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## Editorial Review

From School Library Journal

Gr 7 Up—Opportunity High School takes pride in leading its students to greatness. After all, its motto is We Shape the Future. However, not all students agree. Outcast Tyler Browne has returned with a vengeance and with his own motto: "I will make sure you remember me." And so begin 54 minutes of hell on earth for students and staff as Tyler holds his audience captive inside a locked auditorium, killing whomever he pleases and offering heartless grace to others. Told from four student perspectives, each with their own frayed relationship to "the shooter," this compelling tale echoes current events. The full-cast narration includes top-of-their-game performances from Nick Podehl, Amy McFadden, Kate Rudd, Whitney Dykhouse, Lauren Ezzo, and Scott Merriman. VERDICT A gripping tale from start to finish. ["With a thrilling narrative, topical subject matter, and diverse characters, this is a first purchase for libraries serving teens": SLJ 11/15 review of the Sourcebooks Fire book.]—Cheryl Preisendorfer, Twinsburg City Schools, OH

Review

"*This Is Where It Ends* is simultaneously heart pounding and heart wrenching. Every word hits frighteningly close to home and is tragically too familiar. This book will leave you asking questions that we as a society should have answered a long time ago." - **Julie Murphy, #1 New York Times bestselling author of DUMPLIN'**

"Stunning, diverse, and unforgettable, *This Is Where It Ends* is a book everyone should read to better understand each other and the world around us." - **Robin Talley, author of LIES WE TELL OURSELVES**

"As long as there are Newtowns and Columbines there will be a desperate need for gripping, well-written, and poignant novels like this one. We are the most gun-violent country in the world, and yet little has been done to stop these rampage killings. Many people have become numb to the news that yet another child, or family, or congregant, has been murdered. Hopefully a book like *This Is Where It Ends* will make the problem more real to a generation that still has the time, energy, and willpower to do something about it." - **Todd Strasser, award-winning author of GIVE A BOY A GUN and FALLOUT**

"Entirely gripping and fast-paced." - **Lucy Christopher, award-winning author of STOLEN**

"[A] compelling story of terror, betrayal, and heroism... This brutal, emotionally charged novel will grip readers and leave them brokenhearted." - **Kirkus**

"Love, loyalty, bravery, and loss meld into a chaotic, heart-wrenching mélange of issues that unite some and divide others. A highly diverse cast of characters, paired with vivid imagery and close attention to detail, set the stage for an engrossing, unrelenting tale." - **Publishers Weekly**

"With narration firmly rooted in the moment and smooth transitions in and out of flashbacks, each first-person account reveals an intricate web of betrayal and pain that connects the four to Tyler and the horror he has unleashed." - **The Horn Book Magazine**

"A gritty, emotional, and suspenseful read and although fictionalized, it reflects on a problematic and harrowing issue across the nation." - **Buzzfeed**

"Marieke Nijkamp's brutal, powerful fictional account of a school shooting is important in its timeliness." - ***Bustle.com***

"A compelling, brutal story of an unfortunately all-too familiar situation: a school shooting. Nijkamp portrays the events thoughtfully, recounting fifty-four intense minutes of bravery, love, and loss." - ***BookRiot***

"The core message and potential to open thoughtful discussion make this a solid choice for teen readers." - ***VOYA Magazine***

"Harrowing first-person narrations reveal the way characters try to understand what is happening, where they are in relation to the emergency, and what they can do to save those they love... readable, gripping, and well balanced." - ***The Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books***

"You'll finish this book in a single evening, guaranteed." - ***Paste Magazine***

"Nijkamp's emotional, powerful debut fictionalizes an all-too-frequent occurrence in today's world. Her strong storytelling pulls readers into a school shooting, leaving them amongst the gunman's victims in Opportunity High's auditorium." - ***RT Book Reviews, 4 Stars***

"Intense and compelling, this debut novel balances the senseless violence of a school shooting with uncommon acts of courage and compassion by a diverse cast of characters." - ***Common Sense Media***

"With an ending that will leave readers rocked with fear, grief, chills and tears, this outstanding debut will hit close to home and is best suited for older teens." - ***BookPage***

#### About the Author

Marieke Nijkamp is a storyteller, dreamer, globe-trotter, geek. She holds degrees in philosophy, history, and medieval studies, and is an executive member of We Need Diverse Books, the founder of DiversifYA, and a founding contributor to YA Misfits. She lives in the Netherlands. Visit her at [mariekenijkamp.com](http://mariekenijkamp.com).

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