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Editorial Review

From School Library Journal

Gr 8 Up-This debut novel is a love story involving the chaos of loss, grief, and guilt. Seventeen-year-old Gottie has spent the entire school year living in a shroud of mourning. The end of the previous summer brought the death of grandfather Grey, who practically raised her after her mother died. Jason, her first love, left for college shortly after the funeral without a word of goodbye, along with her brother. Alone with her grieving father, Gottie retreated inside herself, refusing to communicate with anyone. Now, with the start of another summer vacation, her brother and Jason are back, and the best friend who disappeared from her life five years ago has suddenly returned. All during her childhood, Thomas and Gottie were inseparable, but when they were 12, Thomas's family moved away. She still harbors resentment over his failure to keep in touch. Her unbearable grief, guilt over a wish she fears may have hastened her grandfather's death, and the reappearance of people who she feels once abandoned her catapults Gottie into time (and mind) bending episodes of both reliving and reinventing the past. As the anniversary of Grey's death approaches, Gottie fears she may be forced to relive the worst day of her life. Almost identical in theme to Heather Sappenfield's *Life at the Speed of Us* (Flux, 2016), this work takes a more sophisticated and believable approach to integrating space/time anomalies into the story line. **VERDICT** An emotional roller-coaster ride worth taking.-Cary Frostick, formerly at Mary Riley Styles Public Library, Falls Church, VA©(c) Copyright 2011. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.

Review

A Teen Vogue Best New Book of 2016

An Indies Introduce New Voices Selection

“[T]he delectable romance and the moment when past, present and future all come together and semi-solve the mysteries of Gottie’s time travel make the journey worthwhile.” *?The New York Times*

“Novelist Harriet Reuter Hapgood’s electric YA debut, *The Square Root of Summer*, reminds us that time is a healer.” *?Buzzfeed*

“While this book does deliver on the title’s promise of teenage vacation hijinks, romance, and mathematical equations, it also presents a heartrending quandary: How to move forward with a life that has been defined by loss . . . It presents an earnest picture of the way loss ripples through a family and shapes the movements of everyone it touches.” *?NPR*

“Harriet Reuter Hapgood delivers a clever and compelling story of love, loss and resilience . . . an exciting, shouldn’t-miss debut with a fresh and enthralling time-travel twist.” *?USA Today, Happily Ever After*

“Gottie might just be our next favorite YA heroine.” *?Hello Giggles*

“*The Square Root of Summer* proves that time travel and young love go hand in hand.” *?Mashable*

“An epic romance with twists that will leave you breathless.” *?Kami Garcia, #1 New York Times* bestselling co-author of *Beautiful Creatures* and author of *The Lovely Reckless*

“Sophisticated and believable . . . An emotional roller-coaster ride worth taking.” *?School Library Journal, starred review*

“A story of complex grief, love, and growth.” ?*Kirkus Reviews*

“Reuter Hapgood’s novel will lodge in the hearts of readers.” ?*Booklist*

“A poignant portrait of a girl struggling with loss and love, this novel is equal parts heart and smarts, with a dash of friends-turned-more sweetness.” ?*BCCB*

“Set to be one of the most talked-about YA debuts of 2016. Love, loss and heartbreak told in a wholly authentic teenage voice.” ?*The Bookseller, one to watch*

“An atmospheric, romantic, and beautifully-written puzzle of a book, starring a lovably unconventional cast of characters. You won’t want to put this book down for even a second until you’ve pieced the whole thing together.” ?Leila Sales, author of *This Song Will Save Your Life* and *Once Was a Time*

About the Author

Harriet Reuter Hapgood is a freelance journalist who has worked with *Marie Claire*, *ELLE*, and *InStyle* in the U.K. Her debut novel, *The Square Root of Summer*, was inspired by her German mathematician grandfather and her lifelong obsession with YA romance, which includes an MA thesis on *Dawson’s Creek* from London College of Fashion, and a dissertation on romantic comedies at Newcastle University. She lives in Brighton, England.

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