

The Secret By The Lake

“A gothic and elegant page-turner.”—The Boston Globe Twenty years ago, Jane Hudson fled the Heart Lake School for Girls in the Adirondacks after a terrible tragedy. The week before her graduation, in that sheltered wonderland, three lives were taken, all victims of suicide. Only Jane was left to carry the burden of a mystery that has stayed hidden in the depths of Heart Lake for more than two decades. Now Jane has returned to the school as a Latin teacher, recently separated and hoping to make a fresh start with her young daughter. But ominous messages from the past dredge up forgotten memories. And young, troubled girls are beginning to die again—as piece by piece the shattering truth slowly floats to the surface. . . .

"A presentation and discussion of the ecological aspects of life within and around temperate freshwater lakes of the northern United States and Canada"--

A few nights in nature take a nasty turn for Nancy and her friends in this sixth book of the Nancy Drew Diaries, a fresh approach to a classic series. To celebrate her birthday, George is taking Nancy and Bess on a three-day bike tour around the scenic Mystic Lake. They can't wait to spend time exploring the gorgeous landscape by day and camping under the stars at night. What they didn't count on was sabotage! First someone steals food and supplies from their packs. Then tour guide Caitlin vanishes overnight, and the entire group finds their tires slashed to bits. Now Nancy is cycling for clues instead of soaking up the scenery. Can Nancy track down the culprit before she and her friends are lost in the woods forever?

Where can you find a chunk of the Matterhorn enshrined at a Utah ski resort? What is the origin of Josepa, the Hawaiian ghost town in the desert? And why is Utah called the Beehive State? You hold in your hands the answers to these questions and more in this guide to the oddities, wonders, myths, and legends of Utah's capital city. *Secret Salt Lake City* opens a window into the weird, the bizarre, and the obscure secrets of the city, some of which are hiding in plain sight. Founded by religious pioneers from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in 1847, its one-of-a-kind origin story makes Salt Lake City a rich backdrop for frontier grit, culture, and curious relics. Did you know that there is an alphabet hidden in your computer that was invented in Salt Lake City? What is the significance of the religious symbols on the Salt Lake Temple? And how did Sherlock Holmes solve a fictional mystery in London that originated in Utah? Lifetime resident and author Jeremy Pugh and Mary Brown Malouf unlock these mysteries and more to pull back the curtain on the secrets of Salt Lake City. This isn't your traditional guidebook, and it will enrich your visit to the Crossroads of the West.

With her life going from bad to worse, sassy young reporter Jenessa Jones is drawn back to her small hometown by a sudden death in her family. When human remains are discovered near Jonas Lake, not far from town, Jenessa is

assigned the story, throwing her into the thick of town drama. Caught between her old boyfriend, with whom she shares a sordid past, and her new love interest, who offers her something she has desperately been wanting, Jenessa becomes embroiled in a complicated homicide investigation that ends up pointing the finger at someone she cares very much about. Will she be able to uncover the truth of this old murder before it rips her family apart and destroys any chance she has at love and happiness? The Lake House Secret is a captivating story full of romance and mystery, set in a small town with plenty of family drama.

He knows in his heart that his father, Lieutenant James Martin, could not have stolen the money stored overnight in the blockhouse of The Isthmus and then brutally murdered his commanding officer, Colonel Forrester. But the jury has been swayed by damning circumstantial evidence. Now it's up to 14-year-old Will to find the real murderer and stop the hangman's noose. Only one slim clue guides him: the colonel's missing pet parrot, whose strange and eerie mutterings may hold the key to James Martin's life. Set in the Brockville/Westport area of Ontario, against the backdrop of the 1837 Rebellion, The Secret of Devil Lake is a race-against-time that's packed full of action, danger and perfectly timed plot twists.

A time travel mystery adventure for ages 8-11. A lost dog, a hidden time tunnel and a secret lake take Stella and Tom to their home and the children living there 100 years in the past. Here they make both friends and enemies and uncover startling connections with the present.

