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Stained with heartache and cursed with vengeance, a stone well lies on a nineteenth-century estate, waiting for the Stockton line to wish again.

When seventeen-year-old Lila Wayde's father loses his high-paying job in Las Vegas, the family relocates to a Pennsylvania estate bequeathed by an estranged aunt. Lila begins a new life there, one not corrupted by wealth and fake friends. She soon meets Ben, the groundskeeper's gritty grandson, and experiences the kind of happiness her life's been missing. But as she settles into the ancient house, she learns information about her ancestors and the old stone well that may make her wish she'd never come.

Ben Shadows has lost enough in life. So when Stockton Estate's owner, Janine, wills the land to her great-niece Lila, Ben fears for the fate of the property. He decides to find out Lila's intentions as the new owner, but his grandfather wants him to protect her from Stockton Estate's alleged curse. As Ben helps Lila dig through the estate's history, they grow closer than he ever intended. Now, along with concerns about the property and the reality of the curse, he struggles with feelings he can't ignore.

Will the secrets of Stockton Estate bring them together or will knowing the truth rip them apart?

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Dayla says

Review first appeared on my blog: Book Addict 24-7

I received a copy via Enticing Journey book tours in exchange for an honest review

The Line that Binds by J.M. Miller is a young adult paranormal mystery that features a strong heroine and a very interesting male character. I will admit that when I first jumped into this one, I wasn't expecting much. I've read quite a few paranormal novels that have had lackluster romance and overdramatic situations, but thankfully this wasn't one of those forgettable reads. Miller's novel is intriguing, realistic (in how her characters are portrayed), and has just enough romance to make the story swoon-worthy. I for one look forward to the sequel, since this installment has left me craving more!

Lila, the protagonist, has dealt with some pretty nasty stuff in her life, but Ben isn't a stranger to the darker side of life either. Both of these characters work well together because they offer each other a way to grow past the negative idea of first impressions.

Lila, in my opinion, is the one character who changes the most, and I'm not stating this to be obvious, especially because of what happens in the novel. I think she changes the most regarding the way she views the world and how her life changes so drastically, but most importantly, how well she treats the change. Ben, however, changes in how he judges people (not that big of a deal compared to Lila, in all honesty).

The mystery is like a song that grows steadily as the story progresses, reaching a false crescendo near the conclusion of the novel, leaving us with an impossible need to know more. Miller knows how to create suspense and how to connect everything. The reader should note the instances where Miller throws you a proverbial bone just so you can understand what is exactly happening. This isn't to say that the reader will be mildly confused—not at all—it's just pretty neat to watch an author weave a story full of hints so well hidden, that sometimes a reader glimpses right over them without acknowledging them.

The pacing is awesome, which helps a lot for the wary reader. Like I mentioned before, I was a little unsure about this one before I read the first page, but the quick pacing and addicting storytelling pulled me in. I loved the concept of both protagonists having a voice because it leaves no room for doubt, and because it allows us to connect with both characters.

There's one other thing I want to mention before concluding this review. I want to comment on the very realistic situations that Miller puts her characters in. Ben's sexual history, and the descriptions of sexuality introduced to the reader via Lila's unfortunate experience with her boyfriend show us what we already know. The topic of sex in young adult novels is one of those taboos that every author in this age group tends to skirt around. Characters are either very naive and innocent regarding sex, innuendo is assumed with metaphors and allusions to certain situations, while some authors don't even breach the topic. Miller doesn't shy away from the fact that sex is very prevalent in today's teenage culture. Hollywood sells it, parents have become a bit more lax thanks to the inability to monitor everything a child sees/reads/hears, and kids talk about their sexual conquests among friends in school and in social settings.

I'm not saying this is a good thing—the sexualization of kids—but I do approve of an author being realistic and not sugar coating the reality of today's youth. Plus, with the creation of the New Adult age group, I know there will be more risky young adult novels.

If you like a young adult novel with an interesting premise, teenage love, and if you're a fan of young adult paranormal stories that feature curses and mystery, then you might enjoy this one.

Ilsa Madden-Mills says

You can tell that JM is an experienced writer. I enjoyed this paranormal/young adult/new adult book about a young girl who finds herself and just maybe the love of her life.

It's hot yet sweet, fun yet touches on serious themes. Definitely an author to watch. I'll be purchasing book 2!!

