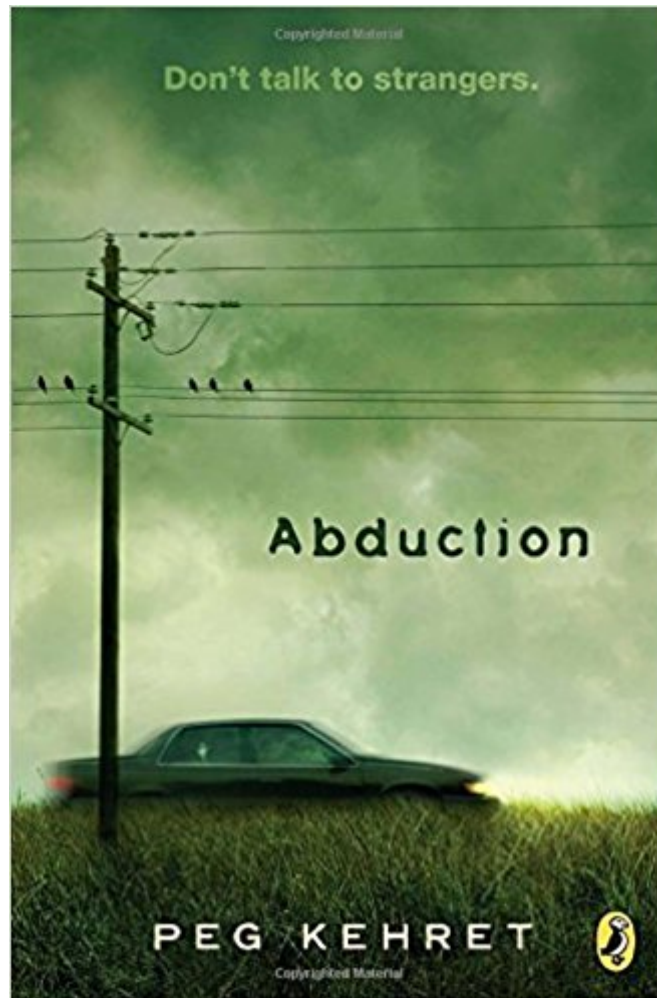




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Abduction!



Synopsis

Matt is missing. Bonnie's brother left his classroom to use the bathroom and disappeared. A police dog traces his scent to the curb, where he apparently got into a vehicle. But why would Matt go anywhere with a stranger? Overwhelmed with fear, Bonnie discovers that her dog is gone, too. Was Pookie used as a lure for Matt? Bonnie makes one big mistake in her attempt to find her brother. In a chilling climax on a Washington State ferry, Bonnie and Matt must outsmart their abductor or pay with their lives.

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Customer Reviews

Grade 4-7 Matt, a kindergartener, meets his 13-year-old half sister every day after school for the ride home. When he fails to show up, Bonnie immediately notifies his teacher and principal, and a full-scale search ensues. Even though Matt has been taught "stranger danger," he is lured into the kidnapper's car with his own dog, stolen from his house. The kidnapper is the boy's father, whom he has never met, and who tells Matt that his mother and sister are dead. So even though the boy knows his phone number, he doesn't try to call. The story portrays a kidnapper's determination and the ease with which a child can be swayed by a stranger despite years of teaching. The novel also does a good job of incorporating modern-day search techniques, such as an Amber Alert, and

explaining their use. The plot stretches a bit when Bonnie spots her brother at a Seattle Mariners game, but it does make for a suspenseful ending as she also becomes a victim. The story is resolved happily but with a twist showing the remorse of the people who could have helped along the way but didn't for various reasons. This novel has enough suspense to keep children interested, and it will also appeal to reluctant readers. --Diana Pierce, Running Brushy Middle School, Cedar Park, TX Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Gr. 4-7. When 13-year-old Bonnie's younger brother and dog disappear, she and her mother experience all the fear, police attention, and media notoriety that often results from such tragedies. Meanwhile, six-year-old Matt is held captive by Denny, his bad-tempered father whom he has never met. Denny cruelly tells Matt that his mother and sister are dead, so the boy abandons hope. The coincidence of Bonnie's spotting Matt at a Mariners game leads to an exciting, movie-style climax. This quick read, which accurately reflects that most missing children are either abducted by relatives or run away, effectively builds suspense as the police make progress and Matt grows increasingly afraid of his gun-toting father. The fact that the characters are largely one-dimensional, especially the villainous Denny, mutes the emotional angst readers might have felt, leaving them free to enjoy the plot-driven thriller with a happy ending. Kathleen Odean Copyright © American Library Association. All rights reserved --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

My daughters 4th grade teacher read to the class and my daughter has never been so interested in a book. Fully engrossed.

Read this book along with my son who is in 6th grade. He really does not like reading and would much rather play basketball or go do something outdoors:). However, we both enjoyed reading Abduction and talking about it after reading each day! I think the author did a great job of making you see how sick and cunning child abductors can be. I think this book helped my son see how easily someone can trick you into believing any story and will make him think twice if anyone ever approached him. Thanks for writing this!

I loved the book it was so good I would read it over and over again I have loved every single one of Peg Kehrets books so far and now I can add one to the list. It came up in my suggested bars so I got it and loved it. Thank you peg for making reading so fun!

This was a great book that was very hard to put down. It was full of suspense from the very beginning. I thought that it was very interesting to read the book from the kidnapper's perspective. It was chilling to realise that something like this could actually happen and it promotes awareness.

I would definitely get this book for an advanced reader ranging from ages ten to fifteen. Recommend for kids who love mystery and crime

The book was listed as new by the seller, and it clearly wasn't. Slightly used would be a better description. Plus, the book's plot was pretty predictable and didn't have characters that drew me in. I read a lot of middle school fiction, and this was just mediocre.

This book was incredible! I couldn't put it down! I was at the edge of my seat while reading. Great book.

Excellent book. Read by the 12 yr. old boy, mother and grandmother. Found the story related to an incident that happened a couple of months after reading it. Although it is about a young boy who you would think is the main character, it is his sister who is the main character that helps police in the investigation.

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