

Two Can Keep A Secret

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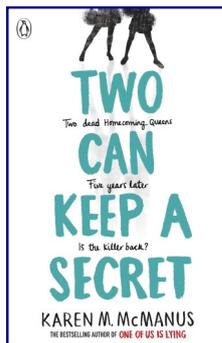
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Blurb:

Ellery's never been to Echo Ridge, but she's heard all about it. It's where her aunt went missing at age sixteen, never to return. Where a Homecoming Queen's murder five years ago made national news. And where Ellery now has to live with a grandmother she barely knows, after her failed-actress mother lands in rehab. No one knows what happened to either girl, and Ellery's family is still haunted by their loss. Malcolm grew up in the shadow of the Homecoming Queen's death. His older brother was the prime suspect and left Echo Ridge in disgrace. His mother's remarriage vaulted her and Malcolm into Echo Ridge's upper crust, but their new status grows shaky when mysterious threats around town hint that a killer plans to strike again. No one has forgotten Malcolm's brother-and nobody trusts him when he suddenly returns to town. Ellery and Malcolm both know it's hard to let go when you don't have closure. Then another girl disappears, and Ellery and Malcolm were the last people to see her alive. As they race to unravel what happened, they realize every secret has layers in Echo Ridge. The truth might be closer to home than either of them want to believe. And somebody would kill to keep it hidden.



Lamont Review:

This is a murder mystery thriller that will keep you enthralled!

Set in Echo Ridge, a small and affluent American town where a high school senior disappeared 20 years ago and the homecoming queen was found murdered 5 years ago.

Twins Ellery and Ezra have been sent back to Echo Ridge to stay with their grandmother, as their mother Sadie has been placed in rehab. Sadie's life has not been easy, beginning with the first disappearance - Sadie's twin sister, Sarah.

But now graffitied and grotesque threats towards this year's homecoming queen are suddenly appearing at school and around town. To make matters worse, somebody has rigged the votes to get Ellery nominated as one of the three possible winners.

There are a marvellous amount of clues and twists and turns in a brilliantly written plot that has you looking at every character as a potential murderer.

The characters are fabulous, especially Ellery and Malcolm (whose older brother is still the main suspect for the murder five years ago).

It is a real edge of your seat, page turner that certainly is not easy to put down as it reaches the climactic ending.

Best suited to readers 14 +.

Reviewed by Rob