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Editorial Review

From School Library Journal

Gr 9 Up-Kelsey and Isaac are new to Concordia Public. She is an honor-roll student who was expelled from Concordia Prep, with the why not revealed until well into the novel. The lie she tells Isaac about the reason is central to her later problems at school. Isaac is a classic bad boy rich kid, whose father is a state senator. He has his own problems with honesty. The story is told from alternating perspectives and chronologies. These narrative and plot devices make it a bit different from the run-of-the-mill high-school drama/romance. The language is sometimes crude, but the voices ring true partly because of that. Readers won't find any saints in this book. The pacing, plot, and voices make it a good choice for light reading.-Nina Sachs, Walker Memorial Library, Westbrook, ME(c) Copyright 2011. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.

Review

"Sharp banter... endearing... [a] well-paced and enjoyable confection." --*Publishers Weekly*

"Barnholdt's snappy dialogue and deftly woven flashbacks will keep readers turning the pages in comic suspense. Romance fans will find the conclusion satisfying even as it is refreshingly messy." --*Kirkus Reviews*

About the Author

Lauren Barnholdt is the author of the teen novels *The Thing About the Truth*, *Sometimes It Happens*, *One Night That Changes Everything*, *Two-Way Street*, and *Watch Me*. She is also the author of the middle-grade novels *The Secret Identity of Devon Delaney*, *Devon Delaney Should Totally Know Better*, *Four Truths and a Lie*, *Rules for Secret-Keeping*, and *Fake Me a Match*. She lives in Waltham, Massachusetts.

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