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## Editorial Review

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"Silence does not equal consent. . . . The only thing that means yes is yes." When Alex, a junior at Themis, a New England boarding school, wakes up naked in a boy's bed, she doesn't immediately realize what has happened during the previous drunken night. As fragmented memories return, though, she begins to understand that what happened was date rape. With the encouragement of her friends and older sister, Alex submits her case to the Mockingbirds, an underground justice system inspired by Harper Lee's classic novel, in which Themis students investigate and try crimes committed against other students. Whitney, whose author's note discusses her own teenage experience of date rape and its aftermath, is a seasoned journalist, and she writes with smooth assurance and a propulsive rhythm as she follows Alex through the Mockingbird's trial process and its accompanying emotional storm of confusion, shame, fear, and finally, empowerment. Authentic and illuminating, this strong debut explores vital teen topics of sex and violence; crime and punishment; ineffectual authority; and the immeasurable, healing influence of friendship and love. Grades 9-12. --Gillian Engberg

Review

### **Praise for *The Mockingbirds*:**

\* "First-time author Whitney boldly addresses date rape, vigilantism, and academic politics in an intense and timely novel... Besides showing skill in executing suspense and drama, Whitney masterfully evokes the complexity of her protagonist's emotions, particularly her intense longing to feel 'normal' again."

?*Publishers Weekly (Starred review)*

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?*The Guardian*

"Puts a compelling and ingenious twist on everything you think you know about sex, violence, victimhood, justice--and the true meaning of power."?Gayle Forman, author of *If I Stay*

"Raw and riveting. Deserves a place of honor...alongside its soul sister, *Speak*."

?Justina Chen, author of *North of Beautiful*

"In *The Mockingbirds*, Daisy Whitney has written an unflinchingly honest story about the importance of taking a stand and speaking out. An emotionally powerful debut that will leave readers breathless."?Courtney Summers, author of *Cracked Up to Be*

About the Author

Daisy Whitney reports on television, media and advertising for a range of news outlets. She graduated from Brown University and lives in San Francisco, California, with her fabulous husband, fantastic kids, and

adorable dogs. Daisy believes in karma and that nearly every outfit is improved with a splash of color. She is the author of *The Mockingbirds* novels, *When You Were Here*, and *Starry Nights*. Daisy invites you to follow her online at [DaisyWhitney.com](http://DaisyWhitney.com).

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