

?Reading? ↗ Eloia Born

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Everyone was left completely blind after the Mists came. Everyone, that is, except for Leanora and her father but that's a secret. The first of many. Leanora can see fragments if the light is right. Otherwise, it's darkness like everyone else. Her friend, Dex, isn't so lucky. The two must travel alone through desert, rainforest, and wilderness in order to discover the truth behind what plagued their community. And they might not like what they find.

Britta Jensen's *Eloia Born* allows us a glimpse of what it's like to experience life, love, and peril without the luxury of sight. It's a beautifully crafted story that will leave you laughing, crying, and wondering what other secrets the planet of Eloia holds.

A Girl Who's Lost Her Mother
A Boy Learning About Love
Both With A Secret
Neither Knows About
And A Journey That Could Tear Them Apart

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On The Remote Planet Of Eloia, Dex And Leanora Live In Two Worlds That Intersect. The World Of The Seeing And The Blind. Leanora Alone Travels Between Them But She Hides Her Limited Eyesight From The Boy She Loves. Then Tragedy Strikes And Leanora And Dex Must Trek Across Eloia In Search Of Answers While Struggling To Survive In The Harsh Wilderness. Leanora's Mother, Believed To Be Dead, Has Left Traces Of Herself In Every Community They Encounter. Each Step Of Their Odyssey Takes Dex Further Away From Leanora And Closer To Someone New Caught Between Her Allegiance To Their Shared History And Following Her Heart, Leanora Must Decide Is Survival Important Than Love.

Eloia Born Is The First In A Two Book Series. The Sequel, *Hirana's War*, Releases In Early Summer.

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Contains no spoilers review based on ARCI have been looking forward to this for quite some time I dedicated my Thanksgiving break to having time to enjoy this without interruption and I am so glad I did Once I started reading, I honestly didn't want to stop I admit that I was nervous when I saw the story would be told from two alternating points of view I was also slightly leery when I realized the author was going to dedicate her first sections to presenting a backstory for Leanora and Dex However, I am thrilled to say that Eloia Born was nothing like my past experiences Just as I was getting to my come on already point, the story took off The split narrative adds a depth to the story that would not have been present otherwise, each section blending nicely with the previous section while expanding it in some way for the reader While Leonora comes across clearly to me throughout, I was having trouble understanding Dex after they left Asanis Again, the split narration was the perfect way to show Dex's humanity and I was able to connect with him, so much so that the turn of events in the tower of Nedara left me in complete shock and exceedingly angry And the humanity did not stop with the humans The author blended these very same characteristics into the animals as well I am a sucker for animals and to see how even the hardest human in the bunch responded to the animals well, that was a reward all by itself Who won't love the gwynbee and ulsos It was a pleasant surprise to discover that each of the four regions of this world aligned so perfectly with recognizable growth in our main characters Neither the recurring theme of acceptance nor the importance of being comfortable in your own skin can be missed This story reminds me of all the things I like so much about Victoria Aveyard's Red Queen series It is a story of growth not everything ends on a happy note, everyone has something to add to the story, and the journey was hard but such is life I believe that many young adult readers will find a bit of themselves in this story and perhaps even a desire to choose kind If we can learn to recognize the gifts in others, realize that there is life than what we see, and honestly try to understand one another, this world and our individual lives could be very different. Rich in detail and clearly enjoying her wordsmithing without being wordy, the author has presented a well defined world, likeable characters, and a compelling story I am looking forward to

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receiving my printed copy, the next book in the series, and of this author in the future. I was deeply immersed in this book which made it a quick read. Great world building. Likable characters that guide you through a unique world. Let it be known that my low rating has to do with my dislike of sci fi because I can't always grasp what's going on. The adventure was interesting but I couldn't connect with the characters and all the new animals introduced made it hard for me to remember what was what. Overall, this is an interesting story with unique characters. However, there were times when I felt like the characters were sharing an inside joke talking about things it was assumed the reader would know even though they hadn't been told in the narrative. Some of the major plot lines of the story also felt rushed, giving it a jumpy feel, especially at the end. I think a lot of this was due to enthusiastic inexperience and am sure it will get better as she continues writing. I look forward to the next installment. The writing was good. I liked the story. Unique, thorough world building. I thought it was too jumpy, and parts of it were hard to follow.

