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Editorial Review

From School Library Journal

Gr 7 Up—Scarlett Killian has a rare heart condition that is going to kill her. She has spent her entire life at home or in the hospital, but has convinced her overprotective stepmom to allow her to attend high school, even for a short time, just to give her a chance to be a normal kid. She becomes a target of bullying, partly because her mom is a school nurse who overinvolves herself in the students' lives, but she soon starts making friends, first with members of a support group and then with Tony, a boy in biology class. A project in that class involving Scarlett's medical records exposes secrets in her life that draw questions about Nurse Killian and about Scarlett's health. Narrator Amy McFadden is a credible Scarlett and also provides other characters, particularly Nessa and Celina (two members of her support group) and Scarlett's stepmother, with strong characterizations. The story starts somewhat slowly, focusing on Scarlett's symptoms, but once certain plot devices are unveiled, it keeps the listener involved in the action. Give this to your listeners who enjoy thrillers with a little bit of romance.—Ann Brownson, Eastern Illinois University

From [Booklist](#)

Scarlett Killian is 15 years old and attending school for the first time. Ever. She suffers from Long QT, a genetic disorder that causes her heart to beat uncontrollably if she gets too excited. Until now, her parents—her father and stepmother—have been reluctant to let her out of the house, let alone attend public high school. Finally, she has gotten her way, but can she really handle it? Once at school, she is the target of vicious bullying, which is only exacerbated by the fact that her overly protective stepmother is the school nurse. Finally she starts making friends, but a biology project with the cute boy in her class begins to reveal some secrets about her medical history that threaten to turn her whole world upside down. Scarlett's moody first-person narration is full of romance-related anxieties, as well as heart-pumping drama related to discovering the horrific truth at the core of her family. Lyons, a best-selling author of adult crime fiction, makes her YA debut with this suspenseful thriller laced with medical intrigue and coming-of-age triumph. HIGH-DEMAND BACKSTORY: Lyons has enjoyed a comfortable spot on the New York Times best-seller list for her adult titles. Expect to see a lot of attention for her YA debut. Grades 9-12. --Sarah Hunter

Review

""Lyons dives deep into the human soul... Her three dimensional characters resonate with readers long after the final page." --RT BookReviews, on Black Sheep " - *RT Book Reviews*

"CJ Lyons' new YA novel, *Broken*, heralds a strong new female protagonist whose history counters the challenges and mysteries ahead. Laurie Halse Anderson's *Speak* meets Kathy Reichs' *Virals*." - *Jill Moore, Square Books, Jr., Oxford, MS*

"*Broken* is an intense page-turner. Readers will race to the end to see if Scarlet will uncover the truth about herself and those around her before it's too late." - *April Henry, New York Times Bestselling Author*

""[A] fast-paced thriller" with a "I-totally-didn't-see-it-coming ending."" - *Entertainment Weekly's Shelf Life*

"The concept of this book is an interesting and fresh one...[Readers] swept up by the unraveling of Scarlet's life will be happy they kept reading" - *VOYA*

"Scarlet is a likable character, smart and savvy, sheltered and innocent. Her friends and enemies are well

drawn and the tension feels real . . . Readers who enjoy surprise revelations as in Matt de la Peña's *I Will Save You* will appreciate the twist here." - *School Library Journal*

"[A] suspenseful thriller laced with medical intrigue and coming-of-age triumph." - *Booklist*

"A chilling medical suspense story-Lyons' specialty-expertly entwines with teen-oriented family drama and the eye-rolling social hierarchy that is high school...Not just for teens, *Broken* effectively addresses many modern issues, including bullying and the pediatric healthcare system." - *RT Book Reviews, Top Pick, 4 ½ Stars*

Users Review

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