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Review of *Sisters Red* by Jackson Pearce

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This is not just another young adult fantasy novel. Pearce spins a web of intrigue from an old tale- *Little Red Riding Hood*- in a way that has not been done before. In Pearce's novel, two sisters play the part of Little Red. The story begins in Ellison, Georgia, where after surviving a Fenris (werewolf) attack as young girls, Scarlet and Rosie March are determined to hunt the creatures that killed their grandmother. When the Fenris begin to gather in Atlanta to find their next "potential" werewolf, the girls, along with long-time hunting partner, Silas, follow. Throughout the city, the girls lure Fenris into their seductive trap, and many a fight breaks out in Piedmont Park. While Scarlet believes hunting Fenris is their destiny, Rosie begins to wonder if her future might hold something more. Silas encourages Rosie to listen to her heart, but Scarlet is shattered to discover that Rosie has been keeping secrets. The trio's loyalties are tested further when a secret about Silas's past threatens to tear them apart. This is a story well-told. Readers are drawn into each girl's struggles as the chapters alternate between the two as narrators. In addition to the breathtaking story, Georgia readers will appreciate the references Pearce makes to the Apple Time Festival in Ellison and Piedmont Park. This novel is appropriate for teenagers, but adults will enjoy it as well.

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