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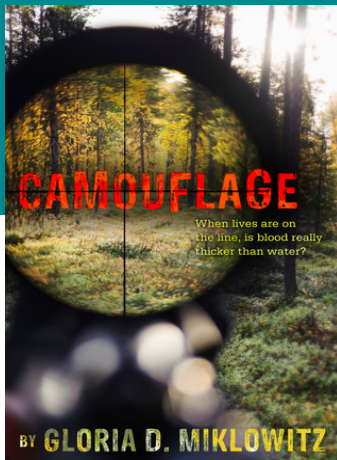
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Book Review

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Kyle desperately wants to spend the summer with his distant father, away from his overbearing mother. His father lives in a small country town in Michigan. To a fourteen-year-old boy with little freedom, it sounds like a dream made in heaven. Kyle's dad lets him stay at home alone. He mingles with the wild kids in town who teach him how to fire a gun with precision. Kyle's suspicions, though, begin to quickly rise about his father when he hears others refer to him as "General" and witnesses him openly disparaging the government. Once he discovers how intricately involved his dad is with a local militia group, he begins to wonder if it's too late to save him from carrying out a nefarious act that is sure to destroy many innocent lives.

Miklowitz does an impressive job of enticing the curiosity of the reader with lots of twists and turns and emotionally riveting moments in this action-packed novel. It is fast-paced and a quick read. Its text is laced with similes and metaphors, as well as personification, which enriches the content. Though *Camouflage* can easily be read by most students with a fourth or fifth grade reading level, some of the content is not suitable for children this young. It does contain some references to gun violence, as well as foul language and sexual innuendos, making it more suitable for young adults. Though the text is interesting and intriguing, Miklowitz could make a stronger connection with the reader if it were written in first-person rather than third-person.

*Contains mild violence, mild language, and mild sexual content.

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Dependable

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