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In this comic fantasy debut, 12-year-old Becker Drane is recruited as a Fixer in the Seems, a mirror world that constructs and maintains our own world. Becker's first mission is to find and fix the Glitch in Sleep and become the hero of the Seems. Wyman effortlessly switches from voicing a seemingly normal American teen to a variety of otherworldly characters. All characters are delineated creatively, even robots and dream bubbles. Wyman's easygoing delivery makes descriptions of Seems' philosophy, gadgets, and missions seem realistic. He brings humor, excitement, and an occasional satirical twist to scenes involving the fascinating alternative universe. Becker comes across as a sympathetic and resonant hero in this first title in an imaginative fantasy series. Grades 5-8. --Lolly Gepson

About the Author

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Oliver Wyman delivers a thoroughly engaging narration of this futuristic tale. Twelve-year-old Becker Drane is selected for the best job in the world: being a Fixer at The Seems. The Seems, unbeknownst to humans, is the company responsible for building the world we live in and includes the Departments of Weather, Time, and Sleep. Becker lives in the earthly world until he's called upon for his first Fixer mission: to fix a glitch in the Department of Sleep. Wyman masterfully reads this witty and adventurous story. His voice is clear and his enunciation, precise. He succeeds beautifully in characterizing people of different ages and backgrounds, complete with wonderful foreign accents (Australian, French, etc.). Ample pauses bring forth the suspense of the story. N.A.H. © AudioFile 2008, Portland, Maine-- Copyright © AudioFile, Portland, Maine

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