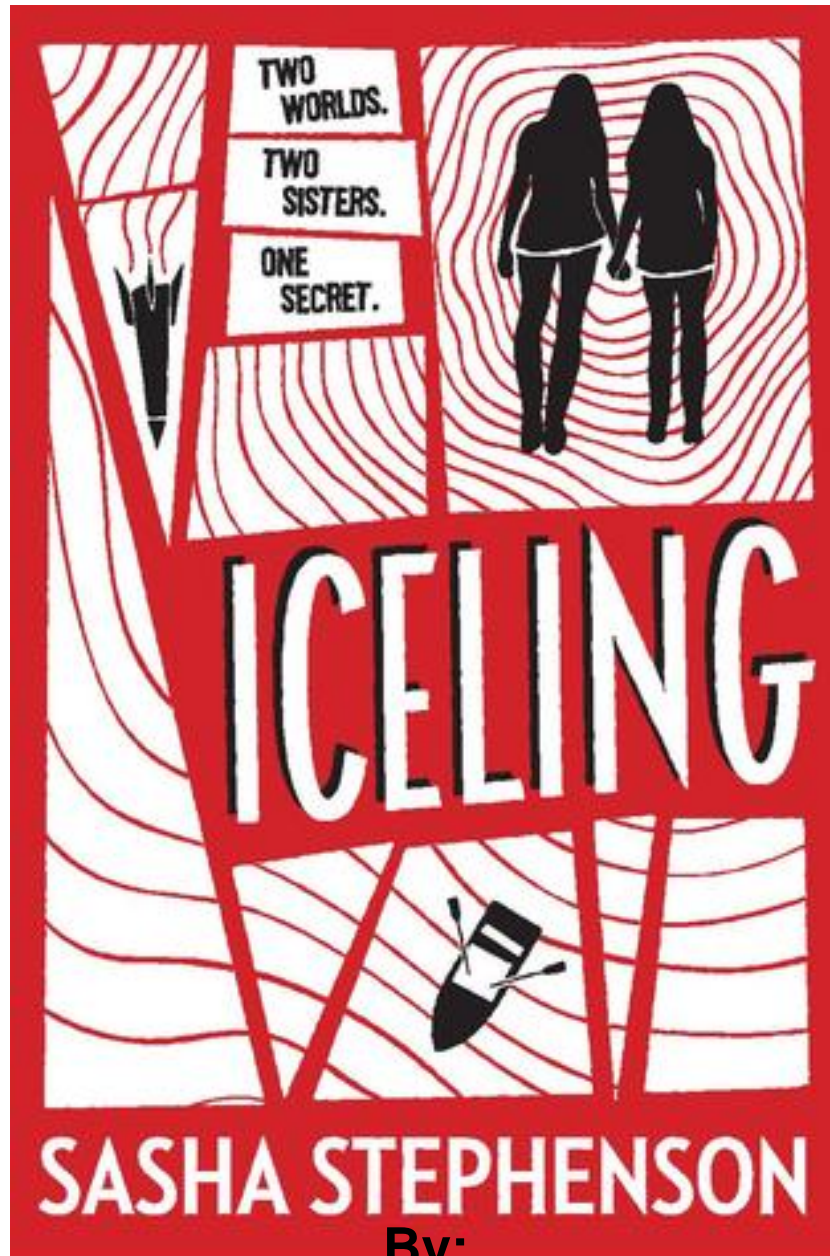


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Cait â€¢ A Page with a View

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Their parents go on a trip to the Galapagos, leaving Lorna alone with Callie. Lorna's friend Stan also has an iceling who is acting strange. After a series of odd events and speculation, Lorna and Stan decide to drive their siblings back to visit their Arctic home. Things get kind of odd with Lorna's mom calling to say that the monthly hospital checkups were actually with an assigned government liaison, that their family has been playing with fire by having this girl in their home for so many years, and that Lorna shouldn't be tricked by Callie or get between her and the government because there will be hell to pay. Callie is some kind of monster/weapon and the government is super sketchy. And the story just gets weirder and weirder.

So this isn't quite the chill road trip story it sounded like on the cover. It's way more entertaining! The world is also a bit different from reality - like supernatural and unexplained abilities are more normal/frequent in every country.

Otherwise the writing is good and Lorna's personality comes through in her first person narration, so I liked her character. This story was a bit too odd for me at times, but it was definitely original!

Thank you to the publisher for sending me an ARC!

Helen

Although this read a little too young for me at times, I enjoyed it a lot.

Imagine having a mute adopted sister who was found in the arctic as a new-born with a hundred or so others.

Shannon (It Starts At Midnight)

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find this premise... well anywhere else ever. And that is a good thing! It made me want to keep reading, for sure. I found myself wanting to know

the things, and that is a good sign, of course. So let us start, as usual, with what I enjoyed!

While Lorna and Callie are the main sister duo in the book, there are others that are lovely, too. Lorna's love for Callie is beautiful, but it's also realistic. Yes, Lorna gets irritated sometimes by the amount of her time that caring for Callie consumes, but at the end of the day, she'd do

Marla

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I received this book from the Penguin Random House First To Read Program.

Bridgette

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Lorna's dad, a research scientist, discovered Callie and a bunch of other babies on an abandoned boat in the Arctic 16 years ago. Each Arctic Recovery Orphan, or Iceling as Lorna dubs them, was adopted by a separate family with a biological child near the Iceling's age. The weird thing is that all of the Icelings grew up to be non-lingual and strangely drawn to plants.

One fateful night, Callie manages to communicate her very strong desire to take a road trip to her point of origin in the Arctic. Thinking this is the first opportunity she has had to really connect with Callie and do something for her, Lorna jumps in the car with Callie and heads out.

Callie and Lorna meet some interesting characters on the way, not all of whom are trustworthy. What they discover along the way is shocking. On this journey, Lorna discovers truths about herself, Callie, and her parents, forcing her to reevaluate her worldview.

What did I like about Iceling? It was a quick read at less than 300 pages. Perfect for a lazy weekend. I also liked Lorna. Her thought process was a bit scattered, but completely believable. I also love the premise. Non-lingual orphans with eerily similar physical features. Pretty unique. That is actually what first caught my eye, the whole non-lingual teenagers aspect.

What did I not like about Iceling? It wasn't as compelling as I had hoped. That may have something to do with the fact that there was a lot of recapping and rehashing throughout the novel. It got tedious at times because of the repetitiveness. I hope the subsequent novels in the series cut out a lot of the recapping.

All in all, Iceling is a quick read with a unique, intriguing premise. I have high hopes for this new

series!