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In Canaan, your book is your truth and your identity, and Nadia knows exactly who hasn't written the truth. Because Nadia is the only person in Canaan who has never forgotten.

But when Nadia begins to use her memories to solve the mysteries of Canaan, she discovers truths about herself and Gray, the handsome glassblower, that will change her world forever. As the anarchy of the Forgetting approaches, Nadia and Gray must stop an unseen enemy that threatens both their city and their own existence -- before the people can forget the truth. And before Gray can forget *her*.

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## Editorial Review

From School Library Journal

Gr 8 Up—Every 12 years, the orderly city of Canaan undergoes the chaotic, bloody time known as the Forgetting. During these brief hours, people's memories are erased. If it were not for the books in which inhabitants are required by law to record the events of their lives, they would have no way of knowing what happened before the Forgetting, or even of knowing their names or who their families are. Nadia is different. She remembers. The next Forgetting is a few weeks away. The teen is determined to keep her family together and away from the ensuing anarchy, but how? As Nadia works to this end, she comes up with more questions than answers. Why is the supposedly benevolent head of the Council, Janis, having some people's houses ransacked? What happens when people write lies in their books, or their books are stolen? The glassblower's handsome son, Gray, says he wants to help Nadia, but can she trust him? When Nadia searches for the truth, it is more shocking than anything she could have imagined. This fantasy is a marvelous achievement. Cameron creates a world filled with chilling dystopian constructs while maintaining a sense that it is as solid and convincing as our own. Each scene plays out in cinematic clarity—from the pristine walls that encircle the city to the rising of the three moons, from the perpetually anguished face of Nadia's mother, who remembers pain but no facts, to the labyrinthine underground lair where Nadia discovers the truth. VERDICT This excellent work belongs in every collection.—Jennifer Prince, Buncombe County Public Libraries, NC

Review

### Praise for *The Forgetting*:

An Autumn 2016 Kids' Indie Next List selection

\* "Effective worldbuilding and strong characterization . . . A well-crafted fable for our time." -- *Kirkus Reviews*, starred review

\* "This fantasy is a marvelous achievement." -- *School Library Journal*, starred review

"[An] absorbing adventure." -- *Publishers Weekly*

"*The Forgetting* is Sharon Cameron's fourth young adult novel, and she's grown adept at blurring the lines between fantasy, dystopian and science-fiction genres. Cameron reminds us, through Nadia's documented memories, that we must learn to appreciate the truth as much as question it, exploring the morality tucked within the fallacy of memory." -- *Bookpage*, Top Pick

### Praise for *Rook*:

A YALSA Best Fiction for Young Adults selection

An Indiebound Indie Next Top Ten selection

Winner of the *Parents' Choice* Gold Award

"The suspense kicks right off in this action-packed tale, quickly wrapping readers up in the drama." -- *Romantic Times*

"Full of derring-do and double crosses, this romantic adventure is thoroughly engrossing." -- *Kirkus Reviews*

"Cameron crafts a brilliant homage to *The Scarlet Pimpernel* yet also manages to make her telling unique,

particularly in... the many twists, turns, betrayals, and lucky breaks [that] will keep readers breathless until the very end." -- *Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books*

"*Rook* is sure to be a read all readers will remember." -- *Portland Book Review*

### **Praise for *The Dark Unwinding*:**

A YALSA Best Fiction for Young Adults selection

Winner of the SCBWI Crystal Kite Award

"Utterly original, romantic, and spellbindingly imaginative." -- *USA Today*

"Haunting thrills unfurl..." -- *Entertainment Weekly*

"Gripping twists, rich language, and an evocative landscape." -- *Publishers Weekly*

"[A] singularly polished piece." -- *The Horn Book*

"A strikingly original, twisty gothic tale that holds surprises around every dark corner." --Judy Blundell, author of *What I Saw and How I Lied*

### **Praise for *A Spark Unseen*:**

"Gripping... [an] absorbing, intelligent adventure." -- *Kirkus Reviews*

About the Author

Sharon Cameron's debut novel *The Dark Unwinding* was awarded the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators' Sue Alexander Award for Most Promising New Work and the SCBWI Crystal Kite Award, and was named a YALSA Best Fiction for Young Adults selection. Sharon is also the author of its sequel, *A Spark Unseen*; *Rook*, which was selected as an Indiebound Indie Next List Top Ten selection, a YALSA Best Fiction for Young Adults selection, and a *Parents' Choice* gold medalist; and *The Forgetting*, an Autumn 2016 Kids' Indie Next List selection. She lives with her family in Nashville, Tennessee, and you can visit her online at [sharoncameronbooks.com](http://sharoncameronbooks.com).

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