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# I Become Shadow



## Synopsis

With a "headstrong heroine on par with Katniss Everdeen and Tris Prior" (Kirkus) this debut thriller combines a pulse-pounding sci-fi thriller with a new adult coming-of-age story set at Texas A&M University. When Ren Sharpe was fourteen, she was kidnapped by a shadowy organization called FATE and trained to be a human weapon. Now, four years later, she receives her assignment: protect Gareth Young at all costs. Currently a student at Texas A&M, Gareth will someday change the world. FATE calls people like Gareth "FIPs" – future important people – and they're everywhere, each with a FATE-trained shadow. But when disaster strikes, Ren will have to turn on her maker. Together with Junie, a fellow abductee and the one person she trusts, Ren takes Gareth on the run. Because whatever else happens, failure is not an option. From the Hardcover edition.

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## Customer Reviews

Gr 6 – 10 • A lighthearted take on government conspiracies and highly trained secret assassins. Fourteen-year-old Rennes Sharpe has a lovely life in Amherst, Massachusetts, until she is pulled out of bed in the middle of the night and taken to a secret facility. She learns that high-ranking officials can now see the future via satellite images, and that young people who would have died otherwise (like herself) are instead plucked from their lives and trained as covert bodyguards for people who will eventually become important to humanity. Her death is faked so her parents stop looking for her; she's given daily injections of something called "fire" designed to destroy her pain receptors; and in four years, she's released as a protective killing machine. But

after meeting her FIP (Future Important Person), she finds out that both of them are just pawns in a larger conspiracy. The novel is brimming with wisecracks and jokes, which turn an interesting concept into a very light read. Despite the loose ends that never get tied up, or even addressed fully, and several overly implausible deus ex machinas, there is plenty of excitement and humor to carry the story. -- Kyle Lukoff, Corlears School, New York City --This text refers to the MP3 CD edition.

Not-so-popular 14-year-old Ren Sharpe is kidnapped one night and whisked away to the training facility for FATE (Future Affairs Training and Education), part of a secret world organization. For the next four years, she and hundreds of other international "recruits" undergo searing daily nerve-killing injections called "fire." Their survival and protection training is painful, dangerous, and relentless, but the results are human weapons that feel no pain, have no fear, and harbor an unwavering duty to protect the future world leader to which each is assigned. Ren is linked with Gareth, a Texas A&M freshman who will eventually be a world game changer. Never comfortable with the program that created her, Ren steps out of line when Gareth is attacked in a way that makes her think her organization has ultraclandestine plans they're not sharing. With a love triangle, vivid training sessions, and ample action, *Shine*'s debut introduces a new kick-butt, funny heroine who could hold her own in a ring full of tough, independent girls like Katniss Everdeen, Tris Prior, and Lela Santos. Grades 9-12. --Jeanne Fredriksen --This text refers to the MP3 CD edition.

Great debut novel by Joe Shine. A friend of mine recommended I read this book, I did, and I would further recommend anyone to read it! It is a fast-paced thriller, a page-turner, a book you won't want to put down until you've finished it. Mr. Shine develops the characters and describes the settings beautifully (in first person dialogue from the point of view of Ren- the strong female lead character along the lines of Katniss). This is a great, quick read for Young Adults and all Adults. I'm looking forward to the next Joe Shine novel.

This was a great debut book for Joe Shine. From the onset of the book, he captivates the reader with the quirky, relatable, and dynamic lead character, Ren. This tangibility to the heroine continues throughout the book, even as she goes through and completes the FATE training. The characters are well developed, the plot line is fascinating and fresh, and the first person writing style really lures you in to the book which I found myself unable to put it down. A friend of mine recommended I give

the book a shot and I'm glad I did. I anticipate great things from this author and look forward to reading more of Ren's adventures.

This book was great!! I am mad that I waited so long to finally read it but man was it worth it! It is a new, creative idea that kept me interested from the very beginning! My girl Ren can kick some serious A\$% too!! I love Junie and how he interacts with Ren. I can't wait to see what happens on the hunt!! I am recommending this book to people of all ages who are looking for a new creative action pack book with great characters.

That cliff hanger though! Oh man. This is actions packed with the best kind of strong female lead! A trained one that's knows what she's doing (or at least what she wants)! Gosh I just can't wait for more.

I love then main character! The growth and development of her finding out what she feels and what FATE is making her feel is amazing! The story line was so engrossing I couldn't stop reading. Can't wait for a second book!

This book was definitely a page-turner! Very original and refreshing story line filled with action, comedy and romance; the perfect package. Shine's writing style is captivating and Rens personable and witty character makes you feel as though you've known her for years. Excellent read. Would recommend to friends. Cant wait for the next one!

What a fun read. I loved Ren. She was funny and sassy. A great ending, too. I hope this becomes a series. I would definitely recommend this book. Looking forward to more from Joe Shine!

Best book in the whole wide world... I love this book and Tuesdays with Morrie... You should buy both!!

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