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### Editorial Review

#### From School Library Journal

Gr 8 Up-Fourteen-year-old Sophie rescues Otto, a young chimp, while spending the summer at her mother's bonobo sanctuary in the Democratic Republic of Congo. When the president is assassinated and war breaks out, Sophie has a chance to return home to the United States but cannot bear to leave Otto. Their journey to safety takes them into the bonobo enclosure, but the real danger begins when they venture out and risk encountering rebel soldiers. Schrefer excels at imbuing the bonobos with individual personalities and endearing quirks. The bond between Sophie and Otto is so expertly depicted that it almost seems like a parent/child relationship, and readers will readily relate to the anguish the girl feels as she debates leaving her pet behind. The novel tackles tough ethical dilemmas without offering easy answers and delves into racial politics (Sophie's mixed racial heritage influences how others treat her), giving the book a nuanced tone. Schrefer portrays painful scenes in unflinching detail, and his powerful use of language drives the story forward. However, Sophie often seems preternaturally skilled for a teenager who has spent limited time in the Congo. Several moments stretch plausibility, such as when she rescues Otto from a group of soldiers or when she becomes leader of the bonobo tribe. Additionally, because Sophie is recounting the story as an adult looking back, her voice is often far more mature and polished than most adolescent protagonists. Yet despite the flaws, this is a poignant and moving story.-Mahnaz Dar, School Library Journal © Copyright 2011. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.

#### From [Booklist](#)

After 14-year-old Sophie leaves her home in Florida, where she lives with her father, to visit her mother's bonobo sanctuary in Congo, she rescues a young bonobo from its captor. Sophie names her new friend Otto and the two bond, but after civil war breaks out, Sophie and the young ape must flee from the sanctuary and attempt to survive in the jungle against overwhelming odds. With cruel revolutionaries everywhere, Sophie's life is constantly in danger. The story veers perhaps into improbability when Sophie, unwilling to abandon Otto, rejects two offers to leave the country. Still, Schrefer creates a vividly realized setting and a harrowing portrait of the chaos of a country at war. Best, though, is Schrefer's portrayal of the extraordinary bond between Sophie and Otto, and the close, awe-inspiring look at bonobos in general. Nature-loving teens will be captivated. Grades 8-12. --Michael Cart

#### Review

#### Praise for *ENDANGERED*:

A 2012 National Book Award Finalist

Winner of the Green Earth Prize

An ALA Best Fiction for Young Adults choice

“Dazzling, big-hearted . . . As riveting as the action is, it's the nuanced portraits of the characters, human and ape, that make the story so deeply affecting.” – THE NEW YORK TIMES BOOK REVIEW

\* “Schrefer spares no detail . . . This drama is clearly written from the heart.” – PUBLISHERS WEEKLY, starred review

“Taut, heart-wrenching.” – THE WASHINGTON POST

“A poignant and moving story.” – SCHOOL LIBRARY JOURNAL

#### **Praise for THE DEADLY SISTER:**

\* "Well-drawn characters, realistic dialogue, and suspenseful twists and turns add to the appeal. Teens crave mystery, and this book will suit them just fine." -- SCHOOL LIBRARY JOURNAL, starred review

"The page-turning action and the potent relationship between the two sisters will keep teens' attention right up to the final confession." -- BOOKLIST

#### **Praise for THE SCHOOL FOR DANGEROUS GIRLS:**

"Teens might behave dangerously themselves to get their hands on this page-turner." -- BOOKLIST

“Gripping, violent and terrifying.” -- KIRKUS REVIEWS

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##### **Lorenzo Logan:**

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