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The Girl Who Was Supposed to Die by April Henry

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Author: Henry, April

Title: *The Girl Who Was Supposed to Die*

Year of Publication: 2013

Publisher: Henry Holt and Company

ISBN: 9780805095418

Number of Pages: 213

Rating: Excellent

Reading/Interest Level: Young Adult

Keywords: Thriller; Mystery; Amnesia; Identity Theft; Kidnapping; Survival; Novels

Review:

Henry engages the reader from page one in this thriller written not for the faint of heart. Beginning in a cloudy conundrum, the main character neither knows her name or why she's beaten and tied up in a remote cabin. This page turner keeps the reader reeling for more clues to both the identity of the narrator and the cause for her predicament.

As the story unravels, intrigue and conspiracy play a major role in the heart wrenching state of both the narrator and her family. When the narrator pieces together the captors' intent: to contain her in order to gain information about her parent's whereabouts, confusion and distraught replace the temporary satisfaction of finding a puzzle piece that fits. The reader is along for a terrifying ride as the narrator figures out the mystery behind who she is, who her family is, and how she can find them again as well as protect them. A warning of graphic content must be impressed upon young readers who wish to pick up this novel, but young adults will find this story captivating and thrilling.

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