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But the Walkers are not alone. Prim Alice and the cynical Sandra, long dead former residents bound to the house, linger within its claustrophobic walls. Jostling for space, memory, and supremacy, they observe the family, trading barbs and reminiscences about their past lives. Though their voices cannot be heard, Alice and Sandra speak through the house itself—in the hiss of the radiator, a creak in the stairs, the dimming of a light bulb.

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Editorial Review

Review
“In Oliver’s moody and mysterious novel, a pair of ghosts inhabits the house of the recently deceased Richard Walker and serves as an invisible chorus to his family’s bleak memories and motivations.” (O magazine)

“A sensational novel that easily glides between the normal and the paranormal. At times humorous, at times heartbreaking, ROOMS is always emotionally resonant and, despite the presence of ghosts, very, very real.” (**—Ivy Pochoda author of *Visitation Street*)**

“A chilling ghost story, and much, much more: Rooms is a magnificent gothic fugue on the themes of longing and buried secrets.”-Lev Grossman, bestselling author of The Magicians Trilogy (—Lev Grossman, bestselling author of *The Magicians*)

“A powerful haunted house story … Excellently paced… Ultimately, Rooms is an outstanding novel, with a brilliant array of characters...compelling and difficult to put away...it has stuck with me in ways that few books do. Oliver’s particular blend of fantasy is at times funny, other times heartbreaking.” (io9)

“…in this spectral soap opera there’s fun to be had as the plot’s many traps are set and then snapped shut.” (New York Times)

“A spirited new novel.” (W Magazine)

“Best-selling young adult novelist Lauren Oliver, author of *Before I Fall* and the *Delirium trilogy*, enters new territory with *Rooms*, her first novel for adults--though spooky supernatural elements remain.” (Wall Street Journal)

“[A] fantastic ghost story…. Highly recommend.” (Washingtonian, Top 10 Books for September 2014)

“ROOMS is, overall, a very successful work, and an impressive demonstration of Oliver’s craft.” (NPR)

“Lauren Oliver leaves the young-adult realm with her latest novel, in which the living and dead intersect, and family secrets are unearthed when you least expect it.” (San Francisco Chronicle)

“[Oliver’s] first novel for adults, *Rooms*, is a ghost story, but is completely unlike any we’ve read before… an elegant blend of real and supernatural worlds.” (BookPage)

“Oliver skillfully weaves her tales together clearly and cleanly… The real strength of this novel is Oliver’s knack for rendering charmingly flawed characters with real-life problems and complicated relationships… Oliver’s prose is crisp and clean; it gives the book much of its energy.” (Washington Independent Review of Books)

“Pleasantly spooky.” (New York Times Book Review)

“A family faces its demons-such as sex addiction and alcoholism-when they gather after Dad’s death. (Adding stress: His house has ghosts!) A complex first adult novel from the *Delirium* writer.” (Us Weekly)

“[Oliver] turns triumphantly to adult fiction with her latest, *Rooms*… The last 50 pages of *Rooms* are as devastatingly emotional as any book I’ve recently encountered… For a thriller, that’s as strong a recommendation as I can make.” (Dallas Morning News)

“Lauren Oliver, best known for her *Delirium* series, makes her adult debut with the stand-out Rooms, a creepy ghost story and domestic family drama rolled into one.” (Publishers Weekly)

“[A] sweet-but-sad-totally-engrossing-reading-at-stop-lights-in-the-car kind of tale… A fabulous read-good for a mature tween straight on up.” (Chicago Now)

“Oliver’s first adult novel is packed with complex, flawed characters, and she manages to turn the ghosts’ observations into a story about how people are haunted by memories. It’s like a Wes Anderson movie in book form, with ghosts.” (io9)

From the Back Cover

After her *New York Times* bestselling novels for young adults, Lauren Oliver returns with her first book for adults, a spellbinding novel that confirms her place as one of our finest storytellers. *Rooms* is a mesmerizing and suspenseful story of guilt, love, and family secrets.

Estranged patriarch Richard Walker has died, leaving behind a country house. His alienated family arrives for their inheritance—but they are not alone. Two restless ghosts linger within the house's walls. Both the living and dead are haunted by painful truths that surface with explosive force. When a new ghost appears, the spirit and human worlds collide—with cataclysmic results.

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About the Author

Lauren Oliver is the author of the teen novels *Replica, Before I Fall, Panic, Vanishing Girls,* and the Delirium trilogy: *Delirium, Pandemonium,* and *Requiem,* which have been translated into more than thirty languages and are *New York Times* and international bestselling novels. She is also the author of two standalone novels for middle grade readers, *The Spindlers* and *Liesl & Po,* which was an E. B. White Read Aloud Award nominee; the Curiosity House series; and a novel for adults, *Rooms*. A graduate of the University of Chicago and NYU’s MFA program, Lauren Oliver is also the cofounder of the boutique literary development company Paper Lantern Lit. You can visit her online at www.laurenoliverbooks.com.

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