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# Wounded



## Synopsis

Samantha Miller didn't have an easy start. Molested as a child and subsequently forced into prostitution by her drug-addicted mother, Samantha learned at an early age that men were not to be trusted. Being constantly preyed upon taught her to be a predator. Her target was women-specifically, straight or married women. As the headliner at a local strip club, Samantha capitalized on the gifts she was cursed with. In turn, her life quickly spiraled down a dangerous path of violence, seduction, and exploitation. When Sasha is brought on as the new bartender, she becomes Samantha's newest target. The last thing Samantha anticipated was falling in love. When tragedy strikes, what was once a challenge may prove to be her downfall. Can Samantha heal from her abusive past, or will she always be Wounded?

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## Customer Reviews

Samantha Miller had no control over the horrifying, abusive situations she endured during childhood. Her life was taken into the hands of mental and physical abusers at an innocent young age, when forced into prostitution. As she grew older in bitterness, resentment and hatred, her only

defense was a plea for revenge as the curse she lived with followed her on a road to danger, violence and seduction. Then tragedy hit her like a tornado, and she becomes challenged to make crucial decisions that will change her life forever. Will Samantha have the strength to bury the past and move forward, or will the tormenting scars continue to haunt her? Bestselling author, Ben Burgess Jr., delivers a Masterpiece of urban fiction, in a powerfully moving story that grabs your attention immediately and keeps it until the end. The author has a gift not only in creativity, but also the ability to tug at the reader's heartstrings. Inspired by his daughter, combined with his expertise as a N.Y.P.D. Detective, Ben Burgess Jr. highlights that no matter what life throws at us, there's always light at the end of the tunnel. That shining light will give hope and faith to help us not only believe in ourselves, but also believe in others. In conclusion, the Beatles reached out to millions of fans with their famous song that rocked America and hit home for everyone who listened carefully to the words that still live on, 'ALL YOU NEED IS LOVE.' When there's love, there's hope, which will lead to eternal peace and tranquility, portrayed by the author throughout this emotional story. "WOUNDED" is as heartfelt as Tyler Perry's DIARY OF A MAD BLACK WOMAN, as entertaining as I CAN DO BAD THINGS ALL BY MYSELF, and is as exquisitely crafted as Steven Spielberg's, THE COLOR PURPLE. Highly recommended to all readers who enjoy Urban Fiction, African American Fiction, and Lesbian Fiction!

Samantha Miller a woman who carries scars from her youth, trusting no one. As a young girl, she is betrayed by the one person, who is supposed to protect her, her mother. Her mother a heroin addict passes her off to man after man, allowing them to rape and do what they will with Samantha, to feed her own selfish needs and her addiction. Samantha grows up into a woman full of hate and rage, especially against men and turns to woman for comfort. She, herself becomes a predator of sort, as she attempts to turn straight woman away from men, seducing them, pleasuring them and enjoying every minute of it. It is the only time she has any control in her life. Her life plummets down a dark road and she ends up in jail. A woman named Cheryl takes her under her wing, protecting her. Finding some happiness, in Cheryl's comfort, Samantha soon finds it's short lived. As her release date nears, Cheryl reveals to Samantha that she only used her to pass time, hurting and disappointing her. After taking a job as a stripper, Samantha meets Sasha, a bartender at the club. At first Samantha sees Sasha as nothing more than another conquest, but the more she gets to know Sasha, she realizes that she is real, a friend, only wanting to help Samantha find a better life. But Samantha is finding that her feelings for Sasha are deeper than friendship. Could Samantha love Sasha? Could this be the turning point that changes her life? I

guess you will have to read the book to find out. Ben Burgess did a wonderful job of not only creating an easy to read novel, but also bringing deep emotions throughout the read. This book is true to life, and it will make you cry, laugh and hope desperately for a happy ending.

“Wounded” is tragic, ridged, raw, overwhelmingly emotional and profoundly written. This book will captivate you from the very first chapter. It will lead you into a world of pain, abuse, love and in the end recognize strength along with the ability to overcome life’s trial and tribulations. Samantha “Sam” is portrayed as a calculating, manipulative, damaged and victimized individual who disregards the feelings of others only to satisfy her own needs as well as quiet her anger. The novel unveils the emotional effects of pain, love, betrayal, loss and the accountability of a person’s actions. How these actions can tear down walls and rebuild them with the recognition of their faults, requesting forgiveness and overall change. Its heart wrenching and will bring you to tears. All of us, regardless of the community/lifestyle we live can relate to one or more aspects of this character as well as the character Sasha. As the reader I recognize their vulnerabilities. At times unpredictable, this book broke my heart but renewed my thoughts on faith, life and love. Thank you Ben for a truly realistic hard-edged novel.

Where do I start? This was another awesome read by Ben Burgess Jr. He has done it once again. This book Wounded was phenomenal. It was about a women name Sam who never heals from her trouble childhood. She had been through so much that she ran away from foster homes and had to make it on her own. Being that she never healed from her past affected her relationships. Why was it hard for Sam to be in a committed relationship? Did she really know who she was? This book will have you emotional; you can just feel what the characters were going through No matter who you love, love is love. It also shows how people feel when they been rejected by whom they love the most. yes it had it had me in tears!!!! lol Would I recommend this book? Yes Would I read more of this author work? Yes Sistah on Lit!

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