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### Editorial Review

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\*Starred Review\* She is a princess, and it is her duty to marry into an alliance. But 17-year-old Lia has her own opinion about that obligation, one that she puts into action when she escapes her wedding with her lady-in-waiting, Pauline. Determined, confident Lia thinks that she knows how to cover her tracks, and soon she and Pauline are working as barmaids in Pauline's hometown. Now two new voices enter to help tell the story. One belongs to the prince whom Lia was supposed to marry. He is curious about his fled fiancée and angry that she thought of a way to get out of the marriage first. The other voice belongs to an assassin who is sent by the Komizar of Venda to make sure that Lia doesn't change her mind and return to initiate an alliance that will harm their country. Pearson offers readers a wonderfully full-bodied story: harrowing, romantic, and full of myth and memory, fate and hope. She never compromises her characters—especially the multifaceted Lia—for plot; each element motivates the other. There is also a richness to the descriptions that makes readers feel that they can see and even smell the changing landscapes. This has the sweep of an epic tale, told with some twists; it's a book that almost doesn't need a sequel, but readers will be thrilled that it continues on. Grades 9-12. --Ilene Cooper

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"After her strong Jenna Fox series, Pearson adeptly switches gears here from science fiction to fantasy, but her ability to write a romance featuring complex characters and a strong plot remains constant." ?*The Horn Book*

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“Peppered with excerpts from sacred texts and traditional songs, the novel has a formidable heroine at its core, who is as quick with a knife as she is to laugh or cry. Pearson maintains the mystery of Rafe and Kaden's identities, pulling readers through this **masterfully crafted** story.” ?*Publishers Weekly, Starred Review*

“Pearson's first book in her Remnant Chronicles is **thrilling. Readers will be hooked** from the first page to the last and will find themselves eagerly anticipating the next installment. Pearson pairs a rich and varied plot with a **fiery and headstrong heroine.**” ?*Romantic Times*

“Mystery, romance, betrayal, redemption: There's plenty to hook readers in to this installment of Lia's saga and make them impatient for the volumes to come.” ?*Chicago Tribune*

“Pearson's writing is **beautiful**, and her ability to twist a plot into knots keeps the reader wanting more.” ?*BookPage*

“This thick book is fantastical and interesting (with a bit of mystery thrown in!). . . . There's a lot of mystery that spices up the book. It's not all about the mystery, but it's on the peripheral always, which makes it that much more interesting.” ?*USA Today*

“Lia herself is a likeable heroine, and the selfishness in her act of leaving a kingdom in shambles for some future love is negated by her obvious naivete about political strategies and romantic relationships . . . Most intriguing are the two love interests, though, partly because of the way Pearson structures their narrating chapters.” ?*BCCB*

“**Rich and exciting** . . . a bold ending whets appetites for the next installment.” ?*Kirkus Reviews*

#### About the Author

**Mary E. Pearson** is the author of many novels for teens, including the popular Jenna Fox trilogy and the *New York Times* bestselling Remnant Chronicles. She writes full-time from her home in Carlsbad, California, where she lives with her husband and two dogs.

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