

Literary Titan Editorial Review

5.0 out of 5 stars

The Skylar Robbins Detective Agency isn't quite turning into what its creator hoped. Skylar is beginning a new semester and had hoped her budding career as a private detective would have taken off by now. After all, she solved one of the biggest cases around when the pros couldn't. But Xandra Collins is missing. She's an heiress, and her case just might be what Skylar needs to push her career in the right direction. There's only one problem-the only clue Skylar has is a message that seems almost impossible to decipher. With her best friend, Alexa's help, Skylar is going to give this case everything she's got.

Skylar Robbins and the Mystery of the Missing Heiress, by Carrie Cross, is a fantastic young adult novel centered around the title character, Skylar Robbins. She's your average seventh grader with all the headaches of growing up. She has a best friend she would do anything for, and she has a crush on the most popular boy in the school. What sets Skylar apart is her innate ability to solve mysteries. She outsmarts most every adult around and has made a name for herself. Being asked to join ACE (Accelerated Courses and Experiments) has given her an edge over her classmates, but she isn't so sure about being a part of this exclusive group of high achievers.

As a mother and teacher, I love that Cross has incorporated a key character with a learning disability. The author accurately portrays Alexa, Skylar's best friend with dyslexia. Each school day is a struggle for Alexa, and Skylar has been a huge force in her life since second grade-the two are inseparable. Skylar's move to ACE classes leaves a hole in Alexa's life. Facing her most difficult classes without Skylar to lean on, Alexa dreads each day. She is a relatable character and one readers will remember long after they finish the last chapter.

The mystery of Xandra's whereabouts makes for a great storyline, and Skylar's determination to find answers and still live a seventh grader's life give Cross's book an interesting element. She is a modern day Nancy Drew with all the technology to keep young readers engaged and invested in seeing her succeed.

I can't recommend Cross's work enough to young mystery fans. Skylar and the crew will draw readers in with their daily teen drama, but their ability to reason through situations when adults can't will keep them hooked. I can see Skylar Robbins playing a huge part in young adult literature for years to come. --Literary Titan



Stephanie

5.0 out of 5 stars Continued awesomeness!

Reviewed in the United States on February 23, 2020

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My name is Ellie and I'm 13. I've read all the books in the Skylar Robbins series up to this book and I love this one just as much as the others. The characters are awesome - I still love how much I feel like I have in common with Alexa and it was great getting to know a few new characters, too. The mystery continued to make me think and the suspense still had me on the edge of my seat - especially in the alley scene with the bricks! YIKES; how scary! I don't want to give too much away, but I'm glad one of the things Skylar figured out in this book is that she should just be herself - not to

worry about what other people think. I hope her parents figure out soon (if what happened in this book hasn't already taught them) that they can't protect Skylar from danger forever. Sometimes a detective's just gotta do what a detective's gotta do!



Tessa Talks Books and more

VINE VOICE

[5.0 out of 5 stars](#) Perfect for young detectives at heart

Reviewed in the United States on November 11, 2019

A mystery series perfect for ages 9-14, it is reminiscent of the Trixie Belden mystery series of the 1950s and '60s (reprinted in the early 2000s). Skylar is the typical 13-year-old, dealing with puberty, bullies, and boys, with an atypical ability to solve mysteries. She is completely endearing, from the serious determination she exemplifies when tackling puzzles to the self-talk she employs when dealing with bullies. I fell instantly in love with her, and I imagine young girls will as well. The plot is fast-paced and holds the reader's interest without fail. The cast of support characters is an equally lovable cross-section you'd find in any US Middle School School. The Skylar Robbins Mystery series is perfect for 21st-century middle-grade detectives at heart. I was gifted a copy of the book in exchange for an honest review.



Carol J. Amato

[5.0 out of 5 stars](#) A fabulous, must-read mystery!