Romancerwblog says

I have read a lot of paranormal romance novels. I love this genre and am so glad that my blog partner introduced me to Twilight those many years ago! That being said, I wasn't sure what to expect when I started The Line That Binds.

It seemed like a unique paranormal read from the synopsis but I never expected to fall quite so in love with the story or characters! I had never heard of the author, JM Miller or anything but I am soooo happy that we were invited on this blog tour so the book and author could be discovered!

This book grabbed my attention almost immediately. I was a little confused by the prologue but only because it wasn't what I expected. After re-reading it along with chapter 1, I was sucked in completely.

The basic premise of the story is about a curse that flows from ancestor to ancestor from a scorned lover in the 1800's. The curse allows the cursed person to grant wishes but lose their mind in exchange. There are no vampires, werewolves, witches or ghosts. (At least not yet!) Ben has known about the curse but believes it is nothing but folklore and superstition. LJ is next in line to receive the curse but knows nothing of the curse.

I love love love the characters in this book! Lila Janine Wayde (LJ) and Ben Shadows are so amazing! I love the way the perspectives alternate and keep you in each character's head. I also loved that both characters are undeniably flawed and broken but can seem to repair and complete the other. There is so much more I would love to tell you about these characters but you just need to READ THIS BOOK, and discover their greatness yourself!

What will happen to LJ? Is the curse a hoax or real? What will come of the new found friendship between Ben and LJ? Are their pasts too horrible to overcome? I honestly cannot wait for the sequel which is slated to release March 2014.

I hope you love it! ♥

<http://romancerewind.blogspot.com/201...>

Kristin says

A great YA read!

I really enjoyed this book and loved the storyline about the cursed wishing well I also liked how the author grabbed your attention and easily had you fall in love with the characters and I immediately fell in love with Ben and Lj and was rooting for them. I couldn't stop reading to see what happened next,. I kept waiting to see if they found anything to help with the curse and was waiting until one of them finally kissed. I will definitely be reading the next one in the series.

Michelle says

The Line That Binds is an interesting start to what looks to be a creepy and super cool paranormal curse series. The story starts off in the past tense where we meet a man and a jilted woman, who casts a curse on the family and descendants of the man who wronged her. Then, we flash forward to the present where the current owner and family member of the house is losing her mind/memories and dying, supposedly from the curse. She gives the main house and most of the land to some of her estranged relatives. And she gives the other part of the land to the son of her longtime grounds keepers. Her niece, nephew and their father moved in and the story really begins.

The book is told in alternating point of view between the grandson of the grounds keeper- Ben and Aunt Genies Niece LJ. Ben's grandfather is really worried that LJ will be affected by the curse just like her aunt and he wants Ben to look out for her. And to keep her away from this well that somehow is connected to it all. I was super intrigued by the well, just like LJ. How could she not be. She moved into this huge old house and all over the place there are hand painted and number paintings of the same well. It would creep me out and intrigue me as well.

I loved the writing of the story and the concept of it. Even more, I loved Ben and LJ. The little dance that they did around each other, each holding back their feelings was beyond cute. Their flirting made my heart warm and put a smile on my face. What I wanted to see more of was the actual curse. It came up a lot in the beginning of the story, but then we kind of meandered along and we didn't find anything new about it until the end. We saw some effects that it was having on LJ, but other than that the curse plot line felt kind of slow. I want more on that creepy well! We only actually saw it in person once in the whole story! I hope there is more in the next book, because it has completely captured my attention.

The whole story is really well written and makes me long to read the next book to see what is going to happen. The characters will make an impact on you and their romance is very endearing. You will root for these two. The curse is teasing and will leave you wanting for more, but it is such a cool concept that it is just enough to whet your appetite. Bring on the second book!

Megan | A Page to Turn says

This book took me by surprise - I've not read a lot of books that were self-published but this one really blew me away! I didn't think I'd be a fan of the two person point of views (Jodi Picoult comes to mind), but it's so well written that it flowed so easily and after the first couple of chapters I barely noticed.

Mysteries are a personal favorite of mine and I like a plot that keeps me guessing but doesn't give answers away too early. This particular story about a girl, a boy and a curse literally kept me on the edge of my seat until the very last page...Lila and Ben are two teens that inherit this estate. After making a wish in a well, Lila sets off a chain reaction that correlates to this ancient curse that had been placed on t well long before.

