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Editorial Review

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Lost. It's not just a state of being, but an actual place, as Lauren Chase discovers when she drives into the dinky town after being all but consumed by a dust storm. Lauren also quickly realizes that Lost is not a normal place. There are abandoned houses everywhere, and children running rampant through the streets. When Lauren attempts to leave, she finds herself going in circles in the dust storm that seems to continually surround the town. Determined to escape, Lauren goes to the local diner to try and get some answers. She is told that only the Missing Man can send her home once she finds what she has lost. Confused and frustrated, Lauren must figure out how to survive in this town full of misfits and broken and discarded items. How will she make it home if she doesn't even know what to look for? In her highly imaginative and jarring adult debut, YA star Durst (Vessel, 2012) pushes readers out of their comfort zones and into a slow-brewing, increasingly exciting, and deeply provocative fantasy world. --Patricia Smith

Review

"It's a thriller, a fairy tale nightmare, and a romance all in one, unlike anything else and impossible to predict. I could not stop reading!"

-New York Times bestselling author Laini Taylor on *Conjured*

"Told in a descriptive style that perfectly captures the changing settings, Durst's novel is a page-turner."

-Booklist on *Ice*

"Every page of *Enchanted Ivy* weaves a delightful, seductive spell. Lily is a true heroine--smart, intrepid, and utterly human. I'd give anything to travel to the world of Sarah Beth Durst's imagination!"

-- Jeri Smith-Ready, award-winning author of *Shade*

"With her deft prose and runaway imagination, [Durst] creates a tale filled with rich characters, wonderful story-telling, and puzzle pieces that fall together perfectly."

-- Examiner.com on *Enchanted Ivy*

"It's hard to put down this intriguing and darkly spooky story that calls out to be quickly consumed in search of answers."

-New York Journal of Bookson *Conjured*

"Durst excels at describing grotesque violence and gorgeous magical transformations alike, painting a touching portrait of first love against a backdrop of Twilight Zone-type terrors." - Kirkuson *Conjured*

"Told in a descriptive style that perfectly captures the changing settings, Durst's novel is a page-turner that readers who enjoy adventure mixed with fairy-tale romance will find hard to put down." -- Booklist on *Ice*

"Having her way with the conventions of the genre, Durst crafts a fresh, modern, and humorous twist on the vampire novel. Lively characters and a sweet romance are icing on the cake." -Publishers' Weekly on *Drink, Slay, Love*

"This beautifully drawn tale captured me in a realm of wonders!" -- New York Times bestselling author Tamora Pierce on *Ice*

"Sarah Beth Durst weaves a postmodern fairy tale that's fresh, funny, and sweetly poignant."--School Library Journal on *Into the Wild*

About the Author

Sarah Beth Durst is the author of YA novels *Conjured*, *Vessel*, *Drink Slay Love*, *Enchanted Ivy*, and *Ice*, as well as middle grade novels *Into the Wild* and *Out of the Wild*. She was awarded the 2013 Mythopoeic Fantasy Award and has been a finalist for SFWA's Andre Norton Award three times. Sarah lives in Stony Brook, New York, with her husband and children. *The Lost*, *The Missing*, and *The Found* are Sarah's first novels for adults.

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