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Paul is in trouble – moved from a young offenders’ prison to a hospital for the mentally ill because he sees and talks to his dead sister. He knows she’s real. And she has something important to say.

The doctors’ methods are painful and disturbing. As the treatments build up, Paul is increasingly confused about what is real and who he can trust.

But he is not the only patient – not the only one who hears voices that seem connected to strange and inexplicable powers. When some of his friends are transferred to the mysterious Ty Eidolon, Paul becomes suspicious that they are destined for a sinister fate.

As his grip on reality weakens, Paul must make a decision – whether to escape alone or help the others escape with him into an uncertain and dangerous future.

## **Eidolon Details**

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## Zaide says

### *Truth is an Illusion*

As a lover of all things paranormal and mysterious I was buzzing with excitement to read Sofi Croft's *Eidolon* and I was not disappointed.

The main character, Paul, is moved from a young offenders prison to a mental hospital called Ty Hapus – or “Happy House” as he explains, *I guess it must have been called that before it became what it is.* - because he can see and talk to his dead sister, Debbie.

Ty Hapus, dubbed the place *they send you when there is nowhere left to send you*, is where Paul is exposed to some painful and harrowing treatments to cure his ‘Psychosis’.

Having led a normal life until this point, Paul is understandably confused about this sudden ability to converse with his dead sister and even more concerned about the strange new abilities he possesses which seem to be linked to this. As he grows more and more agitated and angry at his treatment, his strength seems to grow and Paul's mind is constantly on escaping and stopping these doctors from trying to take Debbie away from him.

I really liked Paul, with a troubled past and carrying some heavy guilt for events that the book touches on, I really felt his misery at certain points. He is endlessly fighting to escape and to stop what is happening to him, to little avail, but that didn't dampen his hope and I really liked that he never gave up. He has to endure some pretty harsh treatment at Ty Hapus but he eventually makes some friends and starts to discover a little more of the facility's true purpose and the secrets it is hiding. After people start getting transferred to the mysterious Ty *Eidolon*, and with talk of Paul himself being sent there, he starts to realise that something bigger and more concerning may be happening. Not much is known about Ty *Eidolon*, *they only send some there. The ones they think will be useful to them*, but Paul doesn't want to be useful, he just wants to be free.

Throughout the story we meet several other youths who all share Paul's mysterious connection with the supernatural and who all possess exceptional gifts. As the plot progresses we get to witness a hint of the power of these gifts and this is when the story really kicked off. The summary of the book hints at the powers that Paul possesses but I didn't expect this to be what it was. Very reminiscent of the X-Men or Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children, each character had their own individual and very unique gift that each had its own purpose and usefulness. I loved this addition so much that I just couldn't wait to meet the next new character so I could find out what they were capable of, it was a real excitement boost for me.

The ending was an action packed, fast paced sprint to the finish line with an epilogue with just enough teasing detail to have me rushing off to find out when the next book is going to be released. It looks like it's going to be part of a trilogy, if so those next two books will be going straight on my pre-order list as soon as they're available.

A winding tale of intrigue and determination, I would definitely recommend this to fans of Ransom Riggs' Miss Peregrine trilogy or Jenny Nimmo's Children of The Red King series.

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## **Catrin Collier says**

I really loved this book, not least for the sense of suspense and realistic characters but the fact that the author has delved deep into the confusion that accompanies adolescence, asking the age-old questions. What is reality? How much of what we see and know is down to our imaginations? A thought provoking book that has prompted me to look out for more of Sofi Croft's work.

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## **Maia Moore says**

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\* I have been given a copy of this book in exchange for an honest review \*

Eidolon follows Paul, a boy in a hospital for the mentally ill, who has a troubled and secretive past and sees his dead sister. Something seems off about the doctors treatment of him, and when he begins to meet the other patients, it forces him to question everything he knows is true.

The book first won my favour when it mentioned Paul was staying in Ty Hapus – I used to live in Wales near a Ty Hapus, although I hope it wasn't quite the same as the one Paul was in!

Eidolon forces the reader, along with Paul, to question what is real. Although the events in the book point towards something supernatural, Paul is in a hospital for mentally ill children: can you really trust his word? One of my favourite things about the book was that I was never really sure what was real and what wasn't.

I really felt for Paul, whose ability to converse with his dead sister was like a lifeline to him: even if it meant he was crazy or something more supernatural, he just wanted to keep her around. As the events surrounding Debbie and Paul's childhood and Debbie's death emerge, it's clear why he doesn't want to let her go.

When Paul is moved to Ty Eidolon he meets a lot more young people with abilities like his. It all felt very X-Men/Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children which are two of my favourite things. Again, we're kept guessing as to what's going on. Ty Eidolon is controlled by a mysterious director that the children say can control your mind. But everyone is in charge of their own medication and taught to control their powers, so is it really a bad place, or should Paul stay and give it a go? I really didn't know which way things were going to go.

This is a great start to a trilogy that I'm really looking forward to finishing. Great for fans of Miss Peregrine's, this is an action packed mystery which makes the reader question what's real and what's not, while touching on themes of loss and grief.

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## **XinaHailey says**

Fantasy vs Reality at its finest.

With twists and turns that blur the boundary between what is and isn't real beyond recognition, Sofi weaves

together the most intricate tale that leaves you speechless as you turn the final page.

Having gone into the book blind, knowing little to nothing of what it was about, I was more than pleasantly surprised!

Following our protagonist Paul who is haunted by the not so distant memories of his deceased sister, we are thrown headfirst into the secret-riddled world of Ty Hapus, a 'happy' home created to help troubled teens and reintegrate them back into society.

Eidolon is in my opinion a brilliantly undefinable mix of supernatural, paranormal, and contemporary.

Left with countless questions, I can say wholeheartedly that I am thrilled there is going to be a sequel!

What really is 'Ty Eidolon'?!  

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