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But when she switches places with her sister, striking up a flirtation with the son of the Empress while working in the royal gardens and gets attacks by two suspicious priests on her journey home, she is forced to call forth fire to protect herself, unleashing her previously dormant powers and letting her secret out. She soon catches the attention of a cult with a thousand year old grudge as well as a group of underground rebels, both seeking her for their own gain. But when her sister goes missing and the Redwing uncovers a great plot to awaken Mol and bring fiery destruction upon them all, she is forced to embrace her powers.

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Editorial Review

From School Library Journal

Gr 7–10—In this coming-of-age fantasy, the nameless teenage narrator has spent her life in hiding because her society would put her to death as an evil monster. She's a human-appearing Redwing, the magical offspring of a powerful Other who emerged from a volcanic lava pool to save her human father's life. When the Redwing disguises herself as her human twin to destroy a plant that will reveal her true nature, she's drawn into a conspiracy to seize a volcano god's power. The author has concocted an unusual setting in the ash-strewn shadows of the volcano Mol, where birds are the only animal life in evidence and the wealthy ride giant striches through grimy city streets. Many characters have hidden motivations and agendas for the Redwing and her powers, and the climax comes as a surprise, validating the protagonist's essential goodness. The contemporary-sounding commentary of the characters is occasionally jarring against the otherworldly tone of the story, but liberal helpings of mystery and danger help to pull readers along. Two potential romances with a conspirator and with the son of the Empress add to the appeal. VERDICT Purchase where Tamora Pierce's books are popular.—Beth Wright Redford, Richmond Elementary School, VT

Review

Praise for The Hidden Twin:

"Writing in the first person, Rule uses sharp, lyrical prose to describe a culture with its own gods and monsters, mixing ancient worlds and new technology... Rule delivers a funny, exciting adventure for readers ready to move on from doe-eyed heroines swooning over rugged heroes." - *Kirkus Reviews*

Praise for Strange Sweet Song:

"What really makes this book stand out, though, is the Gothic and slightly dark feel to it... I definitely recommend this!" ?USA Today's "Happily Ever After" blog on Strange Sweet Song

"Music buffs will relate to Sing's passion and insecurities, and readers who enjoy a good melodrama will be captivated." *Bulletin for the Center of Children's Books on Strange Sweet Song*

"Rule's promising writing hits the right note." ?Booklist on Strange Sweet Song

About the Author

ADI RULE is the author of *The Hidden Twin* and *Strange Sweet Song*. She grew up among cats, ducks, and writers. She studied music as an undergrad, and has an MFA from the Vermont College of Fine Arts. Adi is a member of, and has been a soloist for, the Tanglewood Festival Chorus, the chorus of the Boston Symphony Orchestra/Boston Pops. She lives in New Hampshire.

Users Review

From reader reviews:

Megan Fairbanks:

This The Hidden Twin is great book for you because the content which is full of information for you who

have always deal with world and still have to make decision every minute. This kind of book reveal it info accurately using great plan word or we can point out no rambling sentences inside. So if you are read the item hurriedly you can have whole facts in it. Doesn't mean it only offers you straight forward sentences but difficult core information with splendid delivering sentences. Having The Hidden Twin in your hand like getting the world in your arm, information in it is not ridiculous just one. We can say that no publication that offer you world throughout ten or fifteen second right but this publication already do that. So , this is certainly good reading book. Hey there Mr. and Mrs. occupied do you still doubt that will?

Mildred Miller:

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Curtis Tyson:

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Kara Navarrete:

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