She starts to hear voices, wishes from the well, that as she starts to grant them; she begins to lose a piece of herself with each and soon she will be gone forever.

Ben and Lila then work together as a team to uncover the secrets of the well and find a little romance along the way. I recommend this book for mature YA because of language and mild sexual content. I can't wait for the sequel to come out!

Lemon Review says

The Lemon Review

I'm just going to start this review by suggesting you go pick the book up now. *The Line That Binds*, by J.M. Miller, was released November 25th and I'm literally biting my nails in anticipation of the follow-up book, *The Line That Breaks*.

Now that that's out of the way - I can proceed with an actual review.

J.M. Miller is a relatively new author on the scene, *The Line That Binds* is her second published novel, and holy moly. I fully expect to see a great number of spectacular books from this author in the future - not least of which is the follow up to this novel.

Books like this are why I LOVE reviewing and sharing my love for reading. She makes it so easy!

The Line That Binds is a dual point-of-view story offering perspectives from both LJ and Ben. Ben has lived on the Stockton Estate since he was 10, with his grandfather and the estate's owner, Jeanine or "Genie". At Jeanine's death, the property is divided between Ben and Jeanine's great-grandniece, Lilah or "LJ", on their 18th birthdays.

LJ is the product of a dysfunctional family (and that's putting it delicately) who's used to designer labels and the cool-kids table in Las Vegas. Ben immediately pegs her as a snob, but that exterior wasn't enough to quell his curiosity.

When Lyla's father loses his job, they move to the estate earlier than expected - a few months shy of her 18th birthday. Upon arrival, Ben is instructed by his grandfather to keep LJ as far from the property's wishing well as possible - lest the family curse befalls LJ as well.

Ben doesn't wholly believe in the curse - told to grant the wishes of those around the Stockton family line at the expense of the person granting them - but respects his grandfather enough to try. Unfortunately to no avail. LJ discovers the well, and the curse continues on.

There are a LOT of things to like about this book. The characters are great - Ben is just a solid good guy with a rough past that continues to haunt him. He's funny, too - with just the right amount of snark. LJ's struggle to leave her Las Vegas life behind is completely apparent and believable. Both characters care deeply for their family and share similar backgrounds that help bring them together and cement some truly delicious chemistry.

The plot is obviously along the lines of paranormal, but in a way that really isn't like anything else I've read. It's fresh! It's intriguing! It offers so many reasons to stay up 'til the late hours of the night until you've devoured the final sentences.

J.M. Miller is also an expert wordsmith. She's talented at describing the scenes that really draw you into the atmosphere of the book. A few chapters in - when you finally manage to pull yourself, reluctantly, from the real world - you'll be surprised that you aren't, in fact, in some grand room on the Stockton Estate. That there are no tell-tale signs of motorcycles revving in the background.

The only potential complaint that I can even struggle to come up with is that there are moments where I felt things could have moved along a little more quickly. On the other hand, it's a slow-build that still continues to entertain and enhances the believability of the novel. You really get to see Ben and LJ get to know each other, and something tells me that Miller doesn't waste space on erroneous details. I'm guessing this curse - which I, for one, can't WAIT to find out more about - is full of depth and layers that we haven't even seen the beginning of.

In terms of citrus, you're looking at a pretty juicy lime. There's no sex to speak of, but that doesn't mean there aren't sexy times! The chemistry is pretty hawt and I'd be willing to sell a lung to trade places with LJ a time or two.

In conclusion - buy the book. Read the book. Love the book. Share the book. Then come back here so we can talk more about what the next book might hold!

Staci Hart says

So many times in YA, the characters are a mold that is used over and over until the details that make a character unique and human are blurred.

That is not the case with this book.

Instead of the standard insecure but beautiful high school girl, we have LJ, a strong, gorgeous girl who had it all, was part of the popularity machine, and is a recovering mean girl who wants to disappear. She's security incarnate, armed with a hoodie and Chucks instead of Burberry and Manolos. And instead of the high school boy that pines over the vulnerable girl from afar, we have Ben, a hot, snarky, confident, totally swoonworthy guy who **doesn't** want the girl. For a minute, at least.