The Student Workbooks are designed to get students thinking critically about the text they read and provide a guided study format to facilitate in improved learning and retention. Teachers and Homeschool Instructors may use the activities included to improve student learning and organization. Students will construct and identify the following areas of knowledge. Character Identification Events Location Vocabulary Main Idea Conflict And more as appropriate to the text.

This riveting novel of love and mystery from the author of The Things They Carried examines the lasting impact of the twentieth century's legacy of violence and warfare, both at home and abroad. When long-hidden secrets about the atrocities he committed in Vietnam come to light, a candidate for the U.S. Senate retreats with his wife to a lakeside cabin in northern Minnesota. Within days of their arrival, his wife mysteriously vanishes into the watery wilderness.

When fourteen-year-old Sam Lawrence stumbles across a magical medallion, eerie things begin to happen in the city of Moon Lake...Sam realizes that the legends might actually be true when he discovers Aurelia, a mysterious mermaid who has been trapped in the lake for 300 years. As Sam's friendship with the mermaid increases, so does the power of the medallion. Sam slowly begins to understand that the medallion is even more powerful... and he loves it. But could the medallion's revealing power become more dangerous than he thinks?

Alise has uncovered a web of family secrets reading her mother's journals that connect to the lives of those closest to her. Now she has to contend with her new career as Director of Global Charity at TG and the irresistible Tyler Moore, while harboring secrets of her own. Tyler Moore is new in town and wants to make his mark on the world as the new Director of Marketing at

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TG, but at the same time he wants Alise Addison with a passion he's never known. Tyler becomes engrossed in Alise's life as an old flame from her mother's past returns to exact revenge, while also harboring a secret that threatens a relationship between them. Together Alise and Tyler are about to discover that every family has their secrets and some family secrets should stay hidden. Excerpt: My Secrets: Book Two in The Secret Series "You've known about this for weeks! Alise, I trusted you and you lied to me! What else are you keeping from me?" He really didn't want me to answer that question because it was a truckload of secrets. "As a matter of fact you know what don't answer that! You were right. Your just like your mother!"

The instant New York Times bestseller! Hot on the heels of *The Twin*, the undisputed queen of YA thrillers is back with a scary and suspenseful read about a summer camp filled with dark secrets. Esme and Kayla once were campers at Camp Pine Lake. They're excited to be back this year as CITs (counselors in training). Esme loves the little girls in her cabin and thinks it's funny how scared they are of everything--spiders, the surly head counselor, the dark, boys . . . even swimming in the lake! It reminds her a little of how she and Kayla used to be, once. Before . . . it happened. Because Esme and Kayla did something bad when they were campers. Afterwards, the girls agreed to keep it secret. They've moved on--or so they say--and this summer is going to be great. Two months of sun, s'mores, and flirting with the cute boy counselors. But then they get a note. **THE LAKE NEVER FORGETS**. And the secret they've kept buried for so many years is about to resurface.

Grand adventures stories often begin where you least expect them... Iris knows this because she's read them all. However, as a thirteen-year-old stuck in the tiny town of Bugden, real adventure seems like a distant dream. But when Iris and her best friend, Sam, stumble upon an unusually dry river on the outskirts of town, they're led to a discovery beyond anything Iris has ever read about: a hidden city and a forgotten tale of friendship. In Jason Pamment's middle grade graphic novel debut, perfect for fans of *Hilda* and *This Was Our Pact*, can Iris and Sam uncover the truth in time to keep their own friendship afloat, or will history repeat itself and pull them apart forever?

