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The Outsiders Book Two

Eighteen years earlier, Charma lost her destined soul mate. Convinced he must be dead, she kept her fears to herself so as not to destroy the morale of the Outsiders who already live with a shaky prophecy as their only guide.

Dr. Jason Randall is a man used to getting what he wants. There has never been a problem he couldn't out think or a situation he wasn't capable of handling.

Now they are both hunted by not one but two demons as they lead the slowly forming group of Outsiders out of the darkness and back into the light. The two strong souls will have to decide if prophecy alone is enough reason to stay together through insane odds...or if love is their true fate.

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Arianna says

I received this complimentary galley from the author in exchange for an honest review.

This is the second book in the series, in which we focus on a different couple, Charma and her soul mate, while the main plot continues with the fate of the Outsiders.

What I liked: the age of the characters, which at the start I believe was oldish. Then I turned 30 myself and was all "yeah you rule, this is the best stage of my life". And I'm single. So yeah, now I believe that I'm waiting for my soul mate myself.

The secondary characters: I cannot wait for Eden's book. But I believe that Drew and Marina need to grow a bit more in order to have a book of their own.

What I disliked: Firstly, you may recall that in my review of the previous book I mentioned that it did have problems holding my attention. This one is better. For the most part. The last third was unnecessary long and repetitive, so I skipped a lot of pages.

My vote: 3,5 stars

Alexandra says

Charma's story is the main focus of this book. Charma had dreamed with her soul mate since she was little until suddenly at the age 12, she stopped feeling him anymore. She grew up thinking that her destiny was to be alone. Dr. Jason Randall, who doesn't know who or what the outsiders are, believed himself to be insane until Charma shows up at the hospital and helps him out of his demon trapped mind. Surprise! He is Charma's soul mate. Of course, he is a man with who prides himself on his logical and practical way of thinking. He doesn't believe in magic even though unexplained situations keep on occurring which in Charma's mind is a rejection of her. A new demon has entered in this battle against demon domination and new outsiders are found. Very good storytelling and world building. We get to understand the characters and their motivations better in this book.

Camille says

I didn't like the romance as much in this one because it was not as easy. And I'm guessing it will be the same with Drew and Marina's story.

SJ says

I received a free copy of this book and voluntarily decided to review it

The second book in the series and it was just as good as the first one. Excitement drama it has it all and I could not put it down

Looking forward to the next in the series

Kathleen Bruce says

This second installment of the Outsiders was even better than the first! And here we have Charma's story, who we met in the 1st book, and her other half Jason Randall, who we meet in a mental hospital. Who I found hard at first to like. But it was understandable seeing as he didn't grow up with the other Outsiders. And then i liked him. And then i didn't. Then i loved. I also liked that Charma didn't take any crap from him and held him to account. I loved Charma! I think people seriously underestimated her!

I also like that it expanded on what evil is and particularly the demon the Outsiders are supposed to fight. Plus there's a lot more to the demon and his role and his "family", one of who we meet. It's really starting to get interesting and i cant wait to see who's story it will be in the 3rd book!

I received a copy of this book from the author in exchange for an honest review

Denise H. says

Book 2 Outsiders..., by Rebecca Royce, an honest review for being given this book...

The "Outsiders", 19 children born on the same day, 18 and 1 born apart, the evil one...each one has another who is their "other half"...

Eighteen chosen Ones to defeat the Evil One.

In the first book, the first half is background, descriptions, and the story basics. Hang in there and you will be rewarded with a second half that will keep you on the edge of your seat. Deeply thought filled characters, an interesting mystery, and true romance make this series worthwhile !! Each person has a special power enhancement. Kal finds Isabelle, his other half, who doesn't know the Outsider's tale, but instinct tells her to believe Kal. They find her family dead, and Charma the healer, helps her from her coma. Isabelle wakes up on the Island off the coast of Maine, where they all live. Kal, Marina, Charma, Veli and Leonardo. Kal cares for her while explaining more to her. They kiss- they have totally erotic first time sex- now their powers are enhanced together. Isabelle can read minds and see dead people. She meets Veli, the guardian, Leonardo who enhances powers, Charma the healer, Marina the spell caster, and of course she is now with Kal, the warrior. Kal is powerful and his love is even more so. Trouble comes to their door, but Kal handles the problem. Is Drew, the cop who turns into a wolf, meant for Marina? Wow, there is a lot to deal with. Veli snaps, Leonardo strips his power, Leonardo is in charge, Kal is at the evil one's, and they must get him first, then the Abraxas books. What about Sebastien, the evil one, Alexa, and Gabriel??

