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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.

Also available in Spanish.

## **In the Woods Details**

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## From Reader Review In the Woods for online ebook

### JTRyan says

Written well enough, but it just... ends. Not sure how this came onto my reading list.

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### Allison says

Felt like it was just getting started when it was over.

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### Jennifer Wardrip says

Reviewed by Sally Kruger aka "Readingjunky" for TeensReadToo.com

Cameron's sister, Katie, asks him to do her a favor. "Just do this one thing," is what she asks, followed by, "Don't tell anyone."

He's not happy to be riding through the woods in the rain, but Katie looked kind of freaked out. When Cameron stops for a moment, he hears something. He listens carefully and hears it again. It sounds like crying. It is crying. In fact, it's a baby!

Cameron can't believe he has found what looks like a newborn wrapped in blankets out in the woods. He wraps it in his sweater and zips it inside his coat and bikes out to the road. After a few tries, he gets a car to stop and pick him up. Luckily, the driver is a nurse. She quickly checks on the baby and heads to the nearest hospital.

The good news is the baby will survive. The bad news is Cameron is pretty sure he knows whose baby it is. He cautiously answers questions from doctors, a social worker, and the police, but the answer they all want to hear, he keeps to himself.

IN THE WOODS presents the distressing scenario of an abandoned infant. It's a story all too common in the news today. Author Robin Stevenson brings this grim reality to life as she describes Cameron's struggle to face the truth about his sister.

Only 124 pages long, IN THE WOODS takes readers quickly into the emotionally charged situation, and keeps them on the edge of their seats right to