Don't miss the connected LMN movie **DEADLY SECRETS BY THE LAKE** for Jennifer Riley's story airing June 2! Visit ThornwoodHeights.com for Jennifer Riley's story and to help solve the mysteries of Thornwood Heights. Exonerated for the murder of her boss and mentor, reporter Lauren Riley takes over the Townsend Report—and uncovers the secrets buried under the idyllic facade of Thornwood Heights. Thankful her sister, an NYPD detective, came home to investigate and free her, Lauren is determined to start fresh. She has a bad history with the wrong men, making the wrong decisions, and this is her chance to start fresh—to help others. Especially the strong, sexy Trevor Gallagher. The former soldier is desperate to find his sister—a young woman who has disappeared just like so many before her. Lauren is the only one who cares. Together they stand up to the powerful families and the police in Thornwood Heights. But when danger threatens Lauren, they realize secrets will kill...

Looks at those living in poverty in Tijuana, and the social and economic forces that make them desperate to cross the border

Doctor Dolittle is determined to continue the work he started on the Moon to find the secret of everlasting life. But to carry on, he must consult Mudface, the ancient turtle who lives in the Secret Lake in Africa. And when the doctor hears that Mudface has been buried during an Earthquake, the Doctor's journey becomes an emergency rescue mission

You have found the key to the secret garden, now open the gates and marvel at the uniqueness of each plant and flower petal! Shower these flowers with colors and try to understand how individual lines and forms create unique patterns that deserve your focus and attention. So what are you waiting for? Secure a copy of this coloring book today!

Spot the difference is an amazing activity that boosts your child's fine-ground perception. Fine-

ground perception is the skill that would allow children to see in-between the negative spaces. This makes it possible to locate hidden objects, which is an important element to learning math and reading. Don't forget to checkout with a copy of this activity book today!

Kids who grow up with basic values of conserving water, energy and not polluting will have a better chance of being responsible adults who care about others, animals and their surroundings. Eco Stars books help bring these value in a FUN and EXCITING way! The Mysterious Lake Bandit specifically touches the subject of water conservation: why is it important to conserve water, daily actions we can take to save water, how important it is to us and to others. It also teaches where our water comes from which many children do not know! If your child is already an Eco Star, a kid who is aware of being Eco Friendly and taking care of the planet, this book will make him or her smile and make him or her proud! The Eco Stars captivating story leaves your child inspired about conseving water. "On a hot summer day, the residents of Ecolandia wake up to a town without water! As the Eco Stars begin to investigate they come to suspect the town's water could have been... Stolen?!? But by whom and why!?! Join them to find out! The book is part of the "Eco Stars Series," stories that will inspire your child to be an Eco Star: Someone who is Eco Friendly, kind to the environment and to animals. The Eco Stars Series enwraps your child in the imaginative world of Ecolandia with lively, playful and stimulating adventures that teach your child to be an Eco Star!

Something strange is happening at the Clarksville City Zoo. Late at night, monkeys are scaling the walls and searching the neighborhood— but what are they looking for? Noah, his sister Megan, and their best friends, Richie and Ella, live next door to the zoo. Megan is the first to notice the puzzling behavior of some of the animals. One day Megan disappears, and her brother and their friends realize it's up to them to find her. Their only choice is to follow a series of clues and sneak into the zoo. But once inside, will they discover there's much more to the Clarksville City Zoo than they could ever have guessed?

Masterful storytelling, immersive locations, and characters that inhabit your heart from the first page' Gill Paul *The Secrets of the Lake* is a gripping wartime novel, by the author of *The Silk Weaver*, Liz Trenow. The war may be over, but for Molly life is still in turmoil. Uprooted from London after the death of her mother, Molly, her father and younger brother Jimmy are starting again in a quiet village in the countryside of Colchester. As summer sets in, the heat is almost as oppressive as the village gossip. Molly dreams of becoming a journalist, finding a voice in the world, but most of the time must act as Jimmy's carer. At just ten years old he is Molly's shadow, following her around the village as she falls under the spell of local boy Kit. Kit is clever, funny and a natural-born rebel. Rowing on the waters of the lake with him becomes Molly's escape from domestic duty. But there is something Kit is not telling Molly. As the village gossip starts building up with whispers against Molly's father over missing church funds, everything Molly thought she knew is turned upside down. And on one stormy night, when she sneaks out of the house to try to put things right, Jimmy vanishes. Never to be seen again. Decades later, Molly is an elderly woman in sheltered housing, still haunted by the disappearance of her brother. When two police officers arrive to say that the remains of a body have been found at the bottom of the lake, it seems like Molly will at long last have her answer