Reviewed in the United States on May 13, 2020

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I just finished Book 2, The Mystery of the Hidden Jewels, and I went immediately to Amazon to buy the third book in the series, The Mystery of the Missing Heiress. This is yet another terrific Skylar Robbins adventure! I read it from cover to cover in one sitting, and I wasn't disappointed in the clues to follow, the plot, or the developments therein. As a modern-day Nancy Drew series, I say that this is even better than Nancy Drew--and I'm a big Nancy Drew fan. This book will keep kids and adults alike on their edge of their seats as they follow the clues to the truth about what happened to the missing heiress. I can't wait for Book 4!



R. M.

[4.0 out of 5 stars](#) Loads of fun

Reviewed in the United States on November 4, 2017

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This was every bit as fun as the first two in the series, and it completely rounds out the story arc involving Skylar's great big mysterious house and the former owner, heiress Xandra Collins. There's a great mystery to be solved, clues are piling up, and there are lots of interesting things going on in Skylar's middle school at the same time. If you read the first two, you won't want to miss this.



Kindle Customer

5.0 out of 5 stars LOVE

Reviewed in the United States on April 2, 2021

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Best book ever. I can't wait to read the next one. I am dying of anticipation. So exciting and fun-packed.



Billi Baloo

5.0 out of 5 stars Carrie Cross is getting better and better

Reviewed in Germany on March 9, 2021

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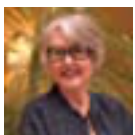
To make it short: I loved the third adventure of Skylar Robbins, 13-year-old private detective.

In the beginning she seems to have the same problems as in the second book – bullying, first love, yearning for appreciation; all problems a teenager is confronted with. But there's also the case Skylar is working on: She wants to find the missing heiress whose house her parents had bought and whose gems she had detected before.

The book starts with a new school year; Skylar realizes that her first love Dustin is a bit boring – or rather: not intelligent enough for her. She's elected for a special class called ACE and meets Daniel Gannon, most intelligent boy of the school, one grade higher and soo good-looking. They become a team and try to solve the mystery of the missing heiress.

With Daniel's and the help of her BFF Alexa, Skylar finds and solves several clues, and it is clear pretty soon that the heiress must have left them herself. Which means: She is still alive! Of course, there are several risky situations to master, but in the end the mystery is solved and Skylar and Daniel ... well, I don't want to spoil! 😊

Excellent read, even for adults!



author Carolyn V. Hamilton

5.0 out of 5 stars A compelling YA mystery that I would recommend for any teen.

Reviewed in the United States on September 2, 2018

When I received a complimentary copy of this book in exchange for an honest review, I did not realize it's genre is Young Adult. I don't normally read YA books, and this was a pleasant surprise. Well-written and smooth-paced, the story kept my interest through to the end.

The heroine, Skylar Robbins is an amateur sleuth in the true, traditional sense of the Nancy Drew mysteries I grew up with. I found it insightful to read in Skylar's world about the world of young teens in school today, their concerns, fears, and relationships with both their parents and their peers.

In Skylar Robbins, Carrie Cross has created a young teen heroine who is intelligent, curious, creative and willing to find her way through trial and error.

Cross has written a compelling mystery that I would recommend for any young adult.



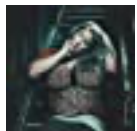
Mz.Browneyes

5.0 out of 5 stars Fun, exciting, suspense-filled mystery!

Reviewed in the United States on April 1, 2018

Ms. Cross's cleverness and flair for creating fun, exciting, and suspenseful stories are at their finest in this third installment of her fabulous Skylar Robbins mysteries. I truly enjoyed it. Every time Detective Skylar discovered a new and intriguing clue, I had to keep turning the pages to find out how in the world she would decipher it, and then what adventure it would lead her into in searching for the missing heiress. Was she...dead? Alive, but trapped somewhere? Maybe kidnapped by some nefarious fiend? (I worried a lot when clues took Skylar into perilous situations.)

I love that Skylar has grown and matured through the series. She's an intelligent, strong, caring, and believable 'tween who doesn't let life's problems, danger, or bullying stop her from doing what needs to be done in solving every mystery that comes her way. Also, I loved that a bit of romance with a great new character added extra sparks and zing to Skylar's adventures. I can hardly wait for book 4! :)



Sabella

5.0 out of 5 stars All in and want more!

