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## **From Reader Review Common Ground: Kayla and Taylor's Story for online ebook**

### **Stacey Schneller says**

Another great read by Alice. I am so thankful that I was able to read this. I absoulty loved how we got to read about Kayla and Taylor again. Kayla was my favorite in this story. I enjoyed getting to know these two more and watch them fall in love.

Alice just does an Awsome job with her writting and I felt very close to Kayla and there world. I can't wait to see what happens next in this seriers. So much goodness in this story I want more.

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### **Tuba Sayed says**

I love Kayla

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### **Kandis says**

Common Ground : Kayla and Taylor's Story by Alice Rachel is an amazing read! I love how everything I have read by Alice Rachel is not only entertaining but truly thought provoking. I love that I find social terminology that I have to stop and google (Yes I live in a box lol). Her writing inspires me to reach for my dreams and truly be myself. I love Kayla! She won't apologize for her past or what she believes in. I love love love this series and this book is perfect! I feel so empowered from reading this! This is definitely a 5 Star Read!

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### **Alexandra says**

Once again a captivating, heartbreaking, disturbing dystopian YA story that made me think long and hard about conventions and laws and where this world is going. I fell in love with Taylor and Kayla, I can't wait to read more about Morgan, my heart went out to the victims (prepare to cry. A lot!) and I was so happy for the good things happening... but that last sentence? That made me afraid. Very afraid. So: Give me more!

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### **Jeanette says**

So pleased to have won this book in a recent Goodreads First Reads giveaway.

I'm surprised as to how much i enjoyed this book, as it isn't a book that i would normally have gone for. It's the first time that i have read any books by this author and hope to read more. Recommended.

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## **Ruth says**

Thank you Alice Rachel for sending me a copy. :)

The beginning was like a bomb which has instantly got my full attention. Though the I-have-to-fight-back attitude is something that I have expected from the characters, their courage and willingness to fight still never failed to amaze me. Perhaps these character's conviction and how they fight for the things that matters are the main reason why I love this book. But there's also a voice in my head that pushes me to admit the real reason why I love Common Ground, and that is because of the main characters, Taylor and Kayla. Their love is just incomparable. Kayla and Taylor's story has deeply changed how I look at them. Before I look at them as a couple, now I look at them as if they symbolize something-courage, love and faithfulness. These characters were beautifully written that I can't help but fall in love with them.

The pacing was great. The plot was amazing.

I highly recommend this book. This book deserves to be read by readers all over the world!!!

Oh, and I couldn't believe I waited this long to start reading this book. It's amazzzzing!!! 4/5 stars! Go read it!

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## **Nancy (The Avid Reader) says**

Common Ground tells the story of two characters from the Under Ground series Kayla and Taylor. In Common Ground we find out more about who they are and what made them the way they are now. It tells of their lives before they joined the Under Ground and the story of how they met.

Taylor moves across the street from Kayla and when she gets her first look at him and sees how handsome he is just swears up and down that she will not fall in love with him. Kayla has had her fill of men as the last guy she dated was a duce bag.

Taylor is a very great guy with a big heart. Taylor's sister Karen is being forced by their father to marry this guy but Karen is not into guys no she likes girls. Things turn bad when the man she is to marry won't take no for an answer. Karen moves in with Taylor and meets a nice young girl, Morgan who is Kayla's best friend.

In Taylor and Karen's world women have no rights. They are not allowed to own property or have a career of any kind. Women have to stay home and the man takes care of her and run their lives. It is against the law for girls to like girls or boys to like boys.

Common Ground is not the first book in the Under Ground series that I have read. I fell in love with all the characters and world of the Under Ground in the first book Under Ground. I the love the world that the author has created for the Under Ground series although I do get so upset with how the women are treated and how lesbians and gays are treated. Everyone should have the right to love who they love. No one can help who they love. This world is amazing and so very intriguing.

Common Ground will grab you from the first and pull you until you are lost in its world. The characters will pull at your heart strings. It will keep you coming back for more. As I have said before I love this series and

will keep coming back for more every chance I get. This is one series that would make a great movie.

I highly recommend Common Ground to all fans of the dystopia genre.

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### **Robin Rankin says**

Common Ground by Alice Rachel was a good book but I had a hard time reading it. Some of the things Taylor and Kayla dealt with are things that could be our future if we aren't careful and that scared me to be honest. I don't if that is what Ms. Rachel was to say with this book or not but that is what I took from it. I don't want to get political but the way women, minorities, the poor and homosexuals were treated in this book was horrible and I'm afraid of it becoming a reality. I loved that they fought for what they believed in.

Kayla and Taylor meet by chance but their relationship takes them to places they never could have imagined when that first day. There is so much pain and unhappiness for both Kayla and Taylor, but they also find love with one another. Love is love and that is all that really matters.

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### **Jenny says**

Common Ground by Alice Rachel is a prequel that can be read before the rest of the series, Under Ground. The story focused on the backstory of the two main characters Taylor Jones and Kayla Haynes before they decided to join the rebellion. It let us understand and know more about the characters and what their lives were before.

