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Since helping the rightful heir to the Lumatere throne reclaim her homeland three years ago, former street orphan Froi has transformed into a powerful warrior, fiercely devoted to the royal family and sworn to the protection of Lumatere. When he is sent into neighboring Charyn to assassinate the king responsible for the curse that divided Lumatere for thirteen years, however, his new notions of identity are challenged as he uncovers a terrifying political situation that reveals clues to his tortured past. Froi's inexplicable attraction to Quintana, the Charyn princess and an abused soul herself, only further complicates matters, and he finds himself repeatedly breaking oaths he once held sacred, putting both himself and those he loves in danger. In this impressive companion to *Finnikin of the Rock* (BCCB 5/10), the focalization shifts from Finn to Froi (perhaps the most intriguing member of the first book's superb supporting cast), enabling Marchetta to explore the political machinations working beyond Lumatere and to examine human interactions at a macro level. The relationship between Quintana and Froi gives a face to the sacrifices demanded by their states: whored out to the general populace in the hopes of breaking Charyn's curse, Quintana is a broken, resilient girl whose experiences interrogate Froi's principles, as he uses his physical strength and his aptitude for violence supposedly for the good of Lumatere. Where *Finnikin* was about the reclamation of something lost, Froi's story is about the building of something new in the wake of physical and sexual trauma at both an individual and societal level. Fans of the first book are no doubt expecting to be challenged by its sequel, and they will not be disappointed by this thrilling, romantic, and utterly unforgettable tale. **[End Page 468]**

**LYNCH, CHRIS** *Sharpshooter*. Scholastic, 2012. 187p (Vietnam)  
 ISBN 978-0-545-27026-7 \$16.99 R Gr. 6-9

The second entry in Lynch's Vietnam series (*I Pledge Allegiance*, BCCB 12/11) is not a continuation of the first book's story of the four high school buddies who pledged to enlist together, but rather a shift in perspective from Morris, who opened the series, to Ivan Buczyk, who inherits a gung-ho embrace of military service from previous generations of Buczyk soldiers. Raised as a small-game hunter, Ivan earns his coveted slot in the marksman program: "I am here to kill, and I know that. I am fine with that. I am all over that." His dreams of blazing heroism are put on hold, though, when he finds himself assigned to the *Benevolab*; as proud Army man, he's embarrassed to be aboard a Brown Water Navy vessel that patrols the Mekong Delta on a Counter Insurgency operation. Ivan's disappointed with routine patrols and a humble M-16 rifle; he lusts after his lieutenant's sexier weaponry, and after convincing his officer of his determination and self-discipline, he's sent for advanced sniper training. Pieces of this story graze briefly against episodes and events from Book One. Here readers learn more about why Ivan will not—or cannot—communicate with his Boston friends; they also gain oblique insights into how Rudi, the slow-witted member of the quartet, is firing with the Marines, as they witness how the news of Rudi's surprising aptitude for killing the enemy is one of the few things that breaches Ivan's emotional reserve. Readers are stranded in the thick of the action, and Book Three can't get here fast enough. EB

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