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Editorial Review

From School Library Journal

Gr 5–8—This work follows the brave journey of 12-year-old Gerta and her older brother, Fritz, as they try to leave East Berlin. Gerta's father escaped right before the Wall went up, but Gerta spots him across the Wall and deciphers his secret message that she is to dig her way through freedom. The novel graphically describes life in East Berlin and the terror and fear experienced by the average citizen. The suspense builds with each chapter. Additional characters who make the story come alive include the snooping neighbor; Gerta's former best friend, Anna; and their lonely mother, who has to care for their aging grandmother. Kate Simses's reading is fast-paced, emotionally charged, and exciting. Her voice is clear and age-appropriate for the characters depicted. VERDICT This excellent work of historical fiction is suspenseful, realistic, and enthralling. ["The novel's strong setting and tense climax will keep readers engrossed and holding their breath until the last page": SLJ 7/15 review of the Scholastic book.]—Ellen Frank, Flushing High School Library, Queens, NY

Review

Praise for *A Night Divided*:

ILA-CBC Children's Choices List selection

"Absorbing and deeply suspenseful, with plenty of ticking-clock tension... an eye-opening glimpse of history." -- *Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books*

"A marvelously crafted historical novel about courage, perseverance and the will to survive, *A Night Divided* excels in every regard." -- *The Reading Eagle*

"Distinct supporting characters... demonstrate the harrowing choices people made to survive, encouraging readers to consider what they would have done if fate and history had cast them into the story.... The novel's strong setting and tense climax will keep readers engrossed and holding their breath until the last page." -- *School Library Journal*

"History buffs will drool over the magnificently told tale, but even reluctant readers will become immersed in the tension-filled exploits." -- VOYA

Praise for *Mark of the Thief*:

*"The fast-paced, ingenious plot, charismatic hero and highly diverse cast of characters... make this series opener a captivating joy ride." -- *Kirkus Reviews*, starred review

"Vivid... [with] page-turning twists." -- *Publishers Weekly*

Praise for *Rise of the Wolf*:

"Fast-moving fun with broad audience appeal, especially recommended for reluctant readers, Rick Riordan fans, and pedal-to-the-metal adventure aficionados." -- *Kirkus Reviews*

"The novel's Roman mythology connections...will have great appeal for fans of Rick Riordan. Heavily plot-

driven with a movie-script feel." -- *Booklist*

Praise for the Ascendance Trilogy:

A *New York Times* Notable Children's Book

A *Publishers Weekly* Best Book of the Year

A Chicago Public Library "Best of the Best" Children's Book

A Cybils Award Winner

"A page-turner." -- *The New York Times Book Review*

"Sage proves to be a compelling character whose sharp mind and shrewd self-possession will make readers eager to follow him into a sequel." -- *Wall Street Journal*

"A swashbuckling origin story . . . chock-full of alluring details for adventure-loving boys." -- *Los Angeles Times*

*"An impressive, promising story." -- *Publishers Weekly*, starred review

"A fast-paced and thrilling read with twists and turns that never let up." -- *School Library Journal*

"Gripping." -- *Kirkus Reviews*

"Should appeal to fans of . . . Suzanne Collins. . . . A sure-fire mix of adventure, mystery, and suspense." -- *The Horn Book*

About the Author

Jennifer A. Nielsen is the acclaimed author of the *New York Times* and *USA Today* bestselling Ascendance Trilogy: *The False Prince*, *The Runaway King*, and *The Shadow Throne*. She also wrote the Mark of the Thief trilogy: *Mark of the Thief*, *Rise of the Wolf*, and *Wrath of the Storm*; the standalone fantasy *The Scourge*; the historical thriller *A Night Divided*; and Book Six of the Infinity Ring series, *Behind Enemy Lines*. Jennifer lives in northern Utah with her husband, their three children, and a perpetually muddy dog.

Users Review

From reader reviews:

Bobbie Flores:

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