Charma and Jason are the "other halves" here. She is his salvation and together they are wonderful. Interesting mystery, deep feeling characters, building upon each book in the series, and hot sex, make this series worth it.

Can't wait to read more.... ENJOY !!!

Angel Hatfield says

Great Story, Great Characters **I received an ARC of this story in exchange for an honest review**Dr. Jason Randall believes in facts and science. When he was 12, he made a decision to stop dreaming of the girl on the hill as there was no place in his life for fantasies. Now at almost 30, he's stuck inside his head with something evil he thinks is another figment of his imagination. When the now full grown version of his 12yr old friend also appears, he thinks his brain is working overtime and refuses to believe her when she tells him she's real. Charma is one of 18 of a special race called Outsiders. When she was young, she dreamed of her other half, her perfect mate and couldn't wait to find him. When she was 12, he disappeared from her dreams. Thinking the evil demons found and killed him, she mourned the loss. When she and another Outsider find Jason in a coma, she can't believe he's still alive. When she uses her powers to try to get him out of his coma, she gets trapped in his head and infuriated when he refused to believe she's real. When they finally break free and Jason has to deal with this new reality, he must convince Charma to forgive him. After seeing her "cousin" Kal find his destined mate, Charma is happy for them, but longs for the mate she believes is dead. During the book, she goes through a lot of emotional changes, including finding inner strength to fight the demons that she never knew she had. Jason's life and thought process does a complete 360 during the book. He goes from being a scientific doctor to a warrior with great powers. I loved the continuation of the Outsiders series. I dove right into this book and didn't stop until it was done. The growth, change, and acceptance the characters go through in this book was very enjoyable to read. I highly recommend this series.

Patty Kincheloe says

While I was a little unsure of this series in the beginning, I now cannot put them down. I sometimes re-read sections because I find them so inspiring or beautiful. I find Ms. Royce's writing has so much depth in each character and the storyline in general. While all these books focus on two main characters, we get to learn about the other characters as well. This second book is about Jason and Charma (pronounced Karma). While we learned that the 18 Outsiders got separated as babies in an attempt to save them; each one has another half (their soul mate) within these 18. The problem is finding that person. All have different powers and when they meet their other half, these powers are enhanced. Charma had been dreaming and having conversations with her soul mate since she was very young. At the age of 12, the boy in her dreams no longer appeared or talked to her. She was so devastated that she just assumed he was dead and she was not meant to have a soul mate at all. We find out what happened in this book and Jason's story was unbelievable!(Oh, how I wish I could reveal everything!) While the Outsiders we have met struggle to find all their powers and learn to use them, other Outsiders are found. One of the great aspects of these books is that backgrounds and stories of these new characters are introduced and only serve to make this book more interesting. Everything I want in a series comes flying off the pages. They are constantly fighting a demon (or is it more than one?), and just when I think I know what's going to happen, a major surprise hits me. I am always moved by the love, respect and support each soul mate gives to the other. It's all-consuming in a way I cannot even imagine. With Charma and Jason, there is laughter which I think surprised them both. I know we will see more of them as we learn of the rest of the Outsiders. As their "family" grows, so does their friendship and kindness and love. I do recommend this book and truly believe that readers will find a story that many will be able to relate to when it comes to the characters and what each has been through in their lives.

Calisto says

How far would you be willing to go in order to be 'normal'?

