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Editorial Review

From School Library Journal

Gr 9 Up—Dead bodies in a cornfield in the middle of Kansas, a mysterious ritual centuries in the making, visions of a dead girl, and the sinister plotting of an immortal Francisco Vázquez de Coronado all conspire to turn New York City teen Ash Larkin's life upside down in this complicated but original paranormal tale. Ash and her twin brother take off for Kansas to find their mother, who has decided to return to the cult she escaped when she was pregnant with them. Their spotty knowledge of family history and Ash's increasingly disturbing visions about her ancestors do not prepare the siblings for the people in the insular community of Quivira, who have clearly been waiting for them. Thrown into the center of a ritual she does not understand, Ash must sort through violent visions of 16th-century love, loss, and betrayal in order to find her mother and protect her brother. Help comes in the form of a handsome boy she's not sure she can trust. What readers know of the key players' complex histories and motivations changes as things are revealed to Ash in her visions, which makes the narrative difficult to follow at times. However, Liggett keeps things moving along with plenty of sexy, frightening, and funny moments. While the history gets a bit convoluted, the idea that when Coronado wandered into Kansas looking for gold, he stumbled across immortality and is still around, pulling puppet strings in a doomsday cult, is too good to pass up. **VERDICT** A sweeping, scary, and entertaining paranormal read.—Beth McIntyre, Madison Public Library, WI

Review

“Absolutely irresistible. *Blood and Salt* drew me in from the very first line.”

—**Carrie Ryan**, *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Forest of Hands and Teeth*

“An intense, exhilarating debut brimming with darkness, passion, and impending doom. Kim Liggett’s twisted imagination and gutsy storytelling seduced and thrilled me with each gorgeous, blood-spattered page. This is a book to devour as soon as it comes out.”

—**Nova Ren Suma**, author of *Imaginary Girls* and *The Walls Around Us*

“Kim Liggett’s *Blood and Salt* hits some delightfully dark notes. Bloodline curses, post-mortem messages from a girl strung up by a rope, and a cult in the middle of a sea of sinister corn? Count me in. This one is eerie, and full of doom.”

—**Kendare Blake**, author of *Anna Dressed in Blood* and *Antigoddess*

“Vengeful ghosts, dead bodies in cornfields, and a centuries-old secret kept me flipping the pages until the thrilling end.”

—**Megan Shepherd**, author of *The Madman’s Daughter*

“Eerie, bloody, and beautiful.”

—**April Genevieve Tucholke**, author of *Between the Devil and the Deep Blue Sea*

“Deliciously creepy, sweepingly romantic, *Blood and Salt* will hook you and won’t let go.”

—**Gretchen McNeil**, author of *Ten* and the *Don’t Get Mad* series

“A sweeping, scary, and entertaining paranormal read.”—*School Library Journal*

About the Author

At sixteen, Kim Liggett left her rural midwestern town for New York City, where she pursued a career in

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