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Editorial Review

From School Library Journal

Gr 9 Up—Thirteen-year-old Dime is a product of the foster system. She finds an escape in the books she reads, but she struggles academically because she is called on to help out with the younger foster children at home. One day she meets a girl who takes her in. Dime finds acceptance here, but is slowly groomed into becoming a prostitute. The book takes the form of a note that Dime is trying to write, whose purpose is unclear until the last chapters. The multiple nested flashbacks and the attempts to have other concepts contribute to the note (such as Money or Truth) much as Death narrated Marcus Zusak's *The Book Thief* (Knopf, 2006) (Dime herself credits Zusak for this idea) would have failed at the hands of a lesser writer, but they are effective here. The simple, one-line note that the protagonist ultimately writes is heartbreaking. The conditions in which Dime and the other trafficked girls live are horrendous and difficult to read about; however, this novel serves to illustrate that small acts of kindness can make a difference. This title will appeal to fans of grittier problem novels, like those written by Ellen Hopkins, and will provoke discussion. In spite of the gritty content, there is good reason to make this title accessible to middle schoolers as well. There is a helpful resource list in the back matter, including information for victims and survivors of trafficking. VERDICT An important work that should be an essential part of library collections.—Kristin Anderson, Columbus Metropolitan Library System, OH

Review

"a tremendously affecting novel" (Kirkus Reviews *March 2015*)

* "An important work that should be an essential part of library collections" (School Library Journal - Starred Review *March 2015*)

* "will linger with readers" (Publisher's Weekly - Starred Review *March 2015*)

* "gritty, graphic, and shatteringly painful to read...a masterfully told, unforgettable tale of what hope looks like in desperate circumstances, and of the struggle to find power in one's voice." (Booklist - Starred Review *April 15, 2015*)

"Riveting, eye-opening and poignant, **Dime** is an unnervingly real portrait of life on the streets. It's a world where pimps use charm, cunning and violence to exert gradual - then total - control over vulnerable girls. Until Dime, a girl nearly broken by her situation, somehow finds an exit. If not for herself, at least before it's too late for someone even more defenseless than she is. Unforgettable." (Patricia McCormick, Author of *Never Fall Down*)

"a heartrending and honest portrayal" (VOYA *June 2015*)

"[Dime's] passion for books, her desperate need for love, and the numbing resignation that drives her to courageous action make her a hero who can't fail to make readers open their eyes, no matter how searing the vision may be" (Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books *September 2015*)

"An eye-opening exploration of the all-too-real horrors of sex trafficking." (The Horn Book *July/August 2015*)

About the Author

E.R. Frank is the author of *America*, *Friction*, *Wrecked*, and *Dime*. Her first novel, *Life Is Funny*, won the Teen People Book Club NEXT Award for YA Fiction and was also a top-ten ALA 2001 Quick Pick. In addition to being writer, E.R. Frank is also a clinical social worker and psychotherapist. She works with adults and adolescents and specializes in trauma.

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