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Eleven-year-old Tyra is stuck spending the summer with her irascible Grandpa Rudy in a lake town where she's the only black person. Every night, Grandpa Rudy disappears into the woods, hauling tools and maps. Tyra wants to know what he's searching for. A fun summer adventure that explores buried treasure, adoption, and the power of family.

The celebrated author of *Border* explores a mysterious, ancient, and little-understood corner of Europe Lake Ohrid and Lake Prespa. Two ancient lakes joined by underground rivers. Two lakes that seem to hold both the turbulent memories of the region's past and the secret of its enduring allure. Two lakes that have played a central role in Kapka Kassabova's maternal

family. As she journeys to her grandmother's place of origin, Kassabova encounters a historic crossroads. The lakes are set within the mountainous borderlands of North Macedonia, Albania, and Greece, and crowned by the old Via Egnatia, which once connected Rome to Constantinople. A former trading and spiritual nexus of the southern Balkans, this lake region remains one of Eurasia's most diverse corners. Meanwhile, with their remote rock churches, changeable currents, and large population of migratory birds, the lakes live in their own time. By exploring on water and land the stories of poets, fishermen, and caretakers, misfits, rulers, and inheritors of war and exile, Kassabova uncovers the human destinies shaped by the lakes. Setting out to resolve her own ancestral legacy, Kassabova locates a deeper inquiry into how geography and politics imprint themselves upon families and nations, one that confronts her with universal questions about human suffering and the capacity for change.

The acclaimed novel featuring George Smiley, from the #1 New York Times bestselling author of *A Legacy of Spies* and *The Night Manager*, now an AMC miniseries *The Rules of the Game*, and of the world, have changed. Old enemies now yield to glasnost and perestroika. The killing shadows of the Cold War are flooded with light. The future is unfathomable. To train new spies for this uncertain future, one must show them the past. Enter the man called Ned, the loyal and shrewd veteran of the Circus. With the inspiration of his inscrutable mentor George Smiley, Ned thrills all as he recounts forty exhilarating years of Cold War espionage across Europe and the Far East—an electrifying, clandestine tour of honorable old knights and notorious traitors, triumph and failure, passion and hate, suspicion, sudden death, and old secrets that haunt us still. Praise for *The Secret Pilgrim* “Intriguing . . . magisterial . . . The many ingredients are skillfully marshaled. . . . Lucidly and elegantly controlled.”—*The New York Times Book Review* “Scorching . . . fascinating . . . seductive . . . a dazzler.”—*Entertainment Weekly* “Powerful . . . a highly absorbing tale.”—*Newsday* “Extraordinary.”—*USA Today*

Doctor Dolittle travels to the secret lake to rescue a very old turtle. Grades 5-6.

Beautifully illustrated, this gentle story for ages 4-8 invites children to share how they are feeling - whether happy, sad or somewhere in between - through conversation, drawings or writing. Includes links to a download poster of the Tell-Me Tree, tips and templates to help children draw their own tree and links to resources for grown-ups.

Vivia is a hag, one of the last of her race, and can die, visit the underworld and return at will. She has a job she loves—helping London's most vulnerable supernaturals, even if her colleague Malcolm drives her round the bend on a daily basis. Then Malcolm is outed as a zombie and, along with his teenage son Ben, flees the police. When Malcolm is captured, he is only able to pass on one message before his dead brain degrades completely: 'He killed me.' As Ben remains missing, the police find decades-old corpses hidden near Malcolm's house, and Vivia begins to realise there's a lot more at stake than just a possible zompcalypse...