Reviewed in the United States on February 12, 2018

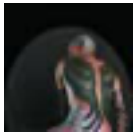
There is a missing heiress. Skylar Robbins is not a normal girl - she is a sleuth or detective - that is great at solving mysteries. The missing heiress just happens to be the next mystery that catches her attention.

The story story keeps you wanting to know more each step of the way. With the help of a boy from school and surfer, Daniel, and also her best friend Alexa, Skylar sets out to solve this mystery!

My kids have been reading Skylar Robbin's mysteries from book one, book two, and now three! If you or your children enjoy Nancy Drew or the Hardy Boys, all of you would enjoy these. Carrie Cross has a way of making the perfect surprises, twists, and turns.

The other thing that is quite enjoyable is the website for these books! Your kids can interact with Skylar and help solve upcoming mysteries. Adventures that allow your children to get immersed in the adventure!

Something special I wanted to add: The author found out about one of my children who is facing surgeries due to bone tumors. Carrie reached out to my darling girl and sent her an autographed book. This was so special and was a great companion for my daughter. She loves the mysteries - and as a 13 year old could live through the same adventures through reading. The last 5 or so months have been made so much better because of this. She tells me that Carrie Cross and her character Skylar are her very favorite!



Elayne A.

[*5.0 out of 5 stars*](#) Great Read! My Favorite in the Series (So Far...)

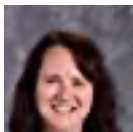
Reviewed in the United States on April 6, 2017

I was so excited to read the third book in the the Skylar Robbins mystery series by Carrie Cross--and I was not disappointed! The Mystery of the Missing Heiress was my favorite so far, but I look forward to the next installment and reserve the right to revise my opinion. (I know this book just came out, but after finishing it, I'm hungry for the next one already.)

With this book, the characters I know and love (and others I love to hate) were developed further, and some great new ones were introduced. I thoroughly enjoy the way the reader is allowed inside Skylar's thought processes so that we receive a very intimate look at her interior life and really get to know her. It is so fun to read a series in which I can watch Skylar face challenges, learn lessons, and grow up right before my eyes! Through her trials and tribulations in Missing Heiress, she ultimately reaches a new level of maturity and self-confidence that is wonderful to see.

This mystery has lots of great twists, turns, and clever clues; there's plenty of excitement, danger, and much more. If you're a fan of mysteries, start at the beginning of the series and read them all. They're page turners and sure to delight readers of all ages.

I was given a free copy of this book in return for an honest review.



Delta High School Library

[*VINE VOICE*](#)

[*5.0 out of 5 stars*](#) Skylar Robbins: The Mystery of the Missing Heiress

Reviewed in the United States on August 3, 2017

Skylar Robbins and *The Mystery of the Missing Heiress* is the third book in the Skylar Robbins series. The book opens with a mysterious poem by Xandra Collins that sets the mood for a good mystery. I love the puzzles and codes that are in the book to be solved and the reader gets to figure them out right along with the story. I also like how Skylar's experiences teach us to stand up for ourselves, keep our integrity and persevere. Geared toward middle school and early high school, the Skylar Robbins books are fun and interesting mysteries. 5 stars!



GemTones

[5.0 out of 5 stars](#) Couldn't put it down!

Reviewed in the United States on April 16, 2017

This series just keeps getting better and more exciting. In *The Mystery of the Missing Heiress*, Skylar Robbins teams up with brilliant school hottie Daniel Gannon, and her dyslexic BFF Alexa, to solve the case. They decipher an almost impossible code and follow a series of dangerous clues to figure out how wealthy heiress Xandra Collins disappeared. Spoiler alert: Skylar gets attacked by a homeless thief, stalked by a creepy relative of Xandra's, and unknowingly puts her friends' lives at risk to solve the mystery. A real page-turner! I was given a free copy of this book in exchange for an honest review.