This is a story about judgements, and about things not being what they seem. It's about doing good, trying to be better than you are. It's about letting go of the past and moving forward, and in a way that spans generations in this storyline.

JM Miller threw in the light elements of the supernatural that highlight the story beautifully and drive the plot, which burns slow at first until it's consumed your thoughts, and you just don't want to put it down.

I cannot wait to read book two, and I'll be picking up every book by JM Miller from here out, guaranteed.

Mandy (I Read Indie) Anderson says

I gave this book 4.5 stars, but when leaving a review at sites such as Amazon, Goodreads, etc... I round to the next highest star.

Ben doesn't believe in the curse but has decided to help his grandpa out and search for something, anything, that will shed some sort of light into it. When he meets LJ he assumes she is a high maintenance girl who will quickly wreck havoc on the estate. What he assumes is wrong. LJ is beyond different and soon he has growing feelings for her.

LJ is tired of the way her life was going when in Las Vegas. She figures with a new home, a new life should come with it and reinvents herself. No longer the selfish girl she was, she hides from others. Only opening up to Ben during their afternoon work hours. She looks forward to their afternoons working the estate grounds and soon realizes she has feelings for this boy she will one day share the estate with.

I absolutely love a good mystery of a story, and THE LINE THAT BINDS hit the nail on the head. Throughout the story we are following Ben and LJ as they search for answers about a curse on LJ's family since the late 1800's. A curse that has now been set into motion in LJ's life. The entire book you are desperately seeking answers right along with them. You want to know if they will be able to over come a curse that affected her family for over a hundred years.

But Ben has strength. I felt it months ago at the will reading. I was threatened by it then, and now I just wanted to bury my face into his chest to let it surround me. Why am I cracking around him?

Let's not forget the slow building romance part of the story. Yes, I just loved it. I fully believe that stories that center around paranorm'ish and supernatural aspects definitely need a romance to help balance it out and make it more real. And this one did. It absolutely did. These two characters got to know each other and in the end it was perfect. I love how it all wrapped up in the end for them. Beautiful and brilliant.

Before I could say anything else, his lips were on mine with passion so demanding it took my breath away. In that instant, I knew this wasn't over. He wasn't there to end things. This was something else entirely.

With that ending I am so looking forward to where the curse and the story are headed. Will Ben and LJ find the answers they so desperately seek? Will they be able to end the curse once and for all before it is too late? I am eager to know! And I know you readers will be too. 4.5 Mysterious Stars!

Sarah says

(Read using Kindle Unlimited)

I enjoyed this story, but it did feel long.

I liked both LJ and Ben, and I thought they made a good couple. I liked how LJ looked out for her family, and I liked how LJ and Ben slowly grew to like each other.

The storyline in this was good, but it felt really long. I think the pace was just a bit too slow, and it seemed to take a long time for anything to happen.

When things did finally get explained it was right at the end of the book, and then it seemed like the book ended without things being tied up! I will be reading the next book to find out what happens, but I think I might need a break before diving right into the next book.

7 out of 10

Abbie says

Actual rating - 3.25

This was an okay read, but it felt really really long.

Ben and L.J were both likable characters, and i liked their relationship.

I did like this book, but it felt like it went on forever. I expected to hear more about the well, but apart from at the beginning and the end, there wasn't much said about it. I really wanted to find out more about it, so that was quite annoying!

Overall, Slow, but an okay read.

R.S. Grey says

This book has been on my TBR list for the longest time mostly because I fell in love with the cover! (Seriously one of the most intriguing covers I've seen in quite some time). I finally sat down to read it this week and it did NOT disappoint.

I don't usually read YA, but this story captivated me from the very beginning. JM Miller's writing style is flawless. I found myself highlighting various sentences and passages simply because they had captivated me.

"Specks of light glinted on her shiny black hair, like they were moving to the beat of a song I could listen to forever."

"I gave a small wave from my seat and he responded by quirking an eyebrow. It was a silent conversation among the chaos around him."

My favorite part of this story was the mystery and the clues surrounding it, which is why I think the latter part of the book really picked up for me.

I found myself breezing through the story wanting to get to the next clue and I was SO intrigued by the ending. I cannot wait to pick up the second book in this series because I have to know how it ends.

