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Editorial Review

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...a compelling psychological mystery, told from the alternating point of view of the 20-something narrator and her confused preteen self. ... Instead of dwelling on fear and pain, Arsenault guides the reader through grief, compassion, and understanding in this emotionally complex and deeply satisfying read. (Publishers Weekly (starred review))

Emily Arsenault's absorbing second book, "In Search of the Rose Notes," is at least as much a novel as a detective story.... Ms. Arsenault here reveals strange truths beneath everyday surfaces and shows that truth sometimes isn't all that strange. (Wall Street Journal)

From the Back Cover

Eleven-year-olds Nora and Charlotte were best friends. When their teenage babysitter, Rose, disappeared under mysterious circumstances, the girls decided to "investigate." But their search—aided by paranormal theories and techniques gleaned from old Time-Life books—went nowhere.

Years later, Nora, now in her late twenties, is drawn back to her old neighborhood—and to her estranged friend—when Rose's remains are finally discovered. Upset over their earlier failure to solve the possible murder, Charlotte is adamant that they join forces and try again. But Nora was the last known person to see Rose alive, and she's not ready to revisit her troubled adolescence and the events surrounding the disappearance—or face the disturbing secrets that are already beginning to reemerge.

About the Author

Emily Arsenault is also the author of *The Broken Teaglass*, *In Search of the Rose Notes*, *Miss Me When I'm Gone*, and *What Strange Creatures*. She lives in Shelburne Falls, Massachusetts, with her husband and daughter.

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