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Description:

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From School Library Journal Gr 6-9-When Radley Parker-Hughes, 17, learns of the recent upheaval in the United States, she leaves the Haitian orphanage where she's been volunteering and rushes home to a country she barely recognizes. The American People's Party has taken over: the president has been assassinated and vigilante violence has caused strict enforcement of curfews and restrictions on travel across state lines. Without money or a cell phone and completely unprepared to handle this new world, Radley feels her only hope of finding her parents-and safety-is to make the dangerous and forbidden journey to Canada. She forms a tentative alliance with Celia, a pregnant teen runaway, and Celia's dog, Jerry Lee. The girls take refuge in an abandoned schoolhouse across the border and construct a new life there. Although each has her reasons for discretion, Radley and Celia gradually learn to trust and depend on each other. Karen Hesse's novel (Feiwel & Friends, 2012) is a beautifully written tale of survival and friendship with impeccable character development. Jenna Lamia provides expert narration. Although this title is marketed as dystopian fiction, the defining characteristics typical to the genre never fully materialize. Radley and Celia escape threats

far too easily, the turmoil described in the beginning only vaguely carries over throughout the remainder of the story, and the ending wraps up too neatly. Those expecting a lot of action will be bored. Still, this story will be enjoyed by younger audiences not quite ready for the genre's darker tales. Be sure to check out the PDF of Hesse's haunting photos. Purchase to supplement the print version.-Alissa Bach, Oxford Public Library, $MI\alpha(c)$ Copyright 2011. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted. --This text refers to the edition.

Review

"By turns tender and terrified, Jenna Lamia's voice brings tight focus to this first-person account of 17-year-old Radley's efforts to find her way home after political upheaval rocks the U.S...Lamia holds on to listeners' sympathy for the dumpster diving heroin, who is so fearful that she never musters the courage to ask what's going on as she focuses on day-to-day survival." – *AudioFile Magazine*, winner of *AudioFile* Earphones Award

"Narrator Jenna Lamia delivers an entertaining, top-notch performance; her reading of this first person tale is crisp and well paced, and she proves completely convincing playing a maturing teenage girl, lending Radley a youthful voice that is soothing and earnest. Because of her quality narration, the audiobook is compelling throughout." – *Publishers Weekly*

"Jenna Lamia provides expert narration." - School Library Journal

"The focus of the story, set in the near future, is primarily on Radley's emotions and fears, and Lamia's reading pace and varied pitch highlight the teenager's uneasiness." – *Booklist* --This text refers to the edition.

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