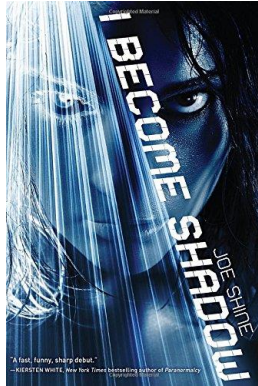


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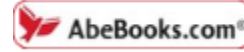
I Become Shadow.

Shine, Joe (author).

June 2014. 304p. Soho Teen, hardcover, \$17.99 ([9781616953584](https://www.amazon.com/dp/9781616953584)). Grades 9-12.

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Not-so-popular 14-year-old Ren Sharpe is kidnapped one night and whisked away to the training facility for FATE (Future Affairs Training and Education), part of a secret world organization. For the next four years, she and hundreds of other international “recruits” undergo searing daily nerve-killing injections called “fire.” Their survival and protection training is painful, dangerous, and relentless, but the results are human weapons that feel no pain, have no fear, and harbor an unwavering duty to protect the future world leader to which each is assigned. Ren is linked with Gareth, a Texas A&M freshman who will eventually be a world game changer. Never comfortable with the program that created her, Ren steps out of line when Gareth is attacked in a way that makes her think her organization has ultraclandestine plans they’re not sharing. With a love triangle, vivid training sessions, and ample action, Shine’s debut introduces a new kick-butt, funny heroine who could hold her own in a ring full of tough, independent girls like Katniss Everdeen, Tris Prior, and Lela Santos. — *Jeanne Fredriksen*



**Booklist
Editors
Recommend**

Titles similar to *I Become Shadow*

- *The Terminals*
- *Incognita*
- *Inhuman*
- *Project Cain*
- *Altered*