

GOOD ADVANCE REVIEWS FOR STRANGE RELATIONS, Alfred A. Knopf

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Kirkus: "...Levitin's gift--her ability to catapult the reader into another word--is on full display here, offering a vivid sense of the rhythm and texture of Chasidic life. "

School Library Journal: "It's rare to find such well-developed characters, empathetic and sensitive religious treatment, and carefully crafted plotlines in one novel. Levitin's strong portrayal of a young woman who is trying to find her own beliefs and develop a sense of family makes this novel a real winner."

Booklist - Starred Review: "Too few novels give such a revealing, believable view of contemporary, Jewish American kids wrestling with tradition and faith...Marne's authentic, first person voice wraps purposefully inserted passages into an honest, sensitively told story that's filled with spot-on teen talk and inner monologues. Marne's active, earnest search for who she is and who she wants to become will touch readers of all backgrounds."