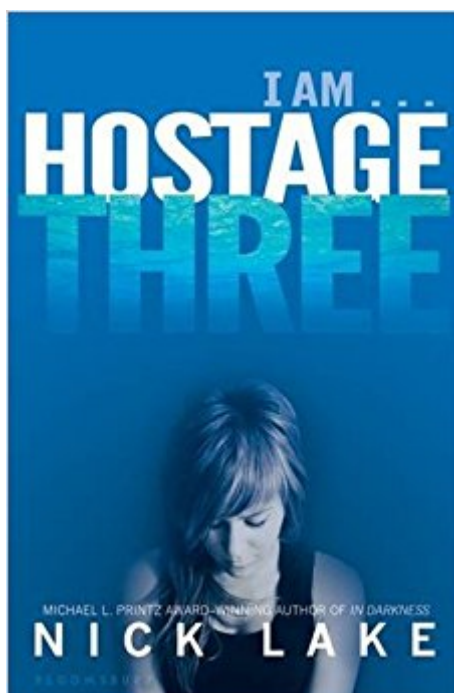


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# Hostage Three



## Synopsis

As Amy sets out to sea with her family on a yacht, she's only thinking about the peaceful waters and the warm sun. But she doesn't get either after a group of pirates seize the boat and its human cargo, and the family becomes a commodity in a highly sophisticated transaction. Hostage One is Amy's father--the most valuable. Hostage Three is Amy, who can't believe the nightmare she's in. But something even stranger happens as she builds a bond with one of her captors, making it brutally clear that the price of life and its value are two very different things. From one of today's most exciting contemporary voices in YA comes a commercial page-turner you won't be able to put down.

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## Customer Reviews

Gr 8 Up—Amy Fields walks out of her A Level exams required for entrance into the Royal Academy; she is still grieving over her mother's death and cares little about the future. Her rich father and new stepmother hope that sailing around the world will allow much-needed family bonding, but the idyllic trip ends when Somalian pirates seize their yacht and hold them for ransom. Tension is palpable as the frightened family and crew become pawns in the businesslike negotiations. Although carefully guarded with machine guns, the British teen observes a pecking

order among her captors and befriends Farouz, the pirates' handsome translator. They share memories of personal pain that include Amy's mother's suicide, the execution of Farouz's parents, and the political imprisonment of his brother. Their stories are vivid and poignant, adding layers to a rich characterization, especially details of Somali culture and mythology. Amy falls in love, understanding Farouz's vow to use ransom money to free his brother, but is startled back to reality when he agrees to follow orders to shoot her on command. Circumstances become dire when she learns secrets about her father's business that jeopardize their release, and rival pirates and the navy get involved. The author playfully tells Amy's account of the rescue the way she hoped it would play out, and then again, as it actually happened. The narrative twist is brilliant, taking readers on an emotional ride to the very last page. — Vicki Reutter, Cazenovia High School, NY — (c) Copyright 2013. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted. --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

— “Perceptive and harrowing. . . . An inventive narrative construction . . . plays on the highly unstable situation of this utterly compelling read.” — Publishers Weekly, starred review — “Intelligent, empathetic, and eye-opening.” — Booklist, starred review — “Vivid and poignant. . . . The narrative twist is brilliant, taking readers on an emotional ride to the very last page.” — School Library Journal, starred review

When I got this book I had no idea if I would like it at all. As it runs out the story is quite compelling. I love the fact that I had no idea how the book would end. It was thought provoking and I found it hard to put down. Slow star, but a very good read!

Wonderful story, excellent insight into the lives of persons around the Horn of Africa and the dysfunction foisted upon them by greedy fishing trawlers and the dysfunction they generate within themselves. An interesting and deep heroine who changes throughout the story and her "hero" in an unlikely guise. His character is a revelation and the ending is so poignant. I'm ashamed for myself when I stereotype the people I read about in the news; this novel is an excellent corrective and is thrilling and impossible to put down.

A chilling tale of piracy in modern times. Hostage Three is a young adult novel, but is universal for all generations. I was hooked immediately. It is also a novel about how the loss of a loved one significantly impacts our actions, either positive or negative, and how our actions ripple through all

our relationships.

In the beginning I thought 'oh no, like Captain Phillips' but the only commonality was both were hijacked by Somalian pirates. As the story unfolds we learn about the rebellious teen's troubled family as well one young man's life growing up in Somalia. It is an eye opener.

I was almost pissed that the story was ending like that, and then the twist happened. Really enjoyable. Quite a few swears for young adults, but if you were held at gunpoint, you'd say the F word too.

Unusual and compelling story about love, hate, life and death. Different from most books I read but kept me hooked from page one to the end.

Great read from start to finish. Loved the characters and story line. Great ending that I didn't see coming. Awesome

Hostage Three is a beautiful book, besides the fact that the title can make it sound somewhat strident. This zestful and enticing book was quick to draw me in. Amy, the main character in the book is a teenage girl who has lived a rough life. Her story is compelling and reaches out to your emotions. The set-up allows the book to be an interest to teenagers who struggle in their own lives. Amy describes how her mother committed suicide and the heart-wrenching story sent an outpour of sympathy to me and most likely any other reader of this book. Although sad, like any other sob story, that's what drew me in; the way the author was able to pull emotions out of me. Amy's father married extremely quickly after the death of Amy's mother, and like a lot of teenagers facing similar situations, Amy is not pleased with the "stepmother." This allows young adult readers to feel as though they can relate to Amy. Over the summer, Amy is forced, against her will, to travel around the world in a yacht with her father and stepmother, only to find themselves fall hostage to pirates seizing the ship. Amy and her family end up fine, but it's an unusual and, not so happy, happy ending. Amy goes through a series of emotions and the way in which her thinking process and outlook on life changes throughout the story leaves your spine-tingling with heartache and pride for this girl. This book is powerful, eye-opening, and sensational. This hair-raising story gives your heart a jolt that

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