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Editorial Review

From School Library Journal

Gr 9 Up—After the brutal war that decimated most of the country, Ivy Westfall's grandfather founded Westfall and envisioned a democratic nation in which everyone had a right to vote. However, after a conflict between the Westfall and the Lattimer families, the Lattimers won power and governed Westfall as a dictatorship. All of her life, Ivy has been trained to hate President Lattimer for his imposed laws—specifically arranged marriages. When it is her turn to marry, she is assigned to Bishop, President Lattimer's son. Going into the marriage, Ivy's father and sister encourage her to kill her new husband and return the Westfall family to their rightful position. This mission becomes increasingly difficult as Ivy develops feelings for her husband. She is forced to make a decision that will alter her entire life. *The Book of Ivy* begins as most dystopians do—with a ceremony and the main character forced into a situation as dictated by the government. However, the novel quickly separates itself from the mediocre and presents a fantastic plot that makes readers think about the blurred lines between right and wrong. VERDICT Well-developed characters and intricate world-building combined with complex relationships, political corruption, and betrayal, leave readers begging for the second book in this series.—Lindsey Dawson, Saint John's Catholic Prep, Frederick, MD

Review

“Together with the emotionally fraught situation--simply having to share a house with a man is unsettling for Ivy--the book has immediacy, and there's justification for plenty of teenage angst. Ivy is forced to question her family's motivations as Bishop keeps surprising her, and she surprises herself with her growing feelings for him. The worldbuilding is mostly well-thought-out, with some complicated issues. . . . An intriguing start with a brave heroine.” *?Kirkus Reviews on The Book of Ivy*

“Thought-provoking, poignant, and sexy! Readers will burn the midnight oil to finish *The Book of Ivy* and fall asleep with the name Bishop Lattimer on their lips.” *?Regina at Mel, Erin, and Regina Read-A-Lot*

“*The Book of Ivy* has every ingredient you look for in an epic novel: from the spine-tingling plot and exhilarating characters, to every entrancing word penned by Amy Engel.” *?Kris at Insightful Minds Reviews*

“I enjoyed this novel so much that I polished it off in two sittings. There is no insta-love! There is no love triangle! Best of all, the protagonist actually has common sense, and she uses it! The slow-to-develop relationship is believable, and both Ivy and Bishop are easy to relate to. Waiting anxiously for Book 2!” *?Julie at Magna Maniac Café*

“With her debut, Amy Engel has pulled off one of the best dystopian romances that I have ever read. It was impossible to put down.” *?Kayla at Bibliophilia, Please*

About the Author

Amy Engel was born in Kansas and after a childhood spent bouncing between countries (Iran, Taiwan) and states (Kansas; California; Missouri; Washington, D.C.), she settled in Kansas City, Missouri, where she lives with her husband and two kids. Before devoting herself full-time to motherhood and writing, she was a criminal defense attorney, which is not quite as exciting as it looks on TV. When she has a free moment, she can usually be found reading, running, or shoe shopping. *The Book of Ivy* is her debut YA novel. Find her

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