Ajuba, the Fisherman's daughter, has to retrieve her dead father's bones from the bottom of the sea in order to bring harmony back to her seaside village. In fulfilling her task, she must evade the clutches of The Fish-man of the Purple Lake, a monstrous creature who guards the lake with a sword made of a thousand shark's teeth. But the Fish-man, once a beautiful boy called Musa, has his own story about how he came to dwell alone, underwater, cast into the sea by a golden eagle as punishment for a treacherous deed.

“Spellbinding. Another outstanding novel by Kimberly Belle, masterfully written to lure you in and never let go.” — Samantha Downing, *USA Today* bestselling author of *My Lovely Wife* When Charlotte married the wealthy widower Paul, it caused a ripple of gossip in their small lakeside town. They have a charmed life together, despite the cruel whispers about her humble past and his first marriage. But everything starts to unravel when she discovers a young woman's body floating in the exact same spot where Paul's first wife tragically drowned. At first, it seems like a horrific coincidence, but the stranger in the lake is no stranger. Charlotte saw Paul talking to her the day before, even though Paul tells the police he's never met the

woman. His lie exposes cracks in their fragile new marriage, cracks Charlotte is determined to keep from breaking them in two. As Charlotte uncovers dark mysteries about the man she married, she doesn't know what to trust—her heart, which knows Paul to be a good man, or her growing suspicion that there's something he's hiding in the water. Don't miss Kimberly Belle's newest novel, *My Darling Husband!* Look for these other pulse-pounding thrillers by Kimberly Belle: *Three Days Missing* *The Marriage Lie* *Dear Wife*

Real power wells up from within, but when you're a rather scrawny thirteen year-old, how can you tell the difference between confident and foolhardy? Ask Mommy or Daddy? That's pretty lame! Nevertheless, Corey Starkey, certainly not grown up but no longer a true child, feels himself trapped with no answers—like water seeking the easiest way out of any situation. He pleases no one, including himself. But then he meets his new step-sister, Miah, whose bravado overwhelms his conservative caution. Her unyielding force meets his immovable (so he thought) object and together they dare, struggle, and explore. They stand strong in the face of the mysterious and dangerous. The secrets of Spirit Lake reform and re-determine their lives. www.RaburnPublishing.com

How can you have a ghost story without a ghost? What if the ghost is only in your head? How would you know that you aren't losing your mind? By medical standards, sixteen-year-old Janine Palmer dies on the day of her automobile accident. When her spirit travels to the "other side," however, she is told that it isn't her time to die, and is sent back to live out her life. When she awakens from her coma, though, she discovers that she hasn't come back alone. There is someone else inside her mind. The voice in Janine's head claims to be the ghost of Lenore, Janine's twin sister, who drowned twelve years earlier. Lenore blames her own death on Janine and is determined to live again in her sister's body. Now the two girls must vie for one body. Can Janine be sure that her twin is really inside her, or is she simply going crazy? 'Another exquisite read from Louise Douglas' Milly Johnson Having escaped to the south coast of Sicily to recover from a broken heart, Sarah is immediately drawn to charming and mysterious Alex. He too is looking for a fresh start after the end of his marriage, and Sarah can't resist Alex's offer of a new life together. But when Sarah joins Alex in a tiny Somerset village, something doesn't add up. Alex's beautiful wife Genevieve was adored by all who knew her. And by all accounts, she and Alex had a successful marriage complete with a gorgeous son, Jamie. Why would Genevieve walk out on her perfect life? And why has no one heard from her since she did so? Genevieve's family and friends think that Alex knows more about her disappearance than he's letting on. But Sarah's fallen in love and just knows Alex couldn't have anything to hide. Or could he? The unmissable Richard & Judy pick from the bestselling author of *The House by the Sea*. Perfect for fans of Barbara O'Neal, Lucinda Riley and Rachel Hore. Praise for Louise Douglas: 'Kept me guessing until the last few pages and the explosive ending took my breath away.' C.L. Taylor, author of *The Accident* *Your Beautiful Lies* 'Beautifully written, chillingly atmospheric and utterly compelling, *The Secret by the Lake* is Louise Douglas at her brilliant best' Tammy Cohen, author of *The Broken* 'A master of her craft, Louise Douglas ratchets up the tension in this haunting and exquisitely written tale of buried secrets and past tragedy.' Amanda Jennings, author of *Sworn Secret* 'A clammy, atmospheric and suspenseful novel, it builds in tension all the way through to the startling final pages.' *Sunday Express*, *S Magazine*

