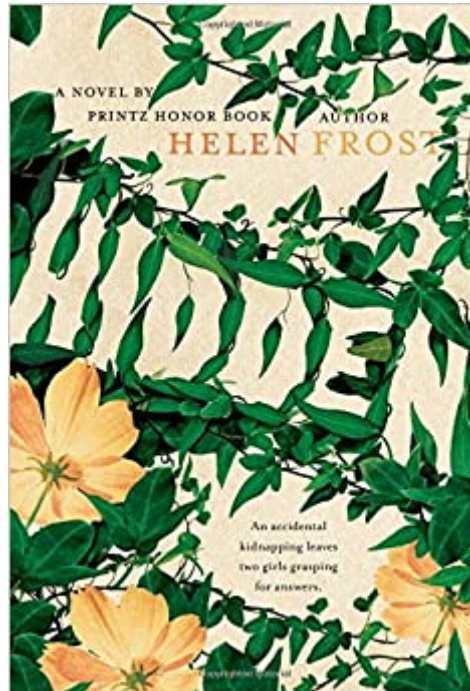




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# Hidden: A Novel



## Synopsis

When Wren Abbott and Darra Monson are eight years old, Darra's father steals a minivan. He doesn't know that Wren is hiding in the back. The hours and days that follow change the lives of both girls. Darra is left with a question that only Wren can answer. Wren has questions, too. Years later, in a chance encounter at camp, the girls face each other for the first time. They can finally learn the truth—that is, if they're willing to reveal to each other the stories that they've hidden for so long. Told from alternating viewpoints, this novel-in-poems reveals the complexities of memory and the strength of a friendship that can overcome pain.

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“Many teen readers will identify with Wren and Darra and how events that happened to us when we were younger help shape the person we become.” —VOYA  
“Beginning with a horrific story of an accidental kidnapping, this poetic novel is impossible to put down. . . . A masterpiece!” —Shirley Mullin, Kids Ink Children's Bookstore  
“Like Frost's Printz Honor Book, *Keesha's House*, this novel in verse stands out through its deliberate use of form to illuminate emotions and cleverly hide secrets in the text.” —Booklist

Helen Frost is the author of several books for young readers, including *Diamond Willow*, *Crossing Stones*, *The Braid*, and *Keesha's House*, a Michael L. Printz Honor Book. Helen Frost was born in Brookings, South Dakota, the fifth of ten children. She recalls the summer her family moved from South Dakota to Oregon, traveling in a big trailer and camping in places like the Badlands and

Yellowstone. Her father told the family stories before they went to sleep, and Helen would dream about their travels, her family, and their old house. "That's how I became a writer," she says. "I didn't know it at the time, but all those things were accumulating somewhere inside me." As a child, she loved to travel, think, swim, sing, learn, canoe, write, argue, sew, play the piano, play softball, play with dolls, daydream, read, go fishing, and climb trees. Now when she sits down to write, her own experiences become the details of her stories. Helen has lived in South Dakota, Oregon, Massachusetts, New York, Vermont, Scotland, Colorado, Alaska, California, and Indiana. She currently lives in Fort Wayne, Indiana, with her family.

Nice middle school age book, the message is to think about how others feel and interpret events and how that is different from how you felt and interpreted the same event.

This is a really great book because there is a girl named Wren Abbott and there is a girl named Darra. Darra and Wren did not recognize each other on the first day of camp then they heard each other's names. Wren and Darra were not friends at first. Wren almost drowned Darra in a game called Drown Last. I really recommend Hidden it's a really great book. From Isabella

Written in spare language that perfectly evokes the angst of the experiences it depicts, Hidden is a gem. I choose to read this book because I was about to see a friend from my teenage years, Helen Frost, at a camp reunion. We had worked together at a camp in New Hampshire in the early 70's. Since one of the book's settings is a camp in Michigan, it was a wonderful way to prepare for the reunion that we were about to attend. It was such a pleasure to talk to Helen directly about her book/writing! I am now most intrigued by Helen's writing. This book can be appreciated on many levels; for its great storyline, its insightful commentary on adolescence, as a family drama, and as a poem to be appreciated/digested on a deeper level. I am eagerly anticipating further reading of Frost's young adult novels!

I was searching my library website to see when "Hidden" by P.C. and Kristin Cast was due to come out, and this book popped up. And, it caught my attention. Wow, I thought as I read the synopsis, this seems really cool. On a bit of an impulse, I ordered it. Let me just say, I am glad I did. The author of this book is inventive and clever in her use of poetry, the story is enthralling, yet it's an easy-going read. I would certainly recommend this book, not just for teenagers, but as a good story for adults as well.

A thrilling book, I loved it. it was very deep, and the story was heartfelt. Their (Dana and Wren). I would definitely recommend it.

I love this book so much, it is very descriptive and a real page turner because of the thought the author put in to it.

Will keep readers engaged. A page turner at first, and good read in the end. Puzzle poetry intermixed. Very nicely done.

I didn't think I would enjoy it since it is written in prose. I'm glad I read it. It's very enjoyable with a few surprises after the end of the story. Cool format.

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