



***Under Threat* by Robin Stevenson**

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*Age Range: 12+ (Suggested by Publisher)

Grade Range: 12+ (Recommended by *School Library Journal*)

BOOK SYNOPSIS

Franny is close to her parents, adores her horse and is head over heels in love with her girlfriend, Leah. But Franny's parents are abortion providers at the local hospital, and an anonymous stranger is prepared to do whatever it takes to stop them. A stranger who phones at all hours. Who knows where they live. Who knows Franny's name. When Leah's older brother, Jake, refers to her parents as baby killers, Franny starts to wonder if perhaps the threats aren't coming from a stranger at all. If she tells the police about her suspicions, she could lose her girlfriend. But if she doesn't—and if she's right—she could lose her parents.

REVIEWS AND PRAISE

★"Out of the mouths of teens come a most succinct and unabashed argument for reproductive rights...[Stevenson] doesn't preach to readers but allows the conversations to organically arise in familiar circumstances, such as a lovers' quarrel or a family discussing the meaning of safety...A smart, realistic, fast-paced piece of fiction for teens."—*Kirkus Reviews*, starred review

"Stevenson offers an effective portrayal of young adults discussing issues in the history of abortion...[The book] underscore[s] the importance of really knowing and acting on your values, as well as knowing the beliefs of the people you call friends."—*VOYA Magazine*

AWARDS AND ACCOLADES

- CCBC Best Books for Kids & Teens | 2016 | Commended
- American Library Association (ALA) Rainbow Book List | 2017 | Commended

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