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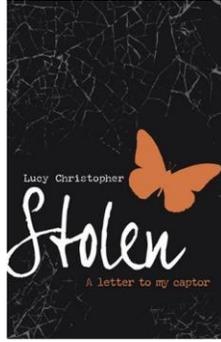
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Christopher, Lucy. *Stolen*. Chicken House, 2010. ISBN 9780545170932. \$17.99. 297 p.

Reviewer: Ruth-Anne Brown

Reading Level: Young Adult

Rating: Cannot Recommend

Genre: Contemporary Realistic Fiction; Fiction

Subject: Kidnapping--Juvenile fiction; Australia--Juvenile fiction; Books--Reviews;

A stranger buys sixteen-year-old Gemma a coffee in the airport after she stalks away from her parents. She is attracted to this man with deep blue eyes and lets him take her out of the airport and wakes up in Australia. Gemma tries to run away from her captor, Ty, but there is only desert for miles and miles. She pleads with Ty to let her go and finally he tells her that if in four months she does not love him, then he will let her go. He does not assault her in any way, but it is clear he wants their relationship to develop. Gemma is starting to develop feelings for Ty when she is bitten by a snake. The medicine Ty gives Gemma does not work and he is forced to take her to a hospital. Ty turns himself in and Gemma returns to her family.

Christopher's writing is detailed and compelling. The style of Gemma writing a letter to her captor is unique. The strong language in the book makes it one for mature readers. The theme of the book is unclear, and the ending is unresolved and unsatisfactory. This book of a girl falling in love with her kidnapper is not to be recommended.

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