I'd highly recommend this book to anyone that loves a beautiful, well plotted story. This book was smart, interesting, and left me hanging just enough at the end so that I needed MORE!

***kawehi.reviews says**

? I received an RC via the author in exchange for an honest review. Thank you! ?

This was a interesting story. Normally, I really don't like YA novels as they feel kind of full for my tastes but this one had a supernatural twist that kept me reading on.

Author JM Miller, who've I'd already read two of her previous works, has a clout for dousing her stories with this darkened background or something lurking in the midst that has you cautioning every motive and corner.

The Line That Binds has a mix of past and mystery backing up the characters and main story line where it foreshadows everything and everyone in the present time.

I was transfixed with this curse and how it would affect the budding romance between Ben and LJ. It was fascinating, as it was a treat, watching their relationship unfold with the dreaded curse looming over them.

Pretty cool stuff!!

Nichole says

4.5 Stars

Characters- I really liked them. LJ was a great strong female and Ben was sweet, sexy, and the perfect guy. The supporting characters played great roles and made the story even better.

Plot/Storyline- This story had me hooked. I NEEDED to know what was going to happen with the curse and how LJ and Ben's roles played into it. The story was written really well and the mystery of the curse was so well executed and layered that I did not want to put the book down just in case another piece of the puzzle was just a page away.

Steam Factor- The sexual tension was KILLING me!! They are so HOT together and I know that this is a YA novel, but I REALLY wanted a more in depth description of the sex scenes, but that's just me. They would get hot and heavy and then... End of Chapter. Next Chapter.

Cover- This cover is BEAUTIFUL!!! I absolutely love the lighting, artistry, and the representation of the blood bind in the word BINDS. Perfect!!

Cliffhanger- YES!!! I CAN NOT WAIT for the next book!!!!

Overall- I REALLY enjoyed this novel. It was a very good YA novel that I am looking forward to continuing the story in the next novel. I NEED to know if they find a way to put an end to this curse!!!

It has been a while since I've read a YA novel, mainly due to the lack of sex. Don't judge, but I do love a good sex scene. Anyway, I really enjoyed this book. The constant questions kept me hooked to my iPad and not wanting to put it down despite my eyelids begging to differ. I just had to get one more piece of the puzzle before I went to bed, but then the sexual tension would kick in and I'd read page after page wondering WHEN are they going to act on their attraction. This book was a total page turner and I came away from it feeling satisfied and happy with a very well written story.

Let me start with LJ (Lila Janine). She starts the book as a spoiled rich kid with bleached blonde hair and designer clothing. She enters the story during the reading of her Great Aunt's will and finds that she will be willed most of the historical property that has been in her family for centuries once she turns 18. The other piece of the estate is willed to Ben when he also turns 18. After the meeting, LJ returns back to Las Vegas and back to her fake life.

Things stay the same at Stockton Estate with weddings and events being held there due to its beauty and history. The workers of the estate, including Ben, are very fearful as to what LJ will do with the property once she gets possession of it. Things change once life throws a curve ball at LJ's family and they move into the old mansion on the Stockton Estate. Everyone is leery of LJ and her family and they plan to keep her at a distance and try to find a way to preserve the estate from any damaging decisions the unknown girl to them, LJ, may make.

LJ starts a path of self discovery and growth during her transition from Las Vegas life to Stockton Estate life. She isn't what she seemed when she was at the reading of the will. It was nice seeing her sort of have a cathartic freeing experience during her stay at Stockton Estates. She was able to step outside of her old spoiled life and see it for what it was; Fake. The supporting characters: Gavin (LJ's brother), Lloyd (Ben's grandfather), Carson (LJ's Dad), Spaz (Ben's friend) and Izzy (Ben's friend and Spaz's girlfriend) help add drama, backstory, assistance, support, guidance, humor, and wit to the story. They were all very crucial to make this story so great.

