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Trail Of Secrets



Synopsis

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Spending three weeks of her summer at the elite Foxwoode Riding Academy in northern Michigan should have been one of the happiest times of sixteen year-old Brynlei's life. But from the moment Brynlei arrives at Foxwoode, she can't shake the feeling she's being watched. Then she hears the story of a girl who vanished on a trail ride four years earlier. While the other girls laugh over the story of the dead girl who haunts Foxwoode, Brynlei senses that the girl--or her ghost--may be lurking in the shadows. Brynlei's quest to reveal the truth interferes with her plan to win Foxwoode's coveted "Top Rider" award. To make things worse, someone discovers Brynlei's search for answers and will go to any length to stop her. As Brynlei begins to unravel the facts surrounding the missing girl's disappearance, she is faced with an impossible choice. Will she protect a valuable secret? Or save a life?

TRAIL OF SECRETS (Book 1, Dark Horse Series)

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Customer Reviews

"[T]his book was not only "good enough" to add, but exceeded all expectations! This was a real page turner that caught my attention and kept it from the very first page. It was a great story, well-written, and kept me guessing until the end." -Milford Public Library, Teen Librarian

"The ending was not at all what I was expecting and it was great...I look forward to seeing more from this author."

-TMB Book Reviews

I couldn't put down this suspenseful YA mystery, the first in a series, and read it practically straight

through. The author does an excellent job of creating a complex heroine, complete with her own faults, while fully developing the characters around her. I particularly enjoyed entering the world of a riding academy--something I knew nothing about--and learning more about the horses, as well as the instruction and competition. I look forward to reading more of the series!

I found this book very hard to put down. Wolfe writes strong, believable characters. And the mystery was very suspenseful. I don't want to reveal too much, so I will simply say that I absolutely wanted to know if Brynlie would figure out the mystery that looms over Foxwoode. I enjoy reading all types of books, including a lot of YA. This novel felt refreshingly different. Yes, there is a romance element, but it is not the focus of the story. Instead, its focus is the mystery, and dealing with friends and relationships in a new setting. The conflicts between the characters were very realistic. Also, Wolfe clearly knows the world of horses. Except for one summer of horseback riding lessons as a kid, and some recreational riding as an adult, this is not a world that I am very familiar with, so it was fun to step into the world at Foxwoode Riding Academy. I actually feel like I learned something, and I am motivated to do a little riding again soon. I would recommend this book to anyone who loves YA.. It is definitely appropriate for the younger YA reader as well.

This book was a fun, easy read. Great for teens or adults. As a non-rider, I didn't understand a lot of the horse terminology that was heavily included throughout the book, but it was interesting and even a little educational. The ending well! wow. Didn't see it coming and it kept twisting even after I thought I had it all figured out! I love a good mystery that I don't quickly guess the ending of. I will definitely recommend.

I wasn't sure what to expect when I picked up this equestrian thriller but I found it a pleasurable read. The story takes place in northern Michigan and Laura Wolfe's Foxwoode Riding Academy reminded me of the places of my youth. A nice light summer read for horse lovers, 'Trail of Secrets' follows the adventures of a horse loving, highly intuitive young woman as she stumbles upon a mystery to solve while away from home at an exclusive summer riding camp. I'd like to be friends with Brynlei because her mind fascinates me. I like how she doesn't see the world in black and white. I like her deep empathy. Great leading lady!

This book details a sex offenders attack and it wasn't a conversation I needed to have just yet. Definitely for older ages. I read many reviews and unfortunately was not alerted of the content, on

the contrary many recommended for 10 yo.

Such a good mystery with a very different ending than I thought!

great product

I'm not much of a horse story girl. Aside from some chapter books I read with my daughter when she was in 3rd grade about little girls with ponies, I haven't read a horse book since Black Beauty when I was in 3rd grade myself. Still, the cover of this book is alluring, and I'd heard a lot about it, so I gave it a shot. So glad I did. It is a great summer camp story. It's got all the things you would expect of an all girls' equestrian camp, snotty rich girls, that cool odd ball, and of course the new girl who is so darned curious. On top of all of that there is this mystery about a girl who went missing 5 years ago and is presumed dead, except Brynlei keeps seeing someone in the woods that looks like her. Is it really the girl? Is it a ghost? She is determined to find out. I was going to give this book 4 stars for just being a good, solid YA mystery, but then I got to the final 3rd of the book where the mystery finally unravels. From that point on the drama and tension had me on pins and needles to the very end. I wanted to know how it was all going to turn out and if everyone that I came to love so much in this book were going to be okay. So... 5 stars for hooking me in. A nice clean read, perfect for ages 12 and up. Highly recommend! And double recommend if you love horses.

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