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The Hybrid Chronicles #1: What's Left of Me

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Book Review

Title: The Hybrid Chronicles #1: What's Left of Me

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Publisher: Harper

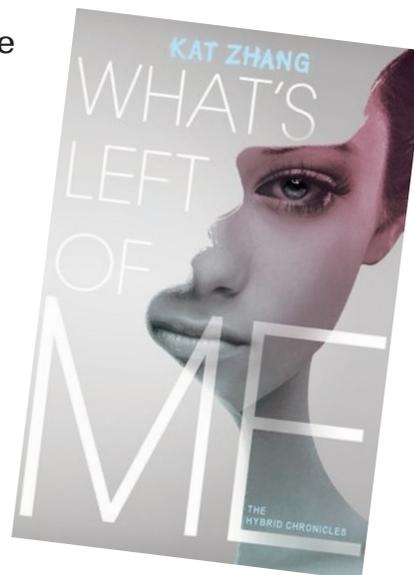
Publication Year: 2012

ISBN: 9780062114877

Number of Pages: 343

Interest Level: Primary, Intermediate

Rating: Outstanding



Review

Eva and Addie are two souls living in one body, just like everyone else, except they have a secret: Eva was supposed to disappear but she didn't. She's trapped inside their mind, unable to move. One day they meet Hally, who turns out to be a hybrid like her with two souls, and her brother Devon, who tries to help Eva be in control again. Unfortunately, the hybrids are found out and taken to an institution where they are operated on. Luckily, Eva and Addie, Hally, Devon, and two other children escape, marking the beginning of a revolution.

Zhang writes a wonderful story of what life would be like if people were born with two personalities inside them. Although Eva isn't in control until the very end, she clearly struggles with her desire to experience life instead of being trapped inside with only Addie to talk to. As evidenced by her actions, Addie's also struggles with her desire to be normal. Addie gives up things that make her happy just so people don't ask her too many questions. Zhang did a great job of telling a story in modern time with the hybrid twist. The story is told on Earth, in America, and even references World War I and II, creating a parallel universe of the future. Overall, a very good read for anyone wanting a great story to get lost in.

*Contains moderate violence.