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Ren Sharpe was abducted at fourteen and chosen by the mysterious F.A.T.E. Center to become a Shadow: the fearless and unstoppable guardian of a future leader. Everything she held dear—her family, her home, her former life—is gone forever.

Ren survives four years of training, torture, and misery, in large part thanks to Junie, a fellow F.A.T.E. abductee who started out as lost and confused as she did. She wouldn't admit it was possible to find love in a prison beyond imagining, but what she feels for Junie may just be the closest thing to it.

At eighteen they part ways when Ren receives her assignment: find and protect college science student Gareth Young, or die trying. Life following a college nerd is uneventful, until an attack on Gareth forces Ren to track down the only person she can trust. When she and Junie discover that the F.A.T.E. itself might be behind the attacks, even certain knowledge of the future may not be enough to save their kidnappers from the killing machines they created.

## **I Become Shadow Details**

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## Kendyl T. says

Ren Sharpe the awesome, butt-kicking, hero of the story is kidnapped from her family, and home to train at the F.A.T.E. center. At the F.A.T.E. center the teens who are kidnapped are trained to become a shadow [glorified stalker]. These shadows protect their F.I.P. [future, important, person] from all harm. Thanks to modern technology of their time they can know who and what will and will not be important. Two specific characteristics the author uses is dialogue and action. Which in my opinion are the dynamic duo of Sci. Fi. books. I enjoyed this book so much, because of the fun-loving, action-packed chapters. The dialogue on every page, and the vivid scenes I can imagine because of this book. If you enjoyed this book some other books you may be into are Divergent, and the Hunger Games.

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## Gerardo Delgadillo says

5 out of 5 stars

I BECOME SHADOW is one of those stories with a kickass heroine—Ren. This premise is similar to the one in the old 90s movie FREEJACK, featuring no other than Mick Jagger. But in this case, with teens and for different purposes. I really liked the novel, mainly the gruesome process Ren has to endure before departing to fulfill assignments. Four years of suffering, actually. So we see Ren growing up, fourteen years old to eighteen, and the writing shows the maturity—starts funny and quirky and ends on a more serious tone, but still fun!

I recommend you to read this novel, because is intense and cool!

More on my blog: <https://gerardowrites.wordpress.com/2...>

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## Emily says

Before I really start this review, I have to admit that the only reason I read this is because the Teen Book Club I help out with is currently reading it and I like to read the books with them. If it weren't for this, I might not have *ever* picked this up.

With that said, I'm on the fence about I Become Shadow. I mean, I really liked it. The characters were funny, the romance was cute, the love-triangle-but-not-really was interesting, and the whole idea of kidnapping these "destined to die anyway" kids and turning them into "Shadows" was intriguing enough to keep me going long enough to finish the book.

Sounds like it doesn't get much better than that, right? Weirdly, though, I'm just left with this "that was nice" feeling and I'm not dying to know whether or not Shine will write a sequel - which is totally possible based on how I Become Shadow ended. Everything was just *too* good, though. Ren is badass, funny, and attractive with an equally attractive, badass, and funny boyfriend. And did I mention the wicked smart nerd with a photographic memory who would rather use his talents doing good rather than waste his time like "most

kids" his age?

None of the characters have any real depth or flaws and I didn't really connect with them. This novel *barely* scratched the surface of the potential the plot and characters have and since I can't find confirmation on a sequel, it just feels abandoned.

Now, I did like that it seemed as though Ren was just talking to us and telling her story. I know that's not for everyone since some don't like the idea of being acknowledged by a character, but I really like it when it's done well. What bothered me was how the beginning of the book started in a way that was so over the top and cliché it was *clearly* done purposely. It was actually funny how aware of itself the story was, but then we lose that once Ren goes through her training. The story tries to get serious and loses something along the way.

I want to like this book so much more than I currently do, but it's just not for me. The characters need more depth, the story needs more pages, and I've read so many books with similar ideas that have been done better (sorry!) that I just don't have it in me to give it more than three stars.

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### **Cullen P says**

I Become Shadow is a really good book. This book is about a fourteen year old girl named Ren Sharpe, who is kidnapped by a center called F.A.T.E. They will train her to become a human weapon, that's called a shadow. Their job is to protect a special person, who will do good things when they grow up. Her family thinks she is dead back home, and will never see her again. She goes through training for four years. It is very painful, and some people might die. She gets her FIP four years later (the person they must watch over, and protect). His name is Gareth. She ends up at a college. When people try to mug Gareth, she saves him. She has practically broken all the rules to having a FIP. When another attack happens she saves Gareth, but gets hurt badly. She goes to her friend Junie's house, who has a FIP too. He helps Ren, but the F.A.T.E center knows she has broken all the rules. They come after her and take her back to the center. She tries to escape to find Gareth, but you will have to read to find the rest out. I liked all the parts in this book. This book made me feel sad and happy at the same time. I was sad, because she never got to see her parents again. I was happy, because this book was very interesting. I think that anyone would like this book. I think this book is a little bit like the book *When*. Because they both get in some danger. This was probably the best book I ever read. I really suggest that you read this book.

