



<u>En El Bosque</u> by Robin Stevenson Spanish Soundings, Orca Book Publishers, 2012 9781459801844 (paperback)

*Age Range: 12+ (Suggested by Publisher)

Grade Range: (Recommended by School Library Journal)

BOOK SYNOPSIS

Cuando Cameron rescata a una bebita abandonada en el bosque, todos dicen que es un milagro, un golpe de suerte que diera la casualidad de que él estuviera ahí paseando en bici por ese sendero y escuchara el llanto de la criatura. Pero Cameron tiene un secreto: no fue sólo suerte. Estuvo ahí porque su hermana gemela Katie le suplicó que fuera. ¿Sabía Katie de la niña? ¿Estaría encubriendo a alguien? Al principio, Cameron sólo quiere algunas respuestas...pero cuando finalmente averigua la verdad, tiene que decidir qué hacer con ella.

When Cameron rescues a baby abandoned in the woods, everyone says it is a miracle. A stroke of luck that he just happened to be there, riding his bike along that trail, and heard the baby's cry. But Cameron has a secret: It wasn't just luck. He was there because his twin sister Katie begged him to go. Did Katie know about the baby? Is she covering for someone? At first Cameron just wants some answers but once he knows the truth he has to decide what to do with it.

REVIEWS AND PRAISE

"While packing in lots of facts about teenage pregnancy, this fast read is more than a problem novel. Cameron's seething jealousy of his gifted twin, her failure, and his growing bond with his sister—and with his niece—will hold readers."—<u>Booklist review of In the Woods</u> (English edition)

"The easily accessible story presents some compelling and complicated issues surrounding teenage pregnancy."—

The Horn Book Guide review of In the Woods (English edition)

MEDIA AND RESOURCES

Freedom to Read article: <u>Author Robin Stevenson Resists Organized Challenges to Books About Sexual Minorities</u>
PEN Canada article: <u>You can't read that: Banning kids' books in Canada and the United States</u>

RESPONSE TO CHALLENGES

ACLU of Texas Response to North East Independent School District Book Removals

AUTHOR STATEMENT (OPTIONAL)

"It's no longer surprising but it is always upsetting. It's very personal—my books are challenged because they include people like me and my family and our friends. The idea that this makes my books inappropriate for kids is beyond absurd: I write them thoughtfully and carefully, with kids and families in mind, because I know how much it matters for kids to see themselves in—and to learn about others from—the books they read. People who challenge books often claim to be protecting kids, but these challenges are based in homophobia and transphobia. They demonize my community and they actively hurt young people."

Read the <u>full statement</u> from author Robin Stevenson

*A NOTE ON AGE RANGES

A publisher-suggested age range covers the gamut of readers that publishers envision using the book, whether for independent reading, family sharing, group study, or in other ways. Educators have the best sense of the appropriate age range for the diverse learners they work with and understand these ranges vary depending on a book's intended use.