A FAMILY TRAGEDY When a tragedy forces the family Amy works for as a nanny to retreat to a small lakeside cottage, she realises she cannot leave them now. **A SISTER'S SECRET** But Amy finds something unsettling about the cottage by the lake. This is where the children's mother spent her childhood and the place where her sister disappeared mysteriously at just seventeen. **A WEB OF LIES** Soon Amy becomes tangled in the missing

sister's story as dark truths begin rising to the surface. But can Amy unlock the secrets of the past before they repeat themselves? Your favourite authors love Louise Douglas . . . 'Crackles with repressed longing . . . the explosive ending took my breath away' C.L. TAYLOR, author of THE ACCIDENT and THE LIE

A haunting story about the destructive power of secrets, Karen Katchur's *The Secrets of Lake Road* is an accomplished and gripping suspenseful women's fiction debut. Jo has been hiding the truth about her role in her high school boyfriend's drowning for sixteen years. Every summer, she drops her children off with her mother at the lakeside community where she spent summers growing up, but cannot bear to stay herself; everything about the lake reminds her of the guilt she feels. For her daughter Caroline, however, the lake is a precious world apart; its familiarity and sameness comforts her every year despite the changes in her life outside its bounds. At twelve years old and caught between childhood and adolescence, she longs to win her mother's love and doesn't understand why Jo keeps running away. Then seven-year-old Sara Starr goes missing from the community beach. Rescue workers fail to uncover any sign of her—but instead dredge up the bones Jo hoped would never be discovered, shattering the quiet lakeside community's tranquility. Caroline was one of the last people to see Sara alive on the beach, and feels responsible for her disappearance. She takes it upon herself to figure out what happened to the little girl. As Caroline searches for Sara, she uncovers the secrets her mother has been hiding, unraveling the very foundation of everything she knows about herself and her family. Caroline's coming-of-age story, mirrored with Jo's troubled teenage past, makes for an enthralling read that is impossible to put down and hard to forget.

Book 3 of 3 in A Pat Tierney Mystery (3 Book Series) Murder, jealousy, fraud, deceit-welcome to cottage country! Financial planner Pat Tierney's dream vacation in cottage country turns into a nightmare when the body of an elderly woman is discovered in a storage locker. Pat's friend, Bruce Stohl, is the murdered woman's son, and when he is pegged by police as their prime suspect, Pat rallies to find his mother's killer. Meanwhile, a con artist has targeted cottages in the area, and vacationers are arriving, only to learn they are victims of a rental scam. When disgruntled renters show up at her door, Pat fears for her family's safety. Now she must navigate treacherous waters to protect those who are dear to her.

