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### Editorial Review

#### Review

"Debut novelist Rice has turned in an extraordinarily accomplished effort, beautifully plotted and structured, emotionally resonant, and filled with multidimensional characters, especially, of course, Greg, whose condition of being is never less than persuasive -and that will excite a keen empathy from readers. May he have many of them."? **Booklist, Starred Review**

"This is a novel about loneliness, and Rice vividly evokes the isolation of all those trapped inside the need to present a socially valid exterior. His writing is fuelled by a powerful sense of empathy, even for those whose aspirations he so expertly ridicules. For all the bleakness it portrays *Alice and the Fly* is an oddly uplifting novel."

? **The Guardian**

"*Alice and the Fly* is a darkly quirky story of love, obsession and fear. A disconcerting but beautiful story hung around the enchanting and heartbreaking voice of teenager Greg."

? **Anna James, The Bookseller**

"One of the most stunning debuts I've read in a long time. The talent behind it is huge."

? **Helen Walsh, author of The Lemon Grove**

"gives a good insight into the unstable mind of a troubled young man, and I would definitely read more from this author."? **A House of Books**

"It's thrilling, gripping, heart-stopping and somehow moving at the same time. This isn't a story for the weak of heart. I'm still blown away that this is actually the author's debut and I'll definitely be checking out whatever he puts out next."? **Quite the Novel Idea**

"The novel takes on a disturbing and creepy feeling as it progresses and I couldn't dare put it down."? **Book Likes**

"It is no small feat to get into the mind of a disturbed teen. But James Rice does so skillfully in his debut novel . . . Rice propels readers into and beyond J.D. Salinger territory . . . This book may make readers take another look at the misfits among us whom we dismiss at their - and society's - peril."

? **Star Tribune**

"the world needs more books like this"? **Silke Reads and Writes**

#### About the Author

**James Rice** lives in Liverpool. In 2011 he completed an MA in Writing at Liverpool John Moores University and has since finished his debut novel, *Alice and the Fly*-- the first chapter of which won the

Writing On The Wall Festival's novel-writing competition Pulp Idol. He also writes short stories, several of which have been published, and writes songs with his friend Josh, which he sings in a very high-pitched voice people have charitably referred to as "unique." He is currently working on his second novel.

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#### **Sandra Castillo:**

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