

Weregirl: Typhon

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Weregirl: Typhon is a fast-paced, intelligent story about a young werewolf and the family she is trying to maintain.

Nessa and her siblings, Delphine and Nate, have come to live with their eccentric billionaire father, Daniel, after the tragic loss of their mother. Daniel has been mostly absent until now; the family must rebuild itself. Nessa is determined to include another sister, CM, in the mix. Nessa just found out about CM, who was bred and born in a lab after Delphine's DNA was mixed with that of several animals.

Daniel's drive to discover the next new frontier in science takes precedence over everything else, including his family. Though he claims to love CM, he has subjected her to life in a lab. She has extraordinary intelligence and can read minds; she is angry, trusts no one, and longs to be human.

An exciting blend of science fiction and fantasy, the plot is driven forward by the hint of a possible romance between Nessa and Bo, a young woman who leads a group of children who live in secret in Daniel's forest, as well as by intrigue concerning the extent of Daniel's research and by the uncertainty of CM's role in the family. The narrative prompts interesting questions about what defines a human being, and explores the moral and ethical implications of scientific experimentation.

Nessa is a compelling lead. She is strong, with an instinct to protect those around her—especially CM, who frightens her. Supporting characters, particularly Daniel, Delphine, and CM, are all conflicted in some way; they add complexity to the story.

This is the third book in a series. There is limited information about what occurred in the previous installments, but this story is satisfying and stands well on its own. It is a thought-provoking and thoroughly enjoyable book.

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