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## Editorial Review

From School Library Journal

Gr 4–6—Ever since a freak hockey accident killed his friend Jared, Trent has felt guilty and angry and thinks everyone hates him. After all, it was his stray shot that hit Jared. He lashes out at teachers, ignores his friends, and feels misunderstood by family. When Fallon, a girl with a secret, befriends him and won't take no for an answer, he reluctantly opens up. Narrator Ramon de Ocampo's unique intonations and voice bring to life Trent's world with ease. The author expertly handles the topic, and the plot is engaging, but the characters' motives are stiff and unbelievable at times. Readers will laugh and cry as they relate to Trent's flawed character and his struggles to forgive himself. VERDICT A good choice for those who enjoy realistic fiction, need help dealing with grief, or like audiobooks about the healing power of friendship.—Jessica Moody, Olympus Jr. High, Holladay, UT

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\* "Graff creates layered, vulnerable characters that are worth getting to know and rooting for. Narrated by the moody, sarcastic Trent, the story never buckles beneath his troubles, and it finds wings once he can see beyond them. Pranks, *The Sandlot* reenactments, sports talk, and donuts are in plentiful supply, adding dashes of levity at the right moments. The book's real magic is found in simple acts like watering plants and learning when to listen and when to just tip your head back and scream at the sky."--*Booklist* \*STARRED\*

\* "In an ambitious and gracefully executed story, Graff covers a lot of emotional ground, empathically tracing Trent's efforts to deal with a horrible, inexplicable accident and to heal the relationships that have become collateral damage along the way."--*Publishers Weekly* \*STARRED\*

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