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Editorial Review

From School Library Journal

Gr 8 Up-In this dystopian fantasy, Aria Rose wakes up one morning missing her memories. She is told that she is engaged to Thomas Foster, son of a rival family. There is a Romeo and Juliet story that has captivated New York society. Why, then, can Aria not remember any details of her romantic history? In search of answers, she travels to forbidden parts of the city, where the poor masses and the oppressed Mystics live. There, she meets Hunter, a boy who is entirely wrong for her, but who sparks her interest in ways that she is sure Thomas never has. Moreover, Hunter might be able to help her find the key to her past. What the two discover will have far-reaching consequences for their families and friends, and for the city of New York. This book marries a fast-paced plot with likable, developed characters, set in a future Manhattan that is all too believable. Readers may pick up on what has happened to Aria's memories long before she does, but the plot takes other twists and turns as the protagonist learns about the Mystics and the scope of her own family's power. Hand this book to fans of Gabrielle Zevin's *All These Things I've Done* (Farrar, 2011) and other urban dystopias with strong female characters.--Misti Tidman, Licking County Library, Newark, OH(c) Copyright 2011. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.

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Global warming has submerged much of what was New York City; the rich now live in the Aeries, skyscrapers looming above the squalid Depths. Manhattan is governed by a corrupt Aeries government and runs on the magical energy drained from humans known as Mystics, who must register with the authorities and are drained regularly to keep them subdued. Eighteen-year-old Aria Rose, daughter of a prominent Aeries politician, is engaged to Thomas Foster, the son of the Rose family's political rival—but she has no memory of their supposed secret romance and is disturbed by random memories of intense, passionate encounters with someone else. Why can't she remember? Has Aria overdosed on a hallucinogenic drug, as she has been told, or is there a much larger plot between the Rose and Foster families? With the New York setting, incredible wealth, and many elaborate costume changes, it's more than a little reminiscent of the *Gossip Girl* series, but the story flames up into cinematic and fiery battles that promise sequels. Class issues and an important election are primary themes, giving this dystopian adventure debut immediate ties to the present. Grades 7-11. --Debbie Carton

Review

USA Today, "Happily Ever After" (blog), October 9, 2012:

"The characters themselves, especially Aria, are what drive this book. I love deep and complex stuff, I love the cover, I love Theo's writing and the *Mystic City* world...**This novel is for fans of mind games, rebels, heartache and intrigue.**"

Kirkus Reviews, May 15, 2012:

"A gripping Romeo-and-Juliet exploration of deception, espionage, revolution, the greater good and love conquering all—with the aid of magical green lights and a peculiar little locket."

Publishers Weekly, September 3, 2012:

"Debut author Lawrence's writing is assured."

School Library Journal, January 2013:

"This book marries a fast-paced plot with likable, developed characters, set in a future Manhattan that is all

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