LJ's family line has a curse that goes back almost as old as the estate and she will learn of it first hand. During the moving transition and the task of solving the mystery of the curse Ben and LJ find themselves together often and neither of them are who they thought they would be. I am not going to go any further because I want you to be able to read this great book for yourself and discover the secrets and mystery within. All in all, I REALLY enjoyed this book and will DEFINITELY read the next one. I CAN NOT WAIT to continue this story. Great job J.M. Miller!!! You have definitely made this girl a fan!! XOXO

Amanda (Hootie) Clark says

**** 4.5 Stars ****

When I was a little girl the books that really got my motor running were Nancy Drew mysteries. I loved the excitement and the adrenaline I would feel trying to race the author to figure out what was going on. Half the time I was way off base but I like to think I have matured as a reader since those days. The Line That Binds was everything I used to love in those Nancy Drew books in a much more "Grown Up" modern day twist. Suspense, Intrigue, Romance and Drama combined in this novel to hook me into a story that wouldn't let me go until I was finished.

The Stockton descendants are cursed. From the prologue we are given a taste of the heartache behind what caused it all. Lila's ancestor pissed off the wrong woman and his bloodline is having to pay for his mistake in choosing the wrong woman to love. Right away I was into this story feeling a solidarity with Dahlia the servant girl who was promised the love and affection of Charles Stockton who ended up breaking her heart. There were two main aspects to this book that were woven together to make such an interesting story. The romance side and the mystery side. I want to talk about the mystery first. This was my favorite thing about the book. Nine times out of Ten I would say the romance was the best part but with this story the general plot

was so unique and well thought out I couldn't help myself.

There is something strange going on and Lila can feel it from the moment she steps into the old house filled to the brim with eerie paintings of a gloomy well hidden somewhere on the property. When her aunt passes away leaving her half of the estate She teams up with Ben Shadows, the boy who she has to split the property with when they turn 18 to figure out the mystery behind the well. I really enjoyed this part of the story. The suspense of searching through all the clues with the characters to figure out what happens was exciting. Lila is at the mercy of this well after making a wish that sets off a chain reaction in direct coalition with the ancient curse placed on it. Once she starts hearing voices of what people are wishing for and touches them the wish will be granted taking a small piece of her every time. If Ben and Lila can't figure out how to stop it in time Lila will be lost forever, just like her aunt.

The romance aspect between Lila and Ben was a slowly developed part of the story as the two worked together to uncover the mystery of the well. Ben's first impression of Lila was that of a snobby socialite who would play the Diva role. What he found was a girl who was just trying to adjust to a new life she had never had to live before. I really enjoyed seeing how much Lila changed. It was difficult for her to leave behind the home she had with her family and come to a new place but she handled it well. Instead of acting out she made things as painless as possible and sacrificed her own comfort for her father and brother. After Ben lost Harper, the girl he had loved he became a closed off party boy. Doing whatever he could to forget the pain he felt for not being able to help her. This was a boy after my own heart let me tell you. When his father was too drunk to care for him his grandfather took him in and raised him. Losing this girl he loved took it's toll and it wasn't until Lila came into his life that things began to change for him. I was really glad Lila opened him up and helped him heal. Watching her turn away from her past life of designer clothes, salon appointments and vapid friends to becoming a humble girl just trying to find her way was nice to see from her. She was never really hung up much on those things having to care for her brother because her mother was no good but she did care what people thought of her. I loved seeing her finally let go of that mindset and just be herself.

Lila had it rough throughout the story being the target of this ancient curse hell bent on making her and her family pay for past sins. Hearing voices in her head with no escape was painful to see her endure but seeing her heartbreak over not being able to help everyone who wished for things was a little sad. I was very happy that she had someone like Ben to help her through all of the crazy things happening to her. It did take a while for Lila and Ben to finally get together but their chemistry was done very well. I would have liked a little but more early on from them but with this being the first book in the series I can only imagine what's in store for these two. Between Lila's brother and father and Ben's friends Iz and Spaz there were fun filled moments that lightened the sometimes somber mood the well seemed to cast on the story. There is no shortage of drama with everyone still in high school and for Lila to make real friends was another important aspect I enjoyed seeing in her character growth.

The Line That Binds wasn't a faced paced "One and Done" story, it was the kind of book you clear your schedule and settle in for. All the intricate details and all the little plot twists were written in a way that had me curious and excited to see what would happen next. It was a definite page turner especially when the characters would discover something new that unraveled more of the plot. Ending the way it did left me wanting more from the next book and very curious about what else is left to discover from this ancient secret. This would be a great book for teens and younger adults looking for an intriguing story that ups the thematic elements for a more mature YA audience or for adults who don't like to step fully into the NA or Adult category.