



***In the Woods* by Robin Stevenson**

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*Age Range: 12+

Grade Range: Gr. 8 to 12

BOOK SYNOPSIS

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." —Booklist

"Good for students who are interested in reading about topics that are serious however need a book that has a more accessible reading level." —Resource Links

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

AWARDS AND ACCOLADES

- CCBC Best Books for Kids & Teens, **Commended, 2011**
- Junior Library Guild (JLG) Gold Standard Selection, **Commended, 2009**

MEDIA AND RESOURCES

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In the Woods Teacher Guide: <https://www.orcabook.com/Assets/PDFs/Guides/inthewoods.pdf>

RESPONSE TO CHALLENGES

Q&A with Robin Stevenson: <https://blog.orcabook.com/standing-together-against-book-bans-with-award-winning-author-and-activist-robin-stevenson/>
<https://www.freedomtoread.ca/articles/author-robin-stevenson-resists-organized-challenges-to-books-about-sexual-minorities/>
<https://diversebooks.org/letter-from-1300-childrens-and-ya-authors-on-book-banning/>

*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.