THE HATCH

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The Hatch by Michelle Saftich is an imaginative story that takes you beyond the Milky Way to deep space and beyond. The themes of family struggle, hard choices, and the cost of corrupt leadership feel very current and important to consider.

The Hatch
by Michelle Saftich (Goodreads Author)
Bibiana Krall's review



Brita is a bold and engaging young heroine with incredible gifts of deep empathy, ESP, and many more psychic gifts that not only help her connect, but also put her in jeopardy when the tone of the story changes.

It's a classic plot of an individual with a moral destiny to serve others, but only by holding onto her individuality does Brita claim her full power in a battle of good versus evil. The build-up to why her gifts are so important and what she is meant to do is written in a future world where promising young people are sent away, trained by government experts and surgically enhanced for climate extremes and warfare.

I loved the premise and had a huge crush on Cal. He was perfect as the alternate to Brita, as he was a disciplined older with a heartbreaking past, but grounded in reality. He did not completely understand the magical, otherworldly aspects of astral projection or how he could befriend someone so completely different, kind-hearted and openly rebellious like Brita.

What I loved most about their relationship is that physically they were opposites, but in the heart they shared a deep understanding of loss, friendship and family.

The celestial being, Tasma was incredible in his abilities and wisdom. I've always imagined that there are beings like this somewhere out there that vibrate on such a high frequency that they have no use for war, lies, manipulation or cruelty.

When I reached the alien planet, the imagery came into fantastical focus. It felt much like the scene in The Wizard of Oz when the snow falls and the flowers bloom, when we finally get a glimpse inside the Emerald City.

Teens and adults alike would appreciate this story. If you enjoy science fiction, or fantasy with well-written characters, dystopian and or utopian fiction this imaginative story will take you to the stars and beyond.

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Well done!