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## Editorial Review

From School Library Journal

Gr 9 Up—Student (and hacker) Bec has been in trouble plenty of times before, but this time is different. Instead of being sent to yet another boarding school, she's shipped off to stay with her mom's college friend Parker in Rome. Fashion magazine editor Parker's next assignment is big: to run photo sessions of the First Lady during her visit to the Italian capital. When Parker is seriously injured in an accident, Bec suspects a more sinister explanation and uses her hacking skills to investigate. The teen also has her hands full with juggling the affections of cute Italian messenger Dante and sexy fashion blogger Taj. Tension mounts as clues reveal that the First Lady's life may be in danger, and the hacking fashionista stops at nothing to unravel the mystery. Bec's narration is sincere and intriguing, but readers will find it difficult to connect with her. While her hacking skills are good, they are nowhere near as advanced as one of the "bad guys," yet she is able to thwart the operation with only a little help. Most of the characters remain two-dimensional, and the fashion focus, including tips at the beginning of each chapter, feel tacked on and not completely integrated into the plot. A fun read for those who can suspend their disbelief.—Kelly Jo Lasher, Middle Township High School, Cape May Court House, NJ

From [Booklist](#)

High-school junior Bec Jackson is expelled from her sixth boarding school in three years for hacking into the school's computer system and changing grades. Against her will, she is sent to Rome to intern for Parker Phillips and her high-fashion magazine, *Edge*. When Parker has an accident just before the First Lady arrives for a photo session, and made-of-steel former supermodel Candace Worthington takes over, all hell breaks loose. On top of that, Bec has to deal with bitchy models, CIA agents, a handsome Italian on a Vespa, and a suave fashion blogger—all while trying to find out where Parker is and what happened to FLOTUS. The only person Bec can trust is herself as the plot twists and turns in this hypercharged thriller of fashion, high-tech sleuthing, and power, with bella Roma as the backdrop. Close calls, mysterious phone conversations, surreptitious whispers in office corners, and a clandestine conversation in a dark warehouse make for highly improbable, but also highly entertaining, escapist fun. Grades 8-11. --Jeanne Fredriksen

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"Bennardo and Zaman offer a light mystery filled with fashion tips, entertaining dialogue, a pair of potential romances for Bec, and an alluring Roman setting... An energized pace, ever-shifting suspects, and an intriguing glimpse into the benefits and drawbacks of art and fame." ?*Publishers Weekly*

"A big, delicious ice cream cone of a novel! A hilarious, fast-paced mystery/thriller combining high fashion...plus a couple of very hot guys and one of the most engaging and original heroines ever. I dare anyone not to love this!" ?*Molly Cochran, New York Times bestselling author of Legacy*

"An absolute thrill ride of a story. I loved it!" ?*Kristi Cook, author of Mirage*

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