



Tangled Planet **A Young Adult Novel by Kate Blair**

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Longlisted, 2017 Sunburst Award (Young Adult Fiction)

Commended, 2016 SCBWI Official Reading List (Science Fiction for Gr. 9-12)

Commended, 2016 Best Books for Kids and Teens

London, England, present day. This is the world as we know it, but with one key difference: medical science has found a way to remove diseases from the sick. The catch? They can only transfer the diseases into other living humans. The government now uses the technology to cure the innocent by infecting criminals.

It is into this world that Talia Hale is born. Now sixteen and the daughter of a prime ministerial candidate, she discovers that the effort to ensure that bad things happen only to bad people has turned a once-thriving community into a slum, and has made life perilous for two new friends. When Talia's father makes an election promise to send in the police to crack down on this community, Talia can only think of how much worse things will be for her friends. Will she defy her father to protect them, even if it means costing him the election? *Transferral*, is a chilling look at a world gone wrong because of its efforts to do right.

Reviews

"Blair presents a new twist on the formulaic dystopian genre, developing flawed characters who are incredibly likable in a relatable world where right and wrong are more gray than black-and-white ... highly accessible, and the very timely themes will provide endless discussion and debate regardless of age level ... an unputdownable pick, it is a great addition for any public or secondary school library." — *School Library Journal*

"Blair subtly captures her audience with the ingenuity of her dystopian vision and then sweeps readers away as she raises the stakes again and again. As the novel approaches its climax, readers will find themselves madly flipping pages to find out the fate of a nation." ****/4, Highly Recommended — *CM Magazine*

The Author

Kate Blair is an award-nominated author originally from Hayling Island, UK. She has been a finalist for the Manitoba Young Readers' Choice Award and the Saskatchewan Young Readers' Choice Snow Willow Award. Her novels *Transferral* and *Tangled Planet* were both longlisted for the Sunburst Award and *Transferral* was a Starred Selection of the Canadian Children's Book Centre's Best Books for Kids and Teens. Blair currently lives in Toronto, Ontario.



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