



Rhonda Jones

[5.0 out of 5 stars](#) Wonderful

Reviewed in the United States on May 11, 2021

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Ok, so this is supposed to be for middle school kids. I am 64 and I loved it. I usually read cozy mysteries, and I can tell you, 13 year old Skylar is a better sleuth than most of the adults in cozy mysteries. I used to read Nancy Drew when I was a kid. This book is better than Nancy Drew. It was awesome.



T. Ormiston-smith

[5.0 out of 5 stars](#) First class middle grade fiction, satisfying in every way.

Reviewed in the United States on May 25, 2020

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Skylar Robbins is back, unstoppable as ever. From facing down evil bikies to asking a boy out on their first date, nothing is too scary for her. I love this feisty character. And the reason I love this character so much is that she is, ultimately, acceptable. She's not some super-hero type who gets away with being smugly rude to adults and behaves like a world-beating superstar. Outside her detective activities she's a normal young girl with a normal girl's concerns - her troubles are real ones, she worries about the school bully, about whether That Boy really likes her, she worries about her friend's learning difficulty and about when she'll get her period. She's eminently believable, and because of that, we can accept her detective abilities. And what a role model! She's respectful to her parents, she never whines or sulks, and she likes to keep her room nice, and even in the middle of her important detective activities, she finds time to research a way to help her dyslexic friend overcome her reading difficulties.

Speaking of that dyslexic best friend, I also really liked the way the author empowered the dyslexic child. All too often these kids are written off, dismissed as 'stupid', and it was great to see Alexa celebrated for her intelligence and problem-solving ability, not just for being a good sidekick.

As for the story, it was fast-paced, exciting and a thundering good read. The ending was beautifully resolved, and while a strong hook was placed for the next book in the series, this could in no way be described as a cliff-hanger. The writing is smooth, professional and a pleasure to read. I look forward to more in the series.



SLA

[5.0 out of 5 stars](#) Interesting & fun!

Reviewed in the United States on October 15, 2019

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I found this book to be very interesting & fun! Skylar is smart & determined. She sets up her own detective agency and is following the clues to a hidden treasure. I liked the fact that she is a good friend and cares about others. Along with the sleuthing, she faces and takes on middle school bullies, a criminal gang, goes to her first dance, and gets her first kiss. The clues are interesting and the story is fun.



Stephanie

[5.0 out of 5 stars](#) Super-Sleuth Skylar!

Reviewed in the United States on December 20, 2019

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My name is Ellie and I'm 13. I loved book 1 and I didn't think I could like book 2 even more, and...I was right. I didn't LIKE it more, I loved it, loved it, LOVED IT!!! I liked how the story starts right where book 1 left off and that there was action right from the beginning. The mystery was amazing and it was super fun to follow Skylar's reasoning as she worked to solve it. The dangerous parts had me biting my nails nervously (and even gagging a bit in one rodent-related scene), and the school drama was fun to experience, too. What I loved most was that I felt like I had SO much in common with both Skylar and Alexa. I could TOTALLY relate to Alexa's fear, anxiety, embarrassment and frustration about her ADD/Dyslexia, since I struggle with them, too. And Skylar had one line that I COMPLETELY agreed with - that gymnastics RULES - that dance and all other after-school activities can't even begin to compare to the awesomeness of the gym. Okay...she didn't exactly say it like that, but I could tell that's what she was thinking...just like I do! How could Skylar be anything but a genius if she was able to come to that absolutely truthful conclusion?! Anyway, she solved the mystery like the brilliant super sleuth she is and made sure the school bully got just what she had coming to her, too. This was so much fun to read! :)



Carol J. Amato

[5.0 out of 5 stars](#) Another spine-tingling adventure!

Reviewed in the United States on May 13, 2020

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After reading book 1, The Mystery of Shadow Hills, I was eager to read Book 2, The Mystery of the Hidden Jewels. I found this book just as exciting as the first one in the series, and it is great reading for adults as well as kids. I remember being up at night reading my Nancy Drew books by flashlight under the covers. Now, as an adult, I found myself staying up until 2 AM reading The Mystery of the Hidden Jewels. Skylar Robbins is adventurous, daring, and resourceful, and above all, SMART. She shows the benefits of being intelligent, and as such, she is the kind of role model every girl needs. This mystery is a must-read as is the whole series!



Nancy Moody

[5.0 out of 5 stars](#) What A Detective!

Reviewed in the United States on July 4, 2020

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I grew up reading and loving mysteries, like The Hardy Boys, Nancy Drew, The Three Investigators, etc. Still loving mysteries, I find that I have moved on to Agatha Christie and her sleuths, Miss Marple and Hercules Poirot, as well as many more. Carrie Cross is an excellent writer. She has developed an amazing thirteen year old detective. I love Skylar Robbins and her BFF, Alexa. The story is fun, exciting, and enjoyable. Skylar is courageous, observant, and has character. If you like teen detectives, you will adore Skylar.



C&J Swanson

[5.0 out of 5 stars](#) Reviewed by 4th Grader

Reviewed in the United States on January 29, 2020

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I really liked the fact that you made one of the smartest characters dyslexic. I would also like to say that I liked that there was more than one thing going on at a time, and that I had to follow all of the clues in my mind. It made me feel like I was really there. I want to read all of the Skylar Robbins books. This is definitely a 5 star book. (Reviewed by 4th Grade child on parent's account).

From J: My 4th grader loved this book, and begged to get the other Skylar Robbins books. This series has captured her attention! She's hoping there is a fifth in the works.



bookyloo

[5.0 out of 5 stars](#) A Jewel of a Story!

Reviewed in the United States on October 30, 2019

[Verified Purchase](#)

This was an original, cleverly written, exciting, and entertaining story. Hard to put down! I thoroughly enjoyed it, beginning to end!



Marv

[5.0 out of 5 stars](#) Great Book!

Reviewed in the United States on October 4, 2020

[Verified Purchase](#)

Great book! Such an amazing clean mystery books for kids, tweens, and teens! It's full suspense, surprises, and everything I want in a good mystery book.



Kindle Customer

[5.0 out of 5 stars](#) Great

Reviewed in the United States on March 29, 2021

[Verified Purchase](#)

I love this book. It is action packed and full of adventure. I can't wait to read the next book. Skylar Robbins is such an inspiration for girls everywhere.



Kindle Customer

[5.0 out of 5 stars](#) Fun, well-written book for all ages

Reviewed in the United States on September 26, 2016

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I loved this book! And I am 70 years old! The writing was excellent. It brought back lots of memories from my youth. The mysteries were good and kept me turning pages.



Rex Shekavondin

[5.0 out of 5 stars](#) Adults love the Skylar Robbins series, too.

Reviewed in the United States on June 1, 2015

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Several members of my book club read this book before giving it as a gift to youngsters in their family. They all enjoyed it very much and agreed the Skylar Robbins series makes for good adult reading, too. I think part of their appeal is the spunky, rational main character, as well as the intriguing mystery. Skylar is a great role model for kids in the 11-15 year-old age range.



homergirl

*5.0 out of 5 stars* [Check it out!](#)

Reviewed in the United States on January 18, 2015

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Skylar Robbins: The Mystery of the Hidden Jewels kept me on the edge of my seat! I was nervous and scared for our heroine, at the same time being proud and jealous of her first date and kiss. The story flowed so seamlessly that it was hard to put it down, so I read almost the whole thing in one sitting. I can't wait for the next book in the series to come out!