

## **Stolen Things**

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*Stolen Things* begins with mother Laurie Ahmadi, wife to chief of the San Bernal Police Department and police dispatcher herself, receiving a disturbing phone call. Of course, as a dispatcher, Laurie's used to receiving disturbing phone calls but this one was different from the rest. This one was from her only daughter – 16-year-old Jojo Ahmadi. Laurie and her husband Omid rush to the scene their daughter called from to find her traumatized in a room she's never seen before.

*Stolen Things* is the tale of Laurie and her daughter trying to figure out who assaulted Jojo and what their motive is. Famous football player Kevin Leeds, a person of color, who stood up against police brutality is the main suspect, but could he have been framed? Laurie soon realizes she'll have to rethink how she looks at life and who she trusts. Her perspective on life completely turns around as she looks at her coworkers, her fellow police officers, and sees they're not who she's always thought they are.

I loved this book; it fits so perfectly into many major conflicts America is dealing with right now. For people who don't believe these are problems, this book offers perspective and Herron does an amazing job of wording it. Current events aside, the mystery itself is an interesting one. It was a thrilling story and I did not see the ending coming. I recommend this book for kids ages 14 and up.

### **Recommended Titles:**

Iron Cast, Destiny Sorria

All American Boys, Jason Reynolds and Brandon Kiely

Tyler Johnson Was Here, Jay Coles