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Editorial Review

From Publishers Weekly

Neuroscientist and debut novelist Genova mines years of experience in her field to craft a realistic portrait of early onset Alzheimer's disease. Alice Howland has a career not unlike Genova's—she's an esteemed psychology professor at Harvard, living a comfortable life in Cambridge with her husband, John, arguing about the usual (making quality time together, their daughter's move to L.A.) when the first symptoms of Alzheimer's begin to emerge. First, Alice can't find her Blackberry, then she becomes hopelessly disoriented in her own town. Alice is shocked to be diagnosed with early onset Alzheimer's (she had suspected a brain tumor or menopause), after which her life begins steadily to unravel. She loses track of rooms in her home, resigns from Harvard and eventually cannot recognize her own children. The brutal facts of Alzheimer's are heartbreaking, and it's impossible not to feel for Alice and her loved ones, but Genova's prose style is clumsy and her dialogue heavy-handed. This novel will appeal to those dealing with the disease and may prove helpful, but beyond the heartbreaking record of illness there's little here to remember. (Jan.)

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Review

"Heartbreakingly real.... So real, in fact, that it kept me from sleeping for several nights. I couldn't put it down....*Still Alice* is a story that must be told." -- Brunonia Barry, *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Lace Reader*

"After I read *Still Alice*, I wanted to stand up and tell a train full of strangers, 'You have to get this book.'" -- Beverly Beckham, *The Boston Globe*

"This book is as important as it is impressive, and will grace the lives of those affected by this dread disease for generations to come." -- Phil Bolsta, author of *Sixty Seconds*

"With a master storyteller's easy eloquence, Lisa Genova shines a searing spotlight on this Alice's surreal wonderland. You owe it to yourself and your loved ones to read this book. It will inform you. It will scare you. It will change you." -- Julia Fox Garrison, author of *Don't Leave Me This Way*

"A work of pure genius." -- Charley Schneider, author of *Don't Bury Me, It Ain't Over Yet*

"A masterpiece that will touch lives in ways none of us can even imagine. This book is the best portrayal of the Alzheimer's journey that I have read." -- Mark Warner, *Alzheimer's Daily News*

"With grace and compassion, Lisa Genova writes about the enormous white emptiness created by Alzheimer's." -- *The Improper Bostonian*

"Heartbreaking." -- *The Cape Cod Chronicle*

"Because the full, internal experience of Alzheimer's is an account that fiction alone can deliver, it's no surprise that the go-to book for caretakers and early-stage sufferers is a novel. "Still Alice," written by the neuroscientist Lisa Genova, offers a crisp, straightforward, and wrenching depiction of the fifty-year-old Harvard professor Alice Howland's descent into the swift, early-onset form of the disease." (*The New Yorker*, "A Place Beyond Words: The Literature of Alzheimer")

About the Author

Lisa Genova is the *New York Times* bestselling author of *Inside the O'Briens*, *Love Anthony*, *Left Neglected*, and *Still Alice*. Her first novel, *Still Alice*, has been adapted into a film starring Julianne Moore, Alec Baldwin, and Kristen Stewart. Lisa graduated valedictorian from Bates College with a degree in biopsychology and holds a PhD in neuroscience from Harvard University. She travels worldwide speaking about Alzheimer's disease, traumatic brain injury, and autism. She has appeared on *Dr. Oz*, *The Diane Rehm Show*, CNN, *Chronicle*, Fox News, and Canada AM and is featured in the Emmy Award-winning documentary film *To Not Fade Away*. She lives with her family in Massachusetts.

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