Dr. Jason Randall shuts off a part of himself in order to fit in what he considers to be the real world, but in doing so, he becomes vulnerable to the very darkness he is destined to fight against. Now trapped in a prison

of his own mind, he comes face to face with that part he turned his back on: his soulmate, Charma. Together, not only must they face down two demons determined to kill them and take over the world, but also discover if destiny is enough to keep them together for good this time.

Rebecca Royce is incredibly skillful in creating an accessible universe with a familiar theme: good vs. evil. In the Outsiders, we are introduced to a prophecy of evil and a promise of destined soulmates who will face that darkness and save the world. Or will they? The premise is incredibly exciting with not-quite-human protagonists and very evil villains. In fact, there are several edgy, unapologetically violent scenes in this story that really sets the villains apart. It was awesome to read villains actually being evil. There are no gray lines here. The villains are irredeemable and that's terribly exciting to read.

The problem arises when none of this excitement appears during the first quarter of the book. That isn't to say that the book starts slow, as much as it meanders, unfocussed for several chapters. Even for a reader, such as myself, who hasn't read the first book in the series, the repetitive rehashing of the prophecy and the soulmates becomes distracting and cumbersome instead of informative. The beginning feels unpolished in terms of narrative and storytelling. There is a significant amount of 'telling' vs. 'showing'.

The prologue is a perfect example. Where it should be a tight, cohesive snapshot of the universe, we get an overly indulgent spew of repetitive narration from a character we know is doomed. Instead of immediately connecting with what should have been anguish and desperation, I just wanted the character to shut up and die already.

That lack of focus carries through the first couple of chapters and the introduction of the protagonists. There is so much introspection that I felt the characters were a bunch of whiners. The repetition of the prophecy and soulmates was used ad nauseam in the introductory chapters after being used excessively in the prologue. This adds to the disconnect with the main characters. This lack of focus, as well as the various shifting POVs, made the exciting plot intangible amidst whiny filler.

Then everything changes. Although not perfect, the story suddenly finds a focus with the introduction of the villain's POV and by Charma attempting to rescue Jason. From then on, the story gels into a very exciting, action filled romantic adventure with suddenly likeable protagonists. It went from a two star read, to a four star read within a span of chapter. All of the different POVs suddenly had a purpose of progressing the story instead of just adding to the word count.

Unfortunately, what keeps this story from remaining a four star read is the dreaded, 'And now we interrupt this chase for a very important sex scene'. It completely threw me out of the nail biting pace and I simply could not believe that the characters stopped for a sex break. That's one of the 'Unforgivables' in my book and I won't let a writer get away with it, regardless of how interested I am in the universe.

Despite some serious flaws, *Love Beyond Sanity* is an entertaining story in a very accessible universe with characters that eventually become quite likeable. I will definitely look for the continuation of this series and pick up the first book. I do recommend this book with the caveat that you will need to be patient for the lack of focus in the first quarter of the story and very forgiving of the sex break during a chase scene.

ARC provided for review purposes. Originally reviewed for The Romance Reviews.

Susanne says

Wow, wow, wow!! I have no words!

And now- over to the third one! <3

Angel Hatfield says

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Sue Riley says

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Reviewed By SFF Dragon

Love Beyond Sanity (The Outsiders Book 2)

Wow! This action packed paranormal romance sucked me in and gripped me from beginning to end. I can't wait for book 3.

I was given this book by the author in exchange for an honest review. 'Love Beyond Sanity' is the second book in The Outsiders series and Wow! it's even better than Love Beyond Time, the first book in the series. It really sucked me in and gripped me from beginning to end and I really didn't want to put it down, for anything. Logically, I know how stupid it sounds and it will never actually happen, but have you ever read books where you start to read faster in case you miss something or the next bit escapes and you can't catch it? Well, it was one of those.

The Outsiders series is the ongoing story of a group of humans with special powers, following a prophecy they don't know in full but they do know that they were born to fight together against evil incarnate, born on the same day as them but far away and known as Sebastian, and hopefully win the war between good and evil, save mankind and restore balance to the planet. There are 18 of them, 9 pairs of soul mates, all born on the same day and in the same place. They were supposed to grow up together, but evil intervened and only 4 of them did, the rest were scattered all over the place, and so they must search to find them before it's too

late, for only together can they win.

