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Description:

From Publishers Weekly Part ghost story, part psychological drama, this eerie account of a near-death experience is sure to draw teenage thrill-seekers. Beginning with the sentence, "It was raining on the day I died," narrator Janine recounts how, following a car accident, she is taken to a place filled with "mists and fog," where she is reunited with her dead twin sister, Lenore. When Janine returns to the world of the living, Lenore is there with her, invading her thoughts and learning to control her body. Lenore, who was always the more mischievous of the two, makes Janine do things against her will, like snubbing her boyfriend, Scott, while he recovers from the same car accident; flirting with Scott's hospital roommate, football-hero Rafe; and shoplifting a bracelet. Janine's doctor attributes her patient's belief in Lenore to a temporary multiple-personality disorder caused by head injuries. Janine's problem, however, is more complicated. Lenore is forcing a buried memory? a secret behind Janine's mixed-up identity? to the surface. Despite her heavy-handed foreshadowing and less than subtle rendering of the B-movie good twin/evil twin theme, Littke (*The Watcher*) manages to make the improbable seem just plausible (and engrossing) enough to encourage readers

to suspend their disbelief. Ages 11-14.
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From School Library Journal Grade 6-9-"It was raining on the day I died." With this statement, Janine begins her story. She is seriously injured in an automobile accident while cutting school with her boyfriend. When she "returns" from her near-death experience and awakens from a coma, she finds that her dead twin sister haunts her every thought. Lenore, who drowned at the age of four, wants to experience Janine's life on her own terms. Janine, who has blocked the events of her sister's death from her memory, tries to explain her sister's presence to her parents and doctors, but they tell her it is just a reaction to her head injury. As Lenore takes control of more and more of her actions, Janine finds herself caught in a web of mystery and confusion. She wants to be left alone, but Lenore forces her to remember the day of the drowning. The plot's surprising twists and turns capture readers' interest as Janine tries to unravel the past. In an unexpected ending, she faces the fact that she is indeed Lenore. The believable characters, though rather static, relate well to one another and help to weave the threads of mystery together in a satisfying manner. Fans of Lois Duncan, Joan Lowery Nixon, and Caroline Cooney should welcome this book.

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