are the forbidden product of an Other and a human--always twins, one human and one redwing. A redwing is supposed to be drowned by its parents at birth, but mine thought I was special. You just looked so much like a baby, my father says.

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Others are beings of light and justice, so it is only natural they feel no remorse in destroying creatures of evil destined to seek the destruction of all humans-creatures who fought alongside the monster Bet-Nef when he battled Dal Roet in the War of the Burning Land.

*******END EXCERPTS*******

So Jey and no name are sisters, twins. But no name is to always be hidden so she will not be killed for being a Redwing. They didn't even name her, which is sad... She will be known as Redwing. But she isn't an evil creature, she is special like her parents thought. She has something to do to protect the world and humans. It turns out the supposed good guys are the bad guys... isn't that always the way!

Redwing has to go through a lot of different trials, not only trying to keep herself hidden. I was upset at certain parts where her sister Jey put her in positions to get Redwing caught. Jey was being a spoiled girl.

Redwing manages to get a crush on a man in the book who turns out to be Royal. I mean, here you are a Redwing trying to hide and then you make friends with a Royal. Classic :-)

But there are a group loyal to the Redwing, they have been looking for Redwing because they know she isn't bad and can help the cause, they call themselves "Fog Walkers."

Redwing and her friends have to go through some extreme things to make a quest they are on, a reality.

I thought the characters in the book were great and well thought out. I loved so many of them and they all had a vital part in helping the world. In this particular book the author didn't make a huge world to meander through, it's just about the quest and the Redwing for the most part. I'm hoping there is going to be another book so we can branch out and see what Redwing is going to do next.

I would like to thank Netgalley and St. Martin's Press for the opportunity to read this book in exchange for my honest review.

Madalina Badin says

Nu stiu de ce, dar abia asteptam sa termin aceasta carte.

I-am dat 3 stelute, cred ca atatea merita :))

Nu stiu daca e din cauza cartii sau daca m-o fi prins pe mine intr-o pasa proasta, da' nu m-a dat pe spate deloc, si aveam ceva asteptari.

Am avut impresia ca autoarea nu m-a lasat sa descopar personajele, sa aflu care-i treaba cu ele :))

Stacee says

2.5 stars

I loved Adi's other book, so I was quite eager to dive into this one, even if I wasn't entirely sold on the premise.

I liked Redwing well enough. The first couple of chapters have her a bit timid, but as she starts switching places with her sister, the true personality comes out and she's quite sarcastic. There are a few other secondary characters who are amusing, but no one really stood out.

My main problem was the world building. For me, none of it made sense. It felt like there wasn't a real explanation to any of it. Almost like this was the second book, just picking up from the ending of the first one.

Overall, I loved the snark, but it was definitely missing something for me. From the reviews already posted, I'm definitely in the minority.

Huge thanks to Griffin Books and NetGalley for providing the arc in exchange for an honest review

Paige (Illegal in 3 Countries) says

Zzzzzzz.

Maria Nane says

Am citit multe distopii in ultimii ani de cand au devenit o moda, a?a c? am avut oarece a?tept?ri de la aceast? poveste. Nu ma ?ntreba?i de ce. Posibil sa fi fost din cauza descrierii, care este una foarte atr?g?toare... Am fost putin dezamagita, recunosc. Cartea asta nu vine cu nimic nou. Adic?, are niste denumiri noi si niste personaje mitologice, sa le zicem, inventate, dar ac?iunile lor sunt parca trase la indigo din cele alte patru milioane de distopii. Trebuie s? salveze pe cineva, este c?utat? de for?ele de ordine (Aici sunt popi si c?lug?ri, dar ati inteles ideea), tre sa gaseasca un lucru pentru a salva omenirea...etc. P?i, treburile astea sunt cam fumate, a?a c? pe ici pe colo m a cam luat somnul citind. Cartea nu este rea si nici prost scrisa, numai ca mi a l?sat impresia ca as reciti faze din multe alte c?r?i, acum toate adunate la un loc. Personajele sunt cam ?terse, nu se pune pret pe descrierile lor sau pe sentimente... mi s a parut totul un pic superficial. Ce pot sa admir la autor este faptul c? a avut inspira?ia s? inventeze atât de multe denumiri de plante si legende alea de adormit copiii. Nu serios, asta e ceea ce m a f?cut sa duc povestea la final. Nu ma interesa neaparat deznod?mântul, pt ca a fost previzibil de la ?nceput pân? la final, ci doar sa vad ce i a mai trecut autorului prin cap sa inventeze. Cred ca mi am dat seama care e problema cu povestea asta. Este foarte previzibil? si nu te mai incit? si nu te mai tine cu sufletul la gur? s? vezi ce urmeaz?. Modul ?n care autorul construie?te povestea este previzibil. Mda, clar asta nu mi a pl?cut.

Cred ca pe masura ce trece timpul, incep sa devin mai preten?ioas? cu privire la c?r?ile pe care le citesc poate si de aici lipsa de legatura cu aceasta carte. Nu m a dat pe spate, nu o consider pierdere de timp, dar nici nu intra in categoria c?r?ilor pe care le voi recomanda vreodata. Poate tinerilor de 15 ani sa le placă... ma gandesc, dar cam atat. 3 stele si cred ca nota de pe goodreads este una corect?.

Connie says

Source: I received a digital copy of this book from the publisher via Netgalley, thanks to St. Martin's Griffin and Netgalley.

Cost: Free

Hidden and alone.

For 18 years she has been nameless, she has been invisible while her identical twin walks in the daylight, she is condemned to shadows.

And all because of her blood, the wrong blood that flows through her

veins and the evil creature that mythology says that she is. Redwing. But after 18 years, she might be able to break free and show that there is more to her than her past, than the monster she has been labelled. She might be able to leave the shadows for good, she might earn a name other than Redwing.

