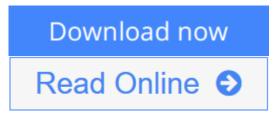


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Editorial Review

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Gr 8 Up-When 17-year-old Lauren glimpses a "MISSING" poster for Abigail Sinclair on a telephone pole, she runs through traffic to remove it. Mesmerized, she reads it as she returns to her van, and when she looks in the rearview mirror, she sees Abby looking back, disheveled, dirty, and wearing her "last seen wearing" outfit. In the coming days and weeks, Abby is joined by other missing girls, all the same age, who disappeared and whose families have stopped looking for them. Lauren becomes obsessed with the missing, but mostly with Abby, whom she believes is the only one she can actually save. But as she delves further into the lives of these girls, she becomes more and more detached from her own reality. Suma's novel subtly explores one teen's descent into schizophrenia. Lauren's first visions of the missing teens are realistic, though paranormal, but as the story progresses, readers begin to wonder about the authenticity of the hallucinations. Lauren is the pivotal character and the only one truly and fully developed, but rather than weakening the story this enables readers to live exclusively in her version of events. Mature without being graphic, with a complex and intriguing plot, this novel should have no trouble finding readers.-Heather E. Miller Cover, Homewood Public Library, $AL\alpha(c)$ Copyright 2011. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.

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Praise for 17 & Gone:

- "This is ingeniously crafted."
 —BCCB, starred review
- "Suma writes beautifully, drawing readers into Lauren's story and her psyche with painstaking care until the story's jolting conclusion."
- —Publisher's Weekly
- "A compelling, skillfully written page-turner."
- —Booklist
- "An engrossing read."
- —VOYA
- "Suma's exquisite sentence-level writing and fine eye for creepy detail are in abundant evidence."
- -Kirkus Reviews

- "Elegant, riveting, powerful, and poignant, this suspenseful, supernatural tale slips under the skin, inking out a haunting tapestry of menace and madness. Nova Ren Suma is, quite simply, a masterful storyteller and one of my favorite writers."
- —Libba Bray, Printz Award winner and <u>New York Times</u> bestselling author of <u>The Diviners</u> and A Great and Terrible Beauty
- "17 & Gone is a sharply compelling story of what happens when we stop seeing what's in front of us and start looking for what's already gone. Intricately plotted and surreally imagined... Suma breaks reality and twists it back together in a devastating and beautiful new form."
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