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The Unwanteds

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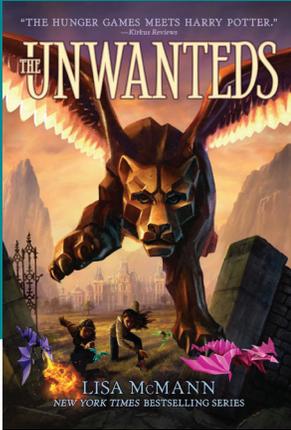
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Book Review

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Rating

Excellent

Level

Intermediate, Young Adult

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Pages

400

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2011

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Aladdin

The Island of Quill is a peculiar place where all creativity is sent to die. Every year, the people of Quill send all the too-creative thirteen-year-old children to the island. Alex Stowe makes his peace with the elimination process, says good-bye to his twin brother Aaron and his parents, and prepares himself to never see them again. As the doors close behind him, shutting him off from the city of Quill, he prepares himself for elimination. Yet, instead of finding a 'death farm' on the island, what reveals itself to Alex is a magical place called Artime, where creativity is not only accepted but encouraged. This book follows Alex's progression of creativity through art and magic.

The Unwants is a riveting dystopian novel and the beginning of a wonderful, magical series. The main message of this book is that creativity should be encouraged and is not something to disparage. Creativity is an important part of any child's life, and this novel helps support that notion. The author does a great job describing the setting and the action in an attention-grabbing way. She invites you into the story by letting you use your imagination and creative side. This is a book of family rivalry, peril, acceptance, and creativity. This is one book recommended for your classroom library!

*Contains mild violence.