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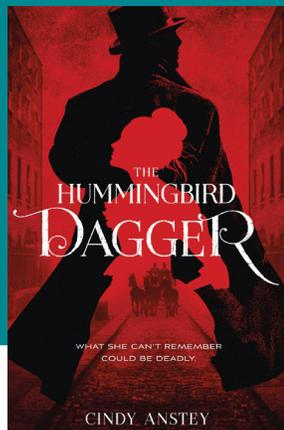
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## Book Review

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### Author

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### Rating

Excellent

### Level

Young Adult

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### Pages

336

### Year

2019

### ISBN

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### Publisher

Swoon Reads

After tumbling out in a stagecoach accident, Beth recalls nothing of her past. While housed in the Ellerby household and not even remembering her real name, her only clue is a dreadful recurring nightmare. Her screams echo through the halls as she imagines a hummingbird dagger drinking her blood and the horrific scenes that follow. When accidents start occurring around the area, it appears that Beth's arrival might have dire consequences. In order to survive, they must find out who is after Beth and why.

Cindy Anstey writes a beautiful and elegant story that feels polished to perfection. Her writing is captivating as readers hold on, trying to make sense of the mystery. She doesn't give away too many details, just enough that you arrive at the conclusion along with the characters. This multifaceted story is a sure crowd-pleaser with the perfect dash of romance and intrigue. The story is clean and the romance aspect has just the right amount of blushing and awkward stumbling to make it feel like the perfect love story without taking over the plot. The characters are all well thought-out with their own flaws and personality traits adding color to each page. This is a book that is perfectly balanced in how it treats violence, romance, and mystery—showing aspects of each genre without going too far.

\*Contains moderate violence.