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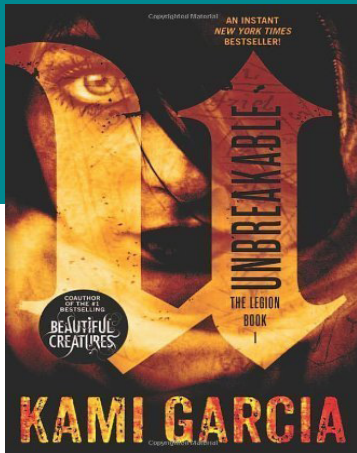
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Book Review

The Legion #1: Unbreakable



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Rating

Excellent

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Young Adult

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When Kennedy's mother dies, Kennedy expects a rough transition. Her father abandoned Kennedy when she was only five, and her only remaining relative is an estranged aunt. But Kennedy doesn't anticipate a murderous ghost, nor the two handsome brothers, Lukas and Jared, bursting into her house to save her. Kennedy is dragged into the Legion of the Black Dove, where the duty to stop the demon Andras from rising to power has been passed prematurely to a group of teenagers due to the unexpected murders of their leaders—Kennedy's mother being one of them. Kennedy struggles to find her place, questioning why her mother left her untrained as other members use various skill sets to retrieve pieces of a device to destroy Andras. Kennedy also finds herself attracted to Jared, whose reluctance to open up to her is echoed by her own insecurities. When the Legion obtains the final piece to the device to kill Andras, Kennedy hopes that will be the end of her troubles. Instead, the device releases Andras. The group flees and splits up, Jared leaving Kennedy with a promise that he will find her again.

This novel is brimming with raw, powerful emotion that brings the characters to life. Kennedy's pain at her mother's passing, her fear of being left behind by those she loves, and her determination to use her talents to help others is well depicted, creating a strong bond with this heroine. The romance with Jared feels natural and genuine rather than forced and leaves room for growth in future novels. The plot twist of the device not working as anticipated is foreshadowed without being obvious; however, the lack of exploration about whether or not Kennedy's father is a surviving member of the Legion feels like a significant oversight, which may take away the impact from a future reveal. The ghosts in the story are terrifying without being overbearingly gruesome, and the story is refreshingly fast-paced. Unbreakable will satisfy any young reader with a thirst for supernatural thrillers.

*Contains moderate violence.