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Blade Silver: Color Me Scarred (TrueColors Series #7)



Synopsis

Ruth Wallace knows she can only hide the scars on her arms for so long. Cutting herself doesn't make her problems disappear, but at least it helps her cope. Ruth needs to find some way, any way, to heal her scars--the ones she hides and the ones she can't--before something terrible happens. The seventh book in the TrueColors teen fiction series, *Blade Silver* deals with cutting, guilt, psychology, and healing. Includes discussion questions.

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Customer Reviews

This is just my way of dealing with the pain. Ruth Wallace knows she can only hide the scars on her arms for so long. Who wears long sleeves all summer long? Cutting herself doesn't make Ruth's problems disappear, but at least it helps her cope. Her dad is a nightmare, her mother seems lost in a medicated dreamland, and her brother Caleb can't handle their family life any more than she can. Abby, one of Ruth's good friends, is getting suspicious. Fortunately, Glen Collins hasn't noticed yet. But then again, he's a new student and probably doesn't want to sound mean. Ruth needs to find some way, any way, to heal her scars--the ones she hides and the ones she can't--before something terrible happens.

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As a recovering cutter myself, I must state that I find this book close to the target, yet not there. Yes, she discusses a good number of problems people who struggle with cutting have but here are my 3 largest issues with the book: *Warning this contains triggering material* 1) most cutters choose to cut because they are afraid that if they DON'T they WILL commit suicide. Carlson implies that Ruth is wanting to "end it all" with the razor. Most cutters will only use cutting to relieve the pain.. if they die in an episode it is often an ACCIDENT. If they choose to try and kill them selves, they will often use a method outside of cutting. 2) All of a sudden the "God" aspect gets thrown in there. It's like "OH! This is supposed to be a Christian book.. let me pepper the last few chapters with God and we'll have it covered." 3) It is an unrealistic expectation for the ending. -Not only does she NOT go home (which would usually be the case), but she's done cutting after one inpatient thing. Let's be realistic here: Cutting IS an addiction. And REALLY who gets over their addictions in one big swoop? Most people struggle YEARS with this, and to imply that Ruth is all better.. and not going back to the home.. is just a fairy tale.

My daughters love this collection series. Eventually we will have them all....then they'll have to sort out which one belongs to each.

Great book for a teen that dealing with cutting on themselves.

The book was great. It was written in a descriptive way without being too graphic. Good for young adults. Insightful to the typically unspoken subject of cutting. Highly recommend if you like teen issue books.

i highly recommend this book. It both gives insight as well as shows how a "cutter" CAN learn coping strategies to overcome this negative trait.

Very good book. Carlson does a great job of writing for young adult gals. I bought the whole series and can't keep it on the shelf.

Ruth Wallace cuts because her dad is verbally abusive. She wants to stop and has tried a few times. After a meeting with the school counselor she goes to this place to get help. Shes there for thirty days and accepts Christ while shes there. After these thirty days shes "magically" healed and

never cuts again. Ok, so i found this books very very triggering and completely unrealistic. I am a recovering cutter, i started at 13 and am 17 now. Like Ruth i also went somewhere to get help, but only for a week, and afterwards did accept Christ. But did i completely stop? No. In the book it says cutting is like an addiction, and i agree. And with most addictions you will most likely go back a few times. I still have urges, and yes i did cut again after accepting Christ and getting help. This book was unrealistic in the sense that Ruth was ok after thirty days. Not realistic at all. While reading this i felt several urges to cut because of the details. "I watched the blood flow down my arm" "I sliced up my arm" "I felt instant relief" those phrases are extremely triggering. And i did not enjoy feeling like cutting while reading a book. I like Melody Carlson. Shes a great author, i just felt like she should have done more research on cutting before writing. I also felt like this wasnt written for cutter but for other people. My grandma got me this book hoping i could relate, and i do. I understand the feeling of relief then the feeling of stupidity when i see my scars, but is this a book id recommend to other people, especially cutters? No. I would not.

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