

## **Two Can Keep a Secret**

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Echo Ridge seems like a small town from the outside, however it is anything but. The Corcoran twins, Ellery and Ezra have heard all about its history of their missing aunt and the homecoming queen killed 5 years ago. And they now find themselves moving there to live with their grandmother they hardly know. Before Ellery starts school however, the threats have returned promising this homecoming to be just as dangerous if not more, than the one 5 years ago. Soon after, another girl goes missing. Ellery suspects the town has dark secrets and some of its people are hiding their own as well, including her mother and grandmother. What comes of the secrets that she finds? Will she crack the dark history enveloping this small town?

I could not put this book down. In my mind everyone seemed like a suspect, I did not know what to expect and who to pin the blame on. Everytime I thought I got a lead, the plot gave a jarring twist. McManus did a great job with this book, the plot was intriguing and captivating. Throughout the book, it felt as though I was with the characters, or with Ellery as she tried to uncover the mysteries occurring in her town.

This book definitely contains some dark themes revolving around Ellery's obsession of true crime. It was very suspenseful and at times could be eerie or spooky. I would therefore recommend this book to 14 year olds and older. It did also contain some language not suited for younger readers as well as graphic violence. This is a book I would buy and read again. I would want to go back to Echo Ridge and see what clues I missed the first time around.

### **Recommended Titles:**

One of Us is Lying by Karen M. McManus

Cousins by Karen M. McManus

A Good Girl's Guide to Murder by Holly Jackson

We Were Liars by E. Lockhart