**Hidden**

By: Helen Frost

*Hidden* is a story about Wren, an eight year old girl who is accidentally kidnapped when a thief steals her mother’s van as a getaway car after he robs a convenience store. The thief drives the van home and locks it in his garage unaware that Wren is inside. Wren spends two terrifying days in the locked garage. The thief’s daughter, Dara, who is also eight, figures out that there is someone hiding in the garage and smuggles food in to Wren. Wren figures out a way to escape the garage and runs for help. Dara’s father is arrested and sent to prison for his crime.

Six years later the two girls’ paths will cross again, this time at summer camp where by fate or by coincidence they are both assigned to the same cabin. It is here that each girl must face the memories from the event that has shaped their lives for the last six years. Can they help each other heal?

Told in alternate voices and free verse, *Hidden* is unique in that each girl’s poetic voice is very different. This is a great selection for reluctant readers who tend to like free verse and lots of white space on the page.

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