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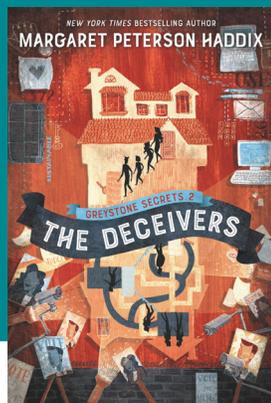
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Book Review

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Rating

Excellent

Level

Intermediate

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464

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With their mothers are trapped in an alternate universe, Chess, Emma, Finn Greystone, and Natalie Mayhew must figure out how to help them escape. But the tunnel between the worlds has collapsed, and they haven't been able to figure out the clue to getting back. After several failed attempts, they put their heads together and finally get into alternate world, only to be faced with many challenging obstacles. Forced to hide from this other world's Natalie, and trying to pretend they know what's going so they don't stick out, the children learn how to find people they can trust while relying on their own strengths and talents to save their mothers.

In the second book of the Greystone Secrets series, Haddix seamlessly weaves in multiple perspectives that keep the story fresh, even during slower scenes. While children who have read the first book will likely understand the nuances of what's happened previously, Haddix explains important themes and events so that new readers will not be completely lost. This book is science fiction and dystopian, so it would appeal to middle-grade readers who are interested in those genres. The end contains a little bit of violence, with someone described as having been shot and bleeding, but the description is simple and not graphic.

*Contains mild violence.