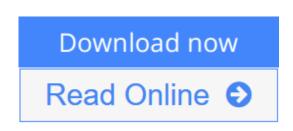


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# **Editorial Review**

#### From School Library Journal

Grade 9 Up—Mary Pearson's novel (Holt, 2008) provides a thought-provoking and intriguing examination of what really makes us human and where to draw the line with fast developing technological and medical advances. Jenna Fox wakes from a coma more than a year after having an "accident." With no memory, she slowly learns to function physically, but she can't seem to connect emotionally. Written in a beautiful symphony of revealed memories, Jenna slowly begins to recognize that a secret is being kept from her and something complex and dangerous is going on. As she realizes that she essentially died in the infamous "accident" and was reborn through her father's controversial discovery. Jenna begins to question biomedical ethics and human nature. Narrator Jenna Lamia excels at evoking the haunting, yet detached way that Jenna begins to connect the events in her life. Combining science fiction, medical mystery, and teen relationships into an excellent package that is satisfying from beginning to end, this is a must-have for all collections.—*Jessica Miller, New Britain Public Library, CT* 

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#### From **Booklist**

Lamia invests the characters in this science-fiction story with a variety of textures and tones. Seventeenyear-old Jenna Fox wakes from what she believes is a year-long coma, becoming reacquainted with herself by watching recordings made by her doting parents. Lamia artfully voices Jenna's increasing awareness as she gathers clues about her past. Speaking deliberately enough to allow us to identify with the teen's emotions and engage directly in her questions and beliefs about her restored body and the science that has made restoration possible, if not ethical, Lamia never allows the thought-provoking, tense story to drag. Smoothly moving between ages and genders, Lamia's performance is unified and dynamic. By contrast, a concluding author interview sounds unrehearsed and candid, even if the content adds another layer of ambivalence to the novel's question of how to cope with what we can and should do in matters of life and death. Grades 8-12. --Francisca Goldsmith

#### Review

"\* Raises the ante in unexpected ways until the very last page." ?Publishers Weekly, starred review

"\* This is a beautiful blend of science fiction, medical thriller, and teen-relationship novel that melds into a seamless whole that will please fans of all three genres." *?School Library Journal, starred review* 

"\* Outstanding examination of identity, science and ethics." ?Kirkus Reviews, starred review

"Readers will respond eagerly to this provocative novel." ?Kirkus Reviews, Sci-Fi/Fantasy Special

"What will hold readers most are the moral issues of betrayal, loyalty, sacrifice, and survival." ?Booklist

"Fascinating and thought provoking." ?Kliatt

"This novel is truly unlike any other I have ever read and is a breath of fresh air in the often predictable world of teen literature." *?ELLEgirl* 

"This is an amazingly powerful, thought-provoking, just brilliant novel." ?Teen Book Review

"An extraordinarily fine novel." ?VOYA

"Gut-punch plot twists." ?The Seattle Times

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