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Erin Stewart: Scars like wings

Based on true events

Ava Lee, a normal school girl, was burned in a house fire and her cousin and parents didn't survive. She now lives with her auntie and uncle who are still left devastated by the accident and the death of their daughter: Sara. They try and get Ava to go to school but Ava refuses at first, eventually she gives in and trials it for two weeks; at first she get bullied but then things calm down. She meets a disabled girl called Piper who wishes to help Ava discover her new normal. But does Ava get the new normal she hoped for?

My favourite Characters are Asad, Ava and Piper, the three main characters. Ava has struggles of her own but eventually faces her fears. Piper also has problems of her own to sort out and has given Ava the truth about who she really is. Asad however is an overjoyed, bubbly character who sticks up for Ava and Piper whenever they need it. He even puts up a fight for them. He's a drama boy who doesn't like to see people get hurt, unless of course it's him doing the hurting, like when he puts up a fight to Kenzie's puppy-eyed boyfriend, or when he pulls down the drama curtain on Kenzie when she has her back turned. Kenzie is a Piper/Ava double hater. She hates Piper for blaming her about the crash and hates Ava for 'taking Kenzie's place' in the relationship with Piper. Kenzie's lover boy, also known as puppy-eyes, hits Asad in Kenzie's defence when Asad pushed Kenzie in Piper's defence. Eventually Kenzie makes a 'lovely' speech to the drama department explaining how no matter what anyone else thinks, Kenzie thinks Ava and her scars are beautiful.

The whole story has parts of comedy which is what makes the story so understandable, relatable and loveable. I would highly recommend this book to ages of 12+. I also rate this book 10/10 stars.