The Top 10 Bestseller 'A tender, heart-breaking, page-turning read' Rachel Hore 'The perfect combination of page-turning thriller and deeply emotional family story. Superb.' Nicola Cornick The new chilling and captivating novel from the bestselling author of *Richard & Judy* pick *The Secrets Between Us*. When Edie's mother-in-law, Anna DeLuca, dies, she is relieved. Edie blames Anna for the accident that destroyed her family. So, when her will lures Edie to Sicily and the long-abandoned Villa della Madonna del Mare, she sees through Anna's games. Suspecting Anna is meddling from beyond the grave to try to reunite her and her

ex-husband Joe, Edie is determined to leave Italy as soon as possible. But before she can, the villa starts to shed its mysterious secrets. Who are the girls beside Anna in her childhood photos, and why has one of them been scratched out? Why does someone, or something, want them to leave the past untouched? The villa is a place where old ghosts feel at home, but does their legacy need to be laid to rest before Edie and Joe can move on... Bestselling author Louise Douglas returns with a captivating, chilling and unforgettable tale of betrayal, jealousy and the mysteries hidden in every family history. Praise for Louise Douglas: 'Kept me guessing until the last few pages and the explosive ending took my breath away.' C.L. Taylor, author of *The Accident on Your Beautiful Lies* 'Beautifully written, chillingly atmospheric and utterly compelling, *The Secret by the Lake* is Louise Douglas at her brilliant best' Tammy Cohen, author of *The Broken* 'A master of her craft, Louise Douglas ratchets up the tension in this haunting and exquisitely written tale of buried secrets and past tragedy.' Amanda Jennings, author of *Sworn Secret* 'A clammy, atmospheric and suspenseful novel, it builds in tension all the way through to the startling final pages.' *Sunday Express*, *S Magazine* What readers are saying about *The House By The Sea*: 'The House by the Sea is a new favorite book of mine! I adored the heck out of this book and I'm so glad I read it' 'This book entirely consumed me from its opening pages until I reluctantly reached the final page.' 'I really loved this book – it's an enthralling story, haunting in its every detail, so beautifully written. The character development is quite exceptional – and the whole book had an unforgettable impact. Highly, highly recommended.' 'Beautifully written tale filled with suspense and intrigue. Louise Douglas always gets the thumbs up from me.' 'Definite page turner! Well written with a good use of vocabulary. Kept me on the edge of my seat.' 'Douglas is a master storyteller and really kept my attention from the start. I enjoyed the mysterious component and the suspenseful romance in the story. I highly recommend this book.' 'Beautifully written, I was transported to Sicily and swept up in the story of Edie and Joe'

The tale begins over three-hundred years ago, when the Fair People—the goblins, fairies, dragons, and other fabled and fantastic creatures of a dozen lands—fled the Old World for the New, seeking haven from the ways of Man. With them came their precious jewels: diamonds, rubies, emeralds, pearls... But then the Fair People vanished, taking with them their twelve fabulous treasures. And they remained hidden until now... Across North America, these twelve treasures, over ten-thousand dollars in precious jewels in 1982 dollars, are buried. The key to finding each can be found within the twelve full-color paintings and verses of *THE SECRET*. Are you smart enough? *THE SECRET: A TREASURE HUNT* was published in 1982. The year before publication, the author and publisher Byron Preiss had traveled to 12 locations in the continental U.S. (and possibly Canada) to secretly bury a dozen ceramic casques. Each casque contained a small key that could be redeemed for one of 12 jewels Preiss kept in a safe deposit box in New York. The key to finding the casques was to match one of 12 paintings to

one of 12 poetic verses, solve the resulting riddle, and start digging. Since 1982, only two of the 12 casques have been recovered. The first was located in Grant Park, Chicago, in 1984 by a group of students. The second was unearthed in 2004 in Cleveland by two members of the Quest4Treasure forum.

It all begins with a strange coin on a sun-warmed sidewalk. Jane finds the coin, and because she and her siblings are having the worst, most dreadfully boring summer ever, she idly wishes something exciting would happen. And something does: Her wish is granted. Or not quite. Only half of her wish comes true. It turns out the coin grants wishes—but only by half, so that you must wish for twice as much as you want. Wishing for two times some things is a cinch, but other doubled wishes only cause twice as much trouble. What is half of twice a talking cat? Or to be half-again twice not-here? And how do you double your most heartfelt wish, the one you care about so much it has to be perfect?

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