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Editorial Review

From School Library Journal

Gr 10 Up—After her sister was brutally murdered, Alex Craft sought revenge when her killer walked free. Alex cuts herself off from everyone in her small backwoods town, until Peekay, the shy preacher's kid, and Jack Fisher, the most popular guy in school, force their way into her life as friends, with unintended consequences for all of them. An unsettling and stark exploration of small-town life and the secrets that we all keep.

Review

★ “Each word has been specifically chosen, each character superbly and humanly sculpted, the plot line masterfully completed. To say more would be to dilute the experience. McGinnis plays with the readers and they are at her mercy.” (Voice of Youth Advocates (VOYA) (**starred review**))

★ “Whether a catcall, an unwelcome touch, or more, sexual aggression towards females happens daily; McGinnis explores how one teen uses violence for justice in this gripping story that should be read and discussed by teens, as well as those who work with them.” (Booklist (**starred review**))

★ “McGinnis gracefully avoids the pitfalls of creating a teenage vigilante, instead maintaining a sense of piercing realism. Alex is a pained girl in dangerous free fall, whose fierce independence is challenged by newfound friendships, even love, though neither may be enough to stave off the inevitable.” (Publishers Weekly (**starred review**))

★ “All three teens are haunted by the memory of Anna’s murder, and Alex’s inclination to both considering and exacting revenge with cruel efficiency leads them all inexorably to an explosive, terrible finale. An unflinching look at rape culture and its repercussions.” (Kirkus Reviews (**starred review**))

★ “An astoundingly dark but beautifully written tragedy, brimming with sexual assault, violent murders, and accounts of animal abuse...but also tempered with glimpses of genuine human emotion and extremely touching displays of kindness that cross social barriers and species. Highly recommended for collections serving teenagers.” (School Library Journal (**starred review**))

“It’s raw. Not ‘raw for YA.’ Real-deal raw. And violent. And unforgettable. McGinnis explores both and she goes there in a way no one really has before in YA. This is Kill Bill in high school, but with more nuance, bolder choices and a true female perspective.” (The Globe and Mail)

“Your heart may still be pounding after you’ve finished this book. It is uncannily well timed to our current political situation...McGinnis, who dedicates her book to ‘the victims,’ examines this dichotomy of hope and violence, love and hate, with dexterity and grace.” (The New York Times Book Review)

“The ending of this dark novel leaves much to be unpacked, and it would certainly spark heated discussion in a book club or classroom.” (Bulletin of the Center for Children’s Books)

“Holy crap is it good.” (Bustle)

McGinnis’s novel about a teenage girl who avenges her sister’s rape and murder and becomes a self-created human weapon is a gut punch that will leave you reassessing everything you thought you knew about the

lives of young women.” (NY Mag)

A Must-Read YA Book of Fall 2016 (Brightly.com)

From the Back Cover

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As their senior year unfolds, Alex's darker nature breaks out, setting these three teens on a collision course that will change their lives forever. Edgar Award-winning author Mindy McGinnis artfully crafts three alternating perspectives into a dark and riveting exploration of what it means to be the female of the species.

Users Review

From reader reviews:

Marie Clayton:

Nowadays reading books be a little more than want or need but also be a life style. This reading addiction give you lot of advantages. Associate programs you got of course the knowledge the actual information inside the book in which improve your knowledge and information. The info you get based on what kind of e-book you read, if you want attract knowledge just go with education and learning books but if you want truly feel happy read one with theme for entertaining for example comic or novel. The The Female of the Species is kind of publication which is giving the reader unstable experience.

Donald Scott:

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James Ritchey:

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Anne Shibata:

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