



Embrace by Jessica Shirvington

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*Age Range: 13-17 (Recommended by Publisher)

Grade Range: Gr 9 Up (Recommended by *School Library Journal*)

BOOK SYNOPSIS

Two Choices: Angel or Exile. Lincoln or Phoenix. The wrong choice could cost not only her life, but her eternity.

It starts with a whisper: "It's time for you to know who you are..."

On her 17th birthday, everything will change for Violet Eden. The boy she loves will betray her. Her enemy will save her. She will have to decide just how much she's willing to sacrifice.

A centuries old war between fallen angels and the protectors of humanity chooses a new fighter. It's a battle Violet doesn't want, but she lives her life by two rules: don't run and don't quit. If angels seek vengeance and humans are the warriors, you could do a lot worse than betting on Violet Eden.

LINCOLN: He's been Violet's one anchor, her running partner and kickboxing trainer. Only he never told her he's Grigori—part human, part angel—and that he was training her for an ancient battle between Angels and Exiles.

PHOENIX: No one knows where his loyalties lie, yet he's the only one there to pick up the pieces and protect her after Lincoln's lies. In a world of dark and light, he is all shades of gray.

REVIEWS AND PRAISE

"Has an abundance of crowd-pleasing elements: an appealing main character/narrator, hunky angels and angel hunters, steamy (but not explicit) lust, and unrequited love... *Twilight* fans who prefer snarky, bad-ass heroines will embrace this fast-paced, sexy thriller/romance, first in a series." [*-School Library Journal*](#)

★ "Shirvington's debut is smart, edgy and addictive-and sure to leave readers clamoring for the rest of the series... The story is rife with action and romance. A must-read for paranormal fans young and old." [*-Kirkus Reviews*](#)

"One of the best YA novels we've seen in a while. Get ready for a confident, kick-butt, well-defined heroine... This title will have a place on my keeper bookshelf for years to come!" *-RT Book Reviews*

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“Embrace has been one of my favorite reads this year. ...We loved it so much Stacey has never read a book so fast - I am usually the fast reader, she finished this book before I did. It's that good. The lead Violet is a strong female character who like most teens struggles with choices although some of hers are the supernatural kind. I could go on and on but I will save the gushing for our review.” –Page Turner

“A delicious romantic triangle.” –USA Today

“The angel mythology's in-depth description adds complexity to the novel . . . Fans of romantic fantasy with a paranormal twist will find Violet and her adventures captivating.” –VOYA Magazine

AWARDS AND ACCOLADES

- Spring 2016 Kids' Indie Next List

MEDIA AND RESOURCES

- [Beauty and Lace Author Interview](#)
- [Entertainment Weekly Author Interview](#)

RESPONSE TO CHALLENGES

Add responses to challenges whenever possible, including links if available. Relevant information includes official responses from a board of education, library statements of support, or other statements of support from relevant organizations like PEN America or the Comic Book Legal Defense Fund.

MILWAUKEE JOURNAL SENTINEL: 7 books have been removed from Elmbrook school libraries amid an organized effort to ban books across Wisconsin

- Elmbrook School District, Milwaukee, book removed
- Santiesteban said the increased politicization of the Elmbrook School District is frustrating as a parent because although she accepts that it is OK for parents to think differently, she feels it is a whole thing altogether to want to apply those beliefs to other people's children.

PEN AMERICA: Florida School District Slaps Stigmatizing and Alarming Warning Labels on Books Deemed “Unsuitable” for Children

- Collier County School District, Florida
- Jonathan Friedman, director of free expression and education programs at PEN America, said in response: “This alarming development is just the latest in an onslaught of attacks against students’ freedom to read in Florida. Even if access to these books is not technically restricted, the labeling of these books risks attaching a stigma to the topics they cover and the books themselves. Under the guise of ‘parental rights,’ interest groups have been empowered by opportunistic elected officials and are now hijacking public schools. Every child deserves the right to learn from a diverse set of voices and perspectives, and to freely access the books they wish to read.”

AUTHOR STATEMENT (OPTIONAL)

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***A NOTE ON AGE RANGES**

A publisher-suggested age range covers the gamut of readers that publishers envision using the book, whether for independent reading, family sharing, group study, or in other ways. Educators have the best sense of the appropriate age range for the diverse learners they work with and understand these ranges vary depending on a book's intended use.

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