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Editorial Review

From School Library Journal

Gr 9 Up—Selkie Stewart lives with her great-aunts in the Beacon Hill section of Boston. She has just turned 17 on the autumnal equinox and is determined to find the birth mother who dropped her off on her father's doorstep when she was an infant. Selkie learns that she was born because her father saved her mother's life and asked for a child in return. She then discovers that her great-aunts and her father are ogres. Selkie's mother is a faerie queen who rules Otherworld at Seelie Court, and ruthlessly kills nonfaeries. Selkie has been protected by Ben, who appears to be a merchant on Boston Common but is actually a faerie who has created an enchantment for her and takes her traveling across time, space, and realms; she is in love with him. One of four faeries born on the seasonal equinox who are prophesied to take power away from Seelie Court and bring peace to the Otherworld, Selkie is in great danger; her faerie queen mother is determined to kill her. The protagonist takes many risks to become acquainted with her mother, and bravely overcomes evil enchantments, growing in confidence throughout the story. She lives dual roles as a changeling and a public high school student. This action-packed story is rich in snappy dialogue and descriptions of Boston. An additional purchase for middle school collections.—Laura Scott, Farmington Community Library, MI

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""Trading in a lavishly described Boston for a Carrollian Otherworld... Dorset excels in physical descriptions." " - *Kirkus*

"Ben and Selkie's riveting adventures and touching mutual loyalty, along with a strong cast and central romance, keep this series opener engaging." - *Publishers Weekly*

"[A] suspenseful fantasy " - *Girls' Life Magazine.com*

"THE GIRL WHO NEVER WAS is a promising first book in a fantasy series with relatable, modern characters and exciting, action-packed chapters." - *Teen Reads*

""The fantasy adventure intensifies, culminating with a satisfying conclusion...This book would appeal to readers who enjoy the fantasy of a faerie world."" - *VOYA Magazine*

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"Skylar Dorset's debut novel is an astoundingly well-done urban fantasy in the style of Neverworld and Daughter of Smoke & Bone. If you're looking to get swept up in a world-spanning fantasy adventure, check out the Otherworld series!" - *YA Books Central*

About the Author

SKYLAR DORSET grew up in Rhode Island (where she still lives), graduated from Boston College and Harvard Law School, and has lived in Louisiana, Mississippi, and Washington, D.C. But she actually spends most of her time living with the characters in her head. She hopes that doesn't make her sound too crazy. Visit her at www.skylardorset.com.

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