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Book Review

Greystone Secrets #1: The Strangers

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Haddix

Illustrator

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Reviewer

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Rating

Outstanding

Level

Intermediate, Young
Adult

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Pages

405

Year

2019

ISBN

9780062838377

Publisher

Katherine Tegen Books

Everything changes for Chess, Emma, and Finn when they learn that three kids with their same names and birthdays have been kidnapped. When their mom starts acting strange and won't tell them anything, they wonder if it's connected to the kidnapping. Then she disappears on a business trip, and even though she left a note telling them not to come looking for her, they start digging into her strange disappearance. As they delve into the mystery Chess, Emma, and Finn find connections with the kidnapped kids and learn of a secret job their mom's been hiding. Throughout the adventure, they learn to work together to gain the confidence they need to save those they love.

Haddix weaves a wonderful mystery. This book targeted to middle-grade readers, since the characters are young and the language is simple. The plot is unique and engaging, so fans of any of Haddix's previous novels and avid mystery readers will enjoy trying to solve the puzzles along with the characters. As Haddix often does, she dabbles in some science fiction near the end of the novel. Since the book is more of a mystery, it allows fans of that genre to get a taste of something different while enjoying what they love. This novel would be a great addition to any library, since it is a fun read for students and can be used to teach children problem-solving skills.