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Editorial Review

From School Library Journal

Gr 9 Up—Solomon Reed, 16, has not left his house in three years. Regular panic attacks keep him from handling the outside. Yet he is a smart and resourceful teenager with a love for Star Trek, gratifying hobbies, and a supportive family. Solomon is being educated online and doesn't feel that any social life he might be missing is worth the mental anguish that daily life causes him to endure. However, he knows he can't live like this forever. Then Lisa Praytor, a vivacious and take-charge extrovert appears, wanting to be his friend. Lisa is convinced that she can treat Solomon's agoraphobia and get him outside. She is also convinced that the experience will help her write the best college essay and win a scholarship for a prominent psychology program. However, Lisa uncovers more than she expected as she and her boyfriend Clark get to know and grow close to the recluse. Sol's grandmother makes a grand gesture of building a backyard pool to encourage the boy's efforts to overcome his anxiety. What looks like a typical friendship story is blended with issues of trust, vulnerability, and identity. Solomon's agoraphobia is not the only thing that defines him, which speaks to the larger message about those living with mental illness. Each character has an authentic voice and temperament that feel realistic, and the alternating narratives capture the perspective of the bright, witty, and decidedly quirky protagonists. The spare writing makes this a taut, tender, and appealing read. VERDICT A logical choice for Whaley's fans, Trekkies, and sensitive readers of all stripes.—Briana Moore, School Library Journal

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“At a time when young adult literature is actively picking away at the stigma of mental illness, Whaley carves off a healthy chunk with style, sensitivity and humor. . . . ELECTRIFYING.”—*The New York Times Book Review*

“Tender and funny.”—*People Magazine*, Summer's Best Books of 2016

“Raw, funny, and unforgettable.”—*Buzzfeed*

“A charming, heartwarming, and profound affirmation of the importance of connection.”—*The Huffington Post*

“John Corey Whaley has never disappointed us before, and he carries on that tradition with his funny, heartfelt, and oh-so-JCW-style *Highly Illogical Behavior*.”—*Bustle*

*"Solomon's descriptions of his anxiety are achingly real..Readers will easily come to care about these bright, wonderfully nerdy, flawed characters."—*Kirkus Reviews*, starred review

"Printz Award–winner Whaley (*Where Things Come Back*) again tackles heavy, heady topics with a light touch, populating his perceptive and quick-witted story with endearing, believably flawed teens."—*Publishers Weekly*, starred review

"The alternating narratives capture the perspective of the bright, witty, and decidedly quirky protagonists...A logical choice for Whaley's fans, Trekkies, and sensitive readers of all stripes."—*School Library Journal*, starred review

Praise for *Noggin*:

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* “In this darkly humorous debut, Whaley weaves two stories into a taut and well-constructed thriller.”—*Publishers Weekly*, starred review

About the Author

John Corey Whaley's first novel, *Where Things Come Back*, was the winner of the 2012 Printz Award and the 2012 Morris Award. His second novel, *Noggin*, was a 2014 National Book Award finalist. He lives in Newport Beach, California.

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