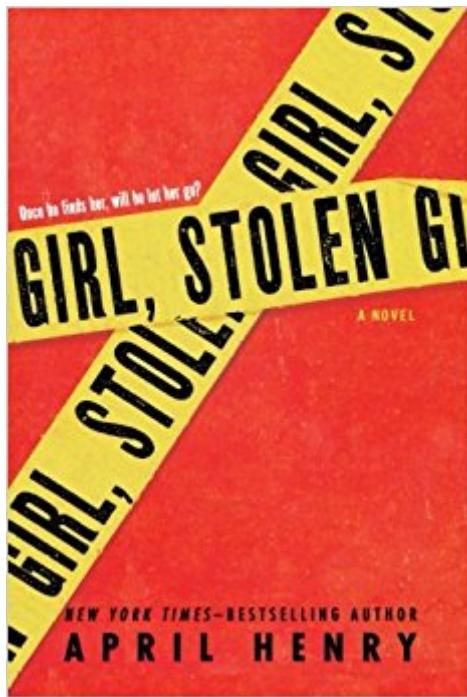


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Girl, Stolen



Synopsis

Cheyenne, a blind sixteen year-old, is kidnapped and held for ransom; she must outwit her captors to get out alive. Sixteen year-old Cheyenne Wilder is sleeping in the back of a car while her mom fills her prescription at the pharmacy. Before Cheyenne realizes what's happening, their car is being stolen--with her inside! Griffin hadn't meant to kidnap Cheyenne, all he needed to do was steal a car for the others. But once Griffin's dad finds out that Cheyenne's father is the president of a powerful corporation, everything changesâ •now there's a reason to keep her. What Griffin doesn't know is that Cheyenne is not only sick with pneumonia, she is blind. How will Cheyenne survive this nightmare, and if she does, at what price? Prepare yourself for a fast-paced and hard-edged thriller full of nail-biting suspense.

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Customer Reviews

I really adored Girl, Stolen. This is the first book that I've read from April Henry and I had been looking forward to reading it for a while and it did not disappoint. The story is well thought out, smart, fast-paced, with suspense and action, and a twist towards the end. And with the added strain of a teenage girl's blindness and pneumonia, this accidental kidnapping is unlike any other I've read, so it definitely peaked my interest. It is fresh and original. The characters are believable, with Cheyenne

being my favorite. I liked how despite her handicap of being blind and sick, she is not portrayed as weak and helpless. The author focuses more on Cheyenne's strengths than her weaknesses and utilizes them to the fullest extent. Don't underestimate her. In fact, she is quite an extraordinary, remarkable, and brave young girl. The amount of strength and fight in her to try to survive this ordeal is just incredible and inspiring. Even though this is just a work of fiction, it still gives you a testament of what a blind person is capable of overcoming when faced with obstacles. Cheyenne never gives up hope. Her intelligence as well as her methodical planning and strategic ingenuity make up for her blindness. Cheyenne finds the strongest weapon in the most unlikely place - through communication - which I thought was interesting. But she also uses her handicap to her advantage, trying to evoke sympathy, in hopes of gaining some leverage in her situation. So she really leaves no stone unturned.

It would be horrifying in itself just to be kidnapped as a teenager, but add in the fact that you are blind and it has to be the worst thing imaginable! When I first received Girl Stolen, for some reason I kept shoving the book to the back of my reading stack. The book wasn't really on my radar and I hadn't read many reviews at the time for it. So when I finally picked it up again, I decided to give it a go and see what it was all about. The point of view in this book alternates between Cheyenne and Griffin. Cheyenne was in her stepmothers SUV while she was in getting Cheyennes prescription for pneumonia. Cheyenne had left her seeing eye dog at home and soon realizes that was a mistake. Griffin jumps in the SUV and steals it with Cheyenne in the backseat. When Griffin realizes that Cheyenne is in the SUV, he panics and realizes he has made a major mistake. Not knowing what to do, he takes her with him to his house where his Father comes up with a plan to hold her hostage for ransom money. It was refreshing to read about something that could happen so easily in our world today. I liked the twist of having the victim be blind as it caused some story arcs that wouldn't have been there if she wasn't. I wanted to dislike Griffin so much, but like Cheyenne I started to see a softer side to Griffin and realize he didn't really want any of this to happen. His father is abusive and I can see him doing this as a way to gain his fathers approval. As the story progressed, I was cheering for Cheyenne and Griffin. I wanted them to both overcome all of the obstacles that were thrown at them. If there was one thing that I didn't like about this book, it is the ending. I absolutely can't stand open endings that are left open for the readers interpretation.

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