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Editorial Review

From School Library Journal

Gr 8 Up—In an alternate reality, the Great Library of Alexandria is a powerful governing force that controls the dissemination of information. With strategically located branches around the world, it enforces its rules via a highly trained military and deadly automatons. Possession of a book in its original form is illegal, but copies can be requested and are transferred temporarily to readers. For the majority of people who follow its edicts, the library seems like a benevolent authority, but as the delivery boy for his father's black market operation in original books, Jess Brightwell lives in constant fear of being caught by the High Garda. When his father announces that he's enrolled Jess as a postulant to train for a coveted library position, Jess is intrigued and resentful. Constant exposure to books has him hungering for access to the library's vast archives, but he has no wish to continue risking his life for his father's business. His illegal activities have imbued him with the skills necessary to place among the top contenders for the few available positions. But the further Jess gets into the training, the greater the risk of being found out and the more he realizes that the library will stop at nothing to maintain control over its collection. Caine has created a Dickensian future with an odd mix of technologies and elements of sorcery. A strong cast of characters and nail-biting intensity make for a promising start to this new series. VERDICT Teens and librarians alike will be anxiously awaiting the next installment.—Cary Frostick, formerly at Mary Riley Styles Public Library, Falls Church, VA

Review

“Rachel Caine transports the reader to an imaginary future world where a Great Library controls all knowledge and the private ownership of printed books is a radical, dangerous practice.”—Deborah Harkness, #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of *A Discovery of Witches*

“Dark, riveting, heart-in-the-throat storytelling, with characters who caught me up and hold me even now. A don't-miss read!”—*New York Times* Bestselling Author Tamora Pierce

“Caine has always given readers entertaining and interesting books...Fans will fall in love with Jess and want the next book out immediately.”—*USA Today*

“Caine’s elegantly detailed descriptions bring Jess’s world to vivid life in a fast-paced, action-oriented plot that will leave readers breathlessly anticipating not just the next page but the next book in the Great Library Series.”—*Publishers Weekly* (starred review)

“A thrill-a-minute adventure...This first entry into the Great Library series has pieces that mirror the excitement and bitterness of the Hunger Games series and contains some of the psychological elements of the Harry Potter books.”—*Booklist* (starred review)

“A strong cast of characters and nail-biting intensity make for a promising start to this series.”—*School Library Journal*

“A modern masterpiece...Fellow bibliophiles, expect to be some variation on struck—awestruck, dumbstruck, starstruck, maybe even thunderstruck...A new series to thrill every bookworm’s heart!”—*Christian Science Monitor*

"Caine's world where books and libraries dominate is not for the faint of heart...What's not to love? Imagine

Harry Potter where the real magic is found within the pages of ancient texts. This book proves the adage that knowledge is power."—*RT Book Reviews* (4½ stars, top pick)

"Reminds me of Jim C. Hines' *libriomancy* series...An intriguing world."—*Locus*

About the Author

Rachel Caine is the *New York Times*, *USA Today*, and international bestselling author of more than forty novels, including *Prince of Shadows*, the *Morganville Vampires* series, the *Weather Warden* series, the *Outcast Season* series, and the *Revivalist* series.

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