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White, Kiersten. *Paranormalcy*. HarperCollins, 2010. ISBN 9780061985843. \$16.99. 335 p.

Reviewer: Debbie Barr

Reading level: Young adult

Rating: Outstanding

Genre: Fiction; Fantasy fiction;

Subject: Supernatural--Juvenile fiction; Identity--Juvenile fiction; Shapeshifting--Juvenile fiction; Books--Reviews;

Sixteen year old Evie desperately wants to be normal. Unfortunately, she works for the International Paranormal Containment Agency, making being normal difficult. Evie's the only person who can see through a paranormal creature's glamour, making her a valuable commodity to an organization that captures werewolves, vampires, and hags. Then, something starts killing paranormals, a teenage shape shifter breaks into IPCA, and her faerie ex-boyfriend keeps trying to kidnap her. As Evie works to understand what's happening, she realizes that she's not alone in her abilities—she has a sister, who turns out to be the one behind the killings. Evie and her sister, being actually created by faeries, both have the ability to capture and harness the power of paranormals' souls. With a group of anti-IPCA paranormals—including the cute shape shifter—Evie is able to take down her sister and release the captured souls.

With a charming and memorable voice, Kiersten White has created a character teens will love to read about and a story that will keep readers on the edge of their seats. Although this is her debut novel, the prose is clean and the plot well paced. Both fans and skeptics of the paranormal genre will enjoy this tongue-in-cheek take on a paranormal story with adventure and an adorable romance. Although White will be writing two more sequels, the story feels complete, and readers will certainly be clamoring for more Evie once they are through.

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