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Editorial Review

From School Library Journal

Gr 5–8—A year after the accident that killed Cedar Lee's father and younger brother, her family still feels freshly broken. Her mother moves the remainder of the family out to her hometown of Iron Creek for the summer. Cedar's mom throws herself into fixing up their new house, leaving Cedar and her younger brother Miles to explore the area on their own. Cedar can't shake her grief, especially when small trinkets that remind her of her brother Ben start appearing on her windowsill. Then Cedar notices that a strangely dressed boy rides by her house on his bike at the same time every day. She follows the boy and winds up with a new friend and a job at the Summerlost theater festival. As she dives into an old town mystery with Leo, she feels her heart slowly start to heal. Condie focuses mainly on Cedar's healing. Miles and her mother are present, and their journey through grief is certainly evident, but more care is given to Cedar and the development of her new relationships through the theater program. Leo is a vibrant secondary character, as are some of the other charming folks Cedar meets throughout her stay in Iron Creek. Have this on hand for readers who enjoy a sweet, heartfelt story. **VERDICT** A first purchase for middle grade collections, particularly where realistic fiction and coming-of-age stories are in demand.—Carli Worthman, Carmel Middle School, Carmel, IN

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Praise for Ally Condie's *Atlantia*:

"Utterly captivating. A heroine unlike any I'd met before, a setting I'd never glimpsed, a story I'd never imagined. *Atlantia* is fresh, wild, and engrossing. I love Ally Condie." —Shannon Hale, award-winning, bestselling author of *Austenland* and *Dangerous*

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"Condie brings tremendous depth to her world-building, finding terrific details in a culture created both to help people survive, and to perhaps keep them under control." —*Salt Lake City Weekly*

"A fast-paced fantasy adventure tale in a richly drawn dystopian future . . . this is a title that's sure to be

immensely popular with teens." —*School Library Journal*

"Each mystery leads into another, and Condie keeps readers guessing to the end." —*Shelf Awareness*

Praise for the International bestselling Matched trilogy:

"This futuristic fable of love and free will asks: Can there be freedom without choice? The tale of Cassia's journey from acceptance to rebellion will draw you in and leave you wanting more." —Cassandra Clare, *New York Times*-bestselling author of *The Infernal Devices* and *The Mortal Instruments* series

"A superb dystopian romance." —*The Wall Street Journal*

"The hottest YA title to hit bookstores since *The Hunger Games*." —*Entertainment Weekly*

"A fierce, unforgettable page-turner." —*Kirkus Reviews*, starred review

"Condie's enthralling and twisty dystopian plot is well served by her intriguing characters and fine writing. . . . Cassia's metamorphosis is gripping and satisfying." —*Publishers Weekly*, starred review

"Condie's prose is immediate and unadorned, with sudden pings of lush lyricism [and] reveals seeming to arrive on almost every page." —*Kirkus Reviews*, starred review

"Distinct . . . authentic . . . poetic." —*School Library Journal*

"Love triangle + struggle against the powers that be = perfect escape." —*MTV.com*

About the Author

Ally Condie is the author of the bestselling novel *Atlantia* and the critically acclaimed Matched trilogy, a #1 *New York Times* and international bestseller. The series has been published in more than 30 languages.

A former English teacher, Ally lives with her husband and four children outside of Salt Lake City, Utah. She loves reading, writing, running, and listening to her husband play guitar.

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