To be honest, I find it hard to review this book without giving too many details or spoilers. The plot is set in a dystopian society where New York State is divided into three classes: the upper, the middle, and the lower class. The resources and laws that people will get and need to abide are based on their status. The readers also had the witness some of the issues in Taylor and Kayla's society which we are even now facing such as the problems of equality, sexuality, and racism. The way the author built such a clear, oppressive world made me think how cruel it would be if this happened to us. One thing I know is I do not want to live in this kind of world.

However, I think this book is more of a romantic one. It is so cute to witness two people falling in love despite the cruel society they are in. The love between Taylor and Kayla is sweet and real. I like how Taylor and Kayla's faced both happy and dark moments of their lives supporting each other.

As for the two main characters, they are strong, independent people with kind hearts. They are well-developed and interesting in some ways. Although the two main characters have gone through heartbreaks and tragedies, they both remained true to themselves and this just rekindles their determination to be the catalysts for change.

Overall, Common Ground is a fast-paced, romantic book set in a dystopian society. I give this book 4 stars!

Thank you, Alice Rachel, for providing me an ebook copy in exchange for an honest review.

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## Misty Ziegler says

\*\*\*\*4 stars\*\*\*\*

Common Ground: Kayla and Taylor's Story by Alice Rachel

Common Ground is another nice installment to the Under Ground series of novels and novellas. I give Alice Rachel's take on Kayla and Taylor's story 4 stars. I enjoy getting to know the characters of this series better, especially like with this story showing why Kayla and Taylor chose to join the Underground resistance group. The connection that Taylor and Kayla had was shown very well in this story, as well as the losses and tragedies they both endured that led them to want justice and to seek strength in one another as well as with the help of other people in the Underground.

This story is a good addition to this dystopian series, however it's not one of my favorites. I don't know whether I'm starting to actually burn out on this whole long drawn out series or if I just didn't connect as well to Kayla and Taylor. Each time I see a new item is released from the series I tell myself it's all coming together now, then I get a few chapters in and think maybe I'm tired of this thing dragging out so slow. Alice Rachel's writing sucks me back in though, with the social issues she intertwines in every story line. I'm a huge dystopian novel fan and enjoy seeing how each different character has so many differences, but also similarities. The writing was smooth and the characters were well developed as always. I definitely know that I will be here for whatever Alice Rachel decides to give us next.

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### **Joefel Bolo says**

When I read the first entry in the Underground series, I said to myself that this series is an amazing read. As I've said in my previous reviews about Underground series, this book really belongs to the LGBTQ Community. It helps to reflect what deviance act may be and from what today's doing. And one thing more it empowers the real essence of gender equality.

The others entries were beautiful but in Kayla and Taylor it was a bit cliche to me. I enjoyed the romance and love between Taylor and Kayla but there is something missing that I want to know. The characters were not that kind of powerful couple unlike Thia and Clay from Underground. I expect a little more progress about their relationship and It would be better if it is in a fast romance and have a more slice of life. But other than that Kayla herself did something great and she's a very promising girl. I love how she handle her temptation with Taylor. And one thing more that I enjoyed is the theme of the Common Ground which is said that "THEY CANNOT BREAK US". That line shows many views about being brave and facing your fear together with your special someone and family as well.

**WE CAN FIGHT BACK!**

The writing style is still fresh and beautiful. The voices of characters were good. And the short story about Morgan reveals another powerful love that can be with all those feels, hate, anger and love itself. The Underground series will be marked as my favorites series of all time.

Ratings: 3/5 ?

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### **Christina says**

Common Ground was an intense story about Taylor and Kayla becoming a part of the rebel group the Underground in addition it had the story of Morgan and Karen two women who were also affected by the government's prejudices. This book would be best read after the other books such as Under Ground and Standing Ground to better appreciate it plus all the cameos were wonderful :). It was really nice to learn about the characters and how the laws came into being and how everyone was affected by them and not just the ones who got killed on the spot. What I love about Alice Rachel's writing is that she can convey emotion and thoughts with so many characters and make you fall in love with the ones you are supposed to fall in love with and thoroughly hate the ones you are supposed to hate. Sad part is though this dystopian could potentially happen. 5 out of 5 stars because of these points

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### **Fran Zoch, LSoR says**

This is the Prequel for the Underground series and is about Taylor and Kayla , these two are neighbors and she did not want to fall for him but we all know life never goes as planned, Kayla has had a bad run when it come to relationships and being with Taylor has changed that.

Then we have Karen who is gay but has to hide the fact and her father has a man lined up for her to marry and she doesn't want that at all, the bad thing is her fiancee is not gonna take no for an answer

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**Maria Vickers says**

Hiding your true self from family, the government, and almost everyone you know. Falling for someone you didn't expect. Finding strength and fighting for what you want. This book has it all and more. It's a must read and will drag you in. Alice Rachel has a way of weaving her words and stories that keep you engrossed. It's hard to put the book down. 4.5 stars and I recommend that you one click this book today! It will leave your head spinning.

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