I was actually pretty shocked by how much I enjoyed this book, I went in completely blind, expecting a YA contemporary or something with magic in it. I did not expect what I got, pure and utter YA Fantasy/dystopian/awesomeness.

I'd never even heard of this author before, and I'm kind of disappointed because I now know what I've missed out on.

I loved the point of view this book was written from, the idea that the main character was battling between good and evil within herself, that she didn't even have a proper name. I loved it. I also loved how she didn't depend on a man or any type of love interest in this book and she was pretty self sufficient.

My only quarrel with this book is that it takes a while to get into, but once you're over that, it's incredibly fast paced and enchanting.

Carrie says

Eighteen years ago a set of twins were born to a couple that the father was human and the mother was what was called an Other. When twins are born to a human/other couple one twin will be human but the second will become what is known as a Redwing. Redwings are feared and thought to be monsters so when discovered they will be killed at birth. The mother of this set of twins though gave her own life to protect her daughters.

Raised by her father with her sister Jey the Redwing twin was never even given her own name. She has lived in hiding her whole life barely ever coming out of their home. One day when her sister coaxes her out she runs into two priests when returning home that attack and try to capture her. This event starts a chain that brings our Redwing into a plot to save her city.

The Hidden Twin sounded very intriguing and had such a great looking cover that I couldn't help but want to read it. However when finished I just came away with an it was OK feeling unfortunately.

While the writing was good and on the surface very descriptive, unfortunately I felt myself waiting to find out more of the world in which this was taking place. It also felt like it got off to such a slow start and took me a while to figure out the characters and plot. There were also still a lot of questions left for me when it ended that might have made me love it more if ever answered.

Overall, a bit different of a story but I would have liked more depth to fall in love with it.

I received an advance copy from the publisher via NetGalley in exchange for an honest review.

For more reviews please visit <https://carriesbookreviews.wordpress....>

Shannon (It Starts At Midnight) says

You can find the full review and all the fancy and/or randomness that accompanies it at It Starts at Midnight I am going to go ahead and assume this book is a standalone, since I see no indication otherwise. That *does* affect my feelings, so I wanted to put that out there. You'll see why later. I tried to do some internet stalking, but found no mention of one- only several reviewers questioning if there would be one.

Anyway. This was a fairly even split of positives and negatives- so a middle rating is in order.

The Good:

The premise is kind of amazing, right? Right off the bat I enjoyed that her family didn't just cave to pressure and drown their baby. Because who drowns their baby!? But of course, now our unnamed main character lives- and that's about the only thing she does. She can't be seen anywhere near her twin, Jey, because obviously everyone will know she's a twin.

Twins switching places is always fun. I like it. I had friends who were twins, and they always switched in high school and even college. I had no idea how our teachers couldn't tell them apart, but they couldn't- or didn't care enough to. Anyway, I always enjoy this particular trope. Only Jey and No Name aren't exactly the same, because No Name has like, marks on her, and special powers, and is potentially evil. You know, the everyday things that all twins go through.

No Name is kind of badass and snarky, and I liked it. She doesn't agree with this "you're supposed to be dead" business. And once she has a taste of the world... well, she's fun. The thoughts in her head are a lot like the thoughts in *my* head, so that's fun. Plus, she's quite resourceful.

The rebel group is pretty great too. When they came into the picture, the book really picked up for me. They were smart, and they had plans, and they were going to *do* things to change this society. I approve!

The Not So Much

The aforementioned society is kind of confusing. There are all kinds of different baddies. And some of the priests are baddies? Or maybe all of them? See, it's really confusing. There were names and phrases that just *never* made sense to me, I think because there were so many of them that my brain stopped trying to compute.

To that end, the world-building was lacking for me too. It all takes place in one... country? City? I don't know, but there's royalty. So some kind of place ruled by people, but also priests. I kept wondering where the rest of the world was- or even *if* the was a "rest of the world". Maybe it was just this one place?

The sister, who had been an integral part of the story, turns into a real jerk and then is out of the picture for most of the time, with the occasional reference. Dad also handily goes missing for a great case of Parent-in-YA Syndrome. (Mom is dead, because I guess you die if you don't drown your devil baby.)

I didn't really feel a huge connection to any of the characters, even though I found some of them entertaining. There were just a lot of loose ends and unanswered questions for me when the book was done. While staying vague, there were loose ends romantically, with the main character's family members, with the world in general, and a lot of information about the "others" in general. So if there was a sequel, I think I could have been more satisfied with there being questions, but since this is currently a standalone, there were just too many topics that were unsettled.

Bottom Line: It was entertaining and I enjoyed certain aspects, but the confusion of the world and its

members and the general lack of connection and cohesion were turn offs.

Alexandra Haliga says

Recenzie: <http://pierdutiinliteratura.blogspot....>

Iubitorii de plante î?i vor imagina paradisul în timpul lecturii, la fel cum am f?cut ?i eu. Pasiunea fetelor ?i a tat?lui despre plante m-a f?cut s?-mi doresc ?i mai multe plante în camer? ?i s? am grij? ?i mai mult de ele. Jey ?i cu sora ei mi-au dat idee de o pasiune ?i anume plantele. Când le auzeam cum vorbeau despre plantele, le ?tiau numele f?r? re?ineri, ?tiau ce fac ?i la ce sunt folositoare, mi-au dat stare de fericire ?i m-au f?cut curioas?.

Sandra Deaconu says

A fost o lectur? pl?cut?, dar a? fi vrut mai mult. Premiza e interesant? ?i mi-au pl?cut personajele, îns? mi s-a p?rut prea concentrat? povestea, mai ales spre final.

„Îns? puterea are nevoie de team? ca s? supravie?uiasc?...”
