

## The Invisible Life of Addie LaRue by V.E Schwab

How to describe this masterpiece? This is a story about a young girl, Adeline (Addie) LaRue, who desires for her independence and free will. So on the eve of her forced marriage, she runs to the woods to pray for a god (or a devil) who answers after dark. He makes her a deal that leaves Addie to yearn.

Addie will live forever but will be forgotten by everyone she meets. She is like a ghost, leaving only a trace but never seen. We get to see Addie's growth and struggles over her lifespan (three-hundred years) through different periods starting in 1714, France and switching to "current day" 2014, New York. This is my first time reading a book by V.E Schwab, and hands down a 5/5. The world building and the structure of this, sucked me in from page one. The words were so articulate and the fine details are simply brilliant.

As a masterpiece has flaws, I do wish we had more of a storyline with "the devil". Additionally, 75% of this book is background and is very slow-paced, but I feel that this pacing works. So if you were thinking about picking up a fast read, this is not it. But if you do pick this up, this book will change the way you look at life and keep you thinking even when you finished, craving for more time.

Trigger Warnings: Loss of loved one, substance abuse, depression, suicidal thoughts and actions, sexual assault and abuse.