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### **Teresa says**

5 Stars

This book is freakin' AWESOME! I read it in less than 10 hours. It is just so much fun to read, I laughed out loud quite a few times and ran the gambit from sadness to evil glee.

I love how the MC, Ren, speaks directly with the reader, it feels more like a conversation. I fell in love with her, she is so full of life and emotions. I even giggled a few times myself especially on her inner monologue. She is smart, kind and loyal. Plus she is a wise ass that is also a total bad-ass. Junie, Gareth and even Lloyd are fleshed out and 3D as well. I didn't even mind the 3 way... I mean love triangle. (Or do I?) Yeah, I mean

love triangle.

The plot is fairly original and engrossing. It flows so smooth that I was pulled into the story right from the start. There is action, violence, pettiness, greed and lots of blood. But softer things too. Love, honor, loyalty, friendship, even innocence... and lots of blood. I mean LOTS of blood. Gallons of blood; oodles of blood... sorry. *I tend to zone out. I am really good at zoning out... sorry.*

My one and only real complaint is that the ending leaves little doubt that there will be at least one more book. Which means I have to wait who knows how long to read it. If I had known that I would not have been in such a rush to read this. Waiting closer to the release date of the next book.

*I Bow to you Mr. Shine.* It is a little scary how a grown man could write so well from the POV of a teenage girl. I have read books by female authors who couldn't do it a quarter as well, and I assume THEY have been teenage girls at some point in their lives.

I leave with one request, a small thing really, given the talent the author shows here. Please, please, pretty please, make sure that any and all of your **I Become Shadow** sequels, prequels, short stories and novellas are up to the standard you set with this book.

Otherwise, I may have to *HUNT* you down.

(Oh, and feel free to send me ARCs of any and all such sequels, prequels, short stories and novellas.)

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### **Pace R. says**

I thought that this book was amazing because all I wanted to do was to just keep reading. I finished this book in just a week! This book is about a girl who is stolen from her bed in the middle of the the night. When she is in the bodybag she is kicking and trying to scream through the sock in her mouth. When she gets to where they are taking her they tell her that the only reason they took her was because she was going to die. When she is there she goes through extreme pain including this one shot she gets every night called fire. The point of fire is to make you never feel pain again. The only thing that keeps her alive is her best friend she meet named Junie. When she finally gets to go out in the real world she can't see Junie now. What will happen to her when she has to face her fears and go back to the place that was her worst nightmare. This book made me just want to keep reading and reading and reading. I recommend this book to anyone who likes to read books that never slow down and are mystery type books. This book kind of reminds me of the hunger games.

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### **LeeAnne says**

What a great book and a perfect addition to the Lone Star List. The fact that the author is from Austin just makes it better! I enjoyed how he skipped over parts and gave us background of Ren's story instead of spending a lot of time doing that like some authors do. It was a pretty intense read with a lot of suspense and

a heroine just snarky enough to make me love her! I can't find evidence anywhere online of a sequel in the works, but surely there is with that ending. Right?

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### **Tavi B says**

Rene Sharpe was abducted at her home at age 14 by some mysterious organization called F.A.T.E. the organization will train her to be an unstoppable, skilled, fearless guardian, of a person that will grow up to change the world, they call, these people shadows. Everything she loved and cared for is gone; her family; friends; and a normal life. Four years of intense training, misery, despite, and torture, have made her who she is today. The only good thing that happened to her these four years was her best friend, Junie (who she secretly has a giant crush on). Now all she needs to do is get linked to someone to watch, so the past four years of her life don't go to waste. When she gets paired with someone in the great state of Texas, she definitely was not expecting some college nerd who spends his free time playing video games. All she has to do is not let Gareth Young from not knowing who she is and that she is even alive at all. Shouldn't be too hard when you go to "Texas A&M" a huge school, well apparently she couldn't do it. Within weeks they are best friends and walk to every class together, they talk about everything, they sit next to each other at lunch and in all their classes.

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### **Christine S. says**

*I Become Shadow* is about a girl named Ren Sharpe. Ren is kidnapped from her room one night when she was 14. They take her to a place where, when they take photos from space and they could see 50 years into the future. She goes to the FATE center and trains to be a fighter to protect her FIP (future important person). To go with her on this journey were about 300 14 year olds, but her best friend is a boy named Junie. Ren and Junie make it through 4 years of hard work and finally gets linked with their FIP. She has to go through love, carefulness, and pain to protect him, but she doesn't even know who her enemy is anymore. You will have to read this book to find out.

