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Editorial Review

From Booklist

In this first installment in the Engelsfors Trilogy, a small Swedish town has a big magic problem. It has become the seat of some spooky paranormal activity, namely a series of suspicious student suicides. Thankfully, the Chosen One has been summoned; only there's not one but six teenage girls imbued with magical abilities. Minoo, Vanessa, Rebecka, Anna-Karin, Ida, and Linnea rarely get along, but like it or not, they have to work together to hone their newfound magical abilities and defeat the shadowy figure who stalks them in the night. If that weren't a big enough problem, the girls also struggle with usual high-school troubles—eating disorders, absent parents, drug and alcohol abuse, bullying—which, at times, overshadow the looming presence of evil. The Scandinavian setting provides a chilly atmosphere to an otherwise dark story of struggling teens and a rash of suicides, but the multilayered, cinematic plot is buoyed by the girls' determination, as well as the understated and idiosyncratic presence of magic. Grades 9-12. --Sarah Hunter

Review

"What a stunning novel. Raw, real, smart, very thrilling and very, very wicked. *The Circle* is *Twilight* by way of *The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo*."—Lev Grossman, bestselling author of *The Magicians*

"The Circle is a story about group dynamics, identity, and finding one's place in the world. Like all great books, it's about how people handle the difficult task of becoming human beings, together with other human beings."—John Ajvide Lindqvist, bestselling author of Let the Right One In

"The Circle ensuares you from the start, with all the epic mayhem and darkness of Buffy the Vampire Slayer and with teen characters as rich and nuanced as any reader could hope for. It's an utterly convincing world, and a resonant one, and we find ourselves wanting to follow its heroes anywhere." —Megan Abbott, bestselling author of Dare Me and The End of Everything

"A beautiful, frightening, empowering novel reminiscent of the best of Scott Westerfeld or Anne Rice, *The Circle* puts its mismatched heroines--and readers--at the center of an ancient conspiracy of magic as terrifying as it is realistic. Enthralling from start to finish." —Elizabeth Hand, bestselling author of *Available Dark* and *Walking the Moon*

"Rightly destined to be the next cult read." —The Telegraph

"[The Circle] reads like the The Demon Headmaster set in a Swedish Twin Peaks with a nod to Stieg Larsson." —The Observer

About the Author

Sara B. Elfgren began her career in the film industry as a screenwriter. As a script doctor, she has been involved in several Swedish film and television productions. She has a degree in Film Studies. The Circle is her debut novel.

Mats Strandberg is an award-winning novelist and journalist who has published three previous novels, with rights sold in several countries.

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