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### Editorial Review

From School Library Journal

Gr 7–10—This realistic, if a bit heavy-handed, emotional ride takes readers through two sisters' perspectives on a life-altering accident. Tilly and Roo, close friends as well as siblings, find their lives thrown upside down when Roo gets into a devastating car accident. She survives but goes into a coma and eventually suffers from locked-in syndrome—she can hear and see, but she just can't move. Everyone rallies around her, but Tilly, her younger sister, finds herself increasingly on the outside and increasingly attracted to Roo's boyfriend, Newton. Tilly's feelings of guilt multiply when everyone in school discovers that she was texting Roo at the time of the accident. Newton and Roo's relationship, while emotionally deep, remains modest, so middle schoolers would be quite comfortable with the romance here. The alternating chapters, from Tilly's and Roo's perspectives, add to the authenticity of the story; the emotions are genuine and heartfelt. The "don't text and drive" message is a little overdrawn, but readers will be engaged in the emotional and physical recoveries of both sisters. Fans of Gayle Forman's *If I Stay* (Dutton, 2009) will find another favorite in this. VERDICT A good purchase for libraries with teens craving realistic but not edgy fiction.—Lisa Ehrle, Falcon Creek Middle School, CO

Review

#### Praise for *The Secret Language of Sisters*:

"Riveting and heartbreak... a glorious affirmation." -- Lauren Myracle, bestselling author of *Shine*

"Luanne Rice brings her trademark grace and lyricism to a suspenseful story about sisters and life-changing chances." -- Huntley Fitzpatrick, author of *My Life Next Door*

"A moving story, beautiful told, about art, hope, and all kinds of love. Welcome to the YA world, Luanne Rice!" -- Natalie Standiford, author of *How to Say Goodbye in Robot*

"Raw and emotional. A novel you'll want to discuss, and one that will stick with you long after you've turned the last page." -- Tamara Ireland Stone, bestselling author of *Every Last Word*

"Rice skillfully examines the way one mistake can shatter the lives of many." -- *Publishers Weekly*

"Genuine and heartfelt... fans of Gayle Forman's *If I Stay*... will find another favorite in this." -- *School Library Journal*.

"Rice, a bestselling adult author, employs alternating chapters in the sisters' voices with clarity and honesty in her YA debut." -- *Booklist*

#### Praise for Internationally Bestselling Author Luanne Rice

"Luanne Rice has enticed millions of readers." -- *USA Today*

"Rice has an elegant style, a sharp eye, and a real warmth." -- *San Francisco Chronicle*

"Rice's trademarks are fine writing, a good eye for small detail, and an uncanny way of conveying the mysterious glue that holds families together." -- *Kirkus Reviews*

#### From the Inside Flap

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Told from alternating perspectives, this gorgeous, unputdownable story of love, hope, and redemption marks bestselling author Luanne Rice's dazzling entry into the world of YA.

### Users Review

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