The story carries on in book two from a point a few months after book one finishes, but we know what happened in between as we get the thoughts of each of the main characters as the book progresses, nothing is missed. The paranormal romance part is the story of Jason, a medical doctor who doesn't know he's an Outsider and thinks the childhood friend he used to meet in his dreams was created by his own imagination. Jason has been trapped in his own mind by Sebastian's sister, another demon, and tortured for months, and Charma (pronounced Karma), the childhood friend, who knows what she is, and what Jason was to her, but has believed for the last 18 years that he had died.

This is an action packed paranormal romance that is faster paced than book one and introduces two more of the people who were born as Outsiders but, separated from the others since they were a few months old, didn't know it. Jason, Charma's soul mate and Eden, a young woman they find in a terrible state, both of whom were located by Marina in a Mental Health facility. Let this battle in the war begin...

I loved this book and all the characters, except Sebastian, his minions and his sister. Rebecca's writing style ensures that each character grows and evolves as the story continues and more of the Outsiders are added to the 'family' group. It's like getting to know real people as time passes. I wonder who will be next to find their soul mate and what trials await them on the journey. I can't wait to read book 3, Love Beyond Loyalty.

Ingrid Stephanie Jordan says

OMG The Outsiders Book 2 is unbelievable it has so many twists and turns that you keep absorbing that you have keep reading. Marina found another Outsider so being everyone was gone her and Charma went to get him in a insane asylum. In the mean time Sebastian get unexpected company his evil Sister, and Gabriel confirms Sebastian is evil. The girls go after Jason Randell who just happens to be Charma mate. Marina's mate Drew the denier gets involved. You have to read this book not only will you not be able to put it down BUT will crave Book 3. I was gifted this ARC for a honest and truthful review.

Karen says

I must say that this series is definitely getting better. The first book 'Love Beyond Time' was difficult for me to get into so it was with great delight that I didn't have that problem at all with this book.

The drama was nonstop and all the Outsider family so far was there. Marina, Leonardo (my personal favorite), Kal, Isabelle, Drew, Gabriel and Charma, that's Karma spelled with a Ch. My little personal pet peeve was the darn spelling of her name. I kept thinking Ch as in (charm) throughout which was a bit annoying.

Her soulmate Jason doesn't believe she is real. which gets him into a whole heap of trouble with Charma before she forgives him. They were a fun couple to read about and their romance was very sweet once Jason realized she was real. I must say though that there is starting to be so much going on with several of the characters in this book that I didn't mind at all when she switched scenes from the main characters to the other ones.

Sebastian's evil demon sister (named Self-loathing by Jason) has a turn in this book. She has been tormenting Jason in his mind, hence the reason he is in a psych ward when Charma finds him. But in case

you were concerned that Sebastian wasn't in the picture, don't be. He is up to his usual vile, evil shenanigans.

Rebecca did a great job in this book letting you know the history of the Outsiders without it feeling like 'fact dumping,' so there was a much smoother transition in the action sequences because of it than the previous book. There is starting to be so much going on with all of the characters, and we get inside their heads, so I wouldn't consider this a stand alone book. This is actually a re-release of the same title, different publisher, from several years ago. I happen to own the original version, and skimming quickly through that one after reading this version, there didn't seem to be much in the way of major revisions between the two books so if you have already purchased the original version from several years ago I don't think you need to purchase this version.

I am off to read "Love Beyond Loyalty" now because I can't wait to see what happens with Gabriel and his soulmate! If you are undecided about purchasing this sequel, don't be, because Rebecca hits her stride with this one and the story starts to move very quickly. It's well worth the read.

*The author gave me a complimentary copy of this re-release for an honest review.

Joann says

No spoilers of any kind included.

This book was great but it just seemed really rushed.

It had action and steam and kick butt MC but it all just seemed really rushed unlike the first book in this series.

But all in all I enjoyed reading this story.

So yes I do recommend this book to anyone who's interested in crawling into this story and getting lost within its pages.