I loved the story, but I got lost a couple of times. Let's be honest here, I cried a little in this book. If you read it you will find out why. Anyone who likes a little romance and a good fight will love this book like I did. This book is similar to *The Hunger Games* so if you liked that book, you will like this.

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### **Cheryl says**

I picked up this book really looking forward to reading it. It sounded good and the book cover is eye catching. Sadly I did not finish this book. I got to the middle of chapter 8 and threw in the white towel for surrender. While there were things happening in the book in regards to action, it was still just the training phase of the action. Which I would have stuck with this book if for the one simple fact...I cared about the characters. There was nothing really interesting about Ren that made me endeared to her. Thus the reason I gave up on this book. For this type of book, you need to have the characters be emotionally connected with the readers so that they will want to continue with the journey and transformation that the character is taking.

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## **Michele Genest says**

My students are going to love this story.

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## **Danilyn N says**

I Become Shadow is about a teenage girl living in a lonely world 'see what I did there'. This teenage girl's name is Ren. She is having some bad luck at school, in fact she is doing so bad she got a nose bleed in front of her crush, yikes! But on one fateful night she was texting away on her cell with her best friend until she feels a strange cloth wrap around her. Soon she realizes that she is being kidnapped. When she wakes up she discovers herself strapped to a chair in a pure white room that seems like a lab. Soon after she woke up she sees a ginger haired girl with a lab coat making her way to Ren. 'What will they do to me? Why do they want me?' Are all the questions that went through Ren's head. While she was having a panic attack she feels a painful sensation in her arm. What will happen to Ren? Will she be okay? Read to find out.

I Become shadow is such an amazing book!! It really has captured me in the story and I just couldn't take my eyes off it. I love how they really made Ren to be able to hold her own even in a rank with Black Widow and Catness Everdeen. This novel is even able to fit some romance in here, That's right I'm talking to all you romance people out there!! This book as on has some action, and mystery. I thought the setting of the book was very interesting, and mysterious. I recommend this book to all of you mystery, action, and romance readers. Because I can assure you that you're going to love this book!

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## **Julie says**

I LOVED this book!!! Please please please tell me this is a series because I need more!

The whole book flew by! I can't think of anything that could have been changed. I loved the character development and the POV and writing was perfect. I haven't read such a great book like this in a while

I rate it 5 stars for sure

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## **Cammy R says**

*I Become Shadow* is an exciting novel that will have you on the edge of your seat the whole time you read it. One ordinary 14-year-old girl named Ren Sharpe has an ordinary life until a secret organization called FATE takes her away from her home in the middle of the night and trains her to be a human weapon. After her 4 long years of training she's ready to become a "Shadow". This is where she is assigned one human to watch over from the real world to keep safe. They cannot interact at all with this FIP (Future Important Person) or mess up the future because they are watching over someone who will do something great. But as she breaks rules, she also uncovers that not everything is what it seems... Especially back at her home away from home, the beloved FATE.

I liked the action and Ren's sharp attitude, I loved watching her change throughout the book. I disliked the

fact that it has a lot of bad words... Really bad sometimes. It can sometimes be a little inappropriate and does contain grueling imagery of blood. It made me feel a little sickened during the attacks, to be honest. But if you're into that kind of stuff, this is the book for you. I would compare it to *Harry Potter* only because of the adventurous spirit of the characters. Overall, it was a great book. But please pay attention to my warnings. I loved this book!

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### **Natalie R. says**

I Become Shadow is a phenomenal book about a girl named Ren Sharpe. One night she was about to fall asleep, but before she did she was kidnapped. All of her family and friends thought she was dead. She was brought to a place called FATE. FATE is a place where people train you to be very powerful and strong. On Ren's first day she met a boy named Junie. They became good friends. After four years of training at FATE they became shadows. They got linked to someone that they watch over, protect, and spy on. This person is important, and needs to be safe for the future. When this happened Ren and Junie got split up. Ren's FIP was named Gearth. One day he was walking to one of his classes at school and got attacked. Ren save him. After that her and Gareth got to know each other. This was breaking the rules of being a shadow. A couple weeks later Gareth got attacked again. Ren Took him Junie's house to be safe. You will have to find out on your own if they're safe or not. I liked when Ren and Junie met for the first time. I did not like when Junie was beaten, on the ground, with his mouth duck taped shut. This book was exciting and sometimes sad. I think if you like books with action you would like this book. I think this book was a lot like When, because it is a bit of a mystery, you never know what will happen next, and there is lots of action. Be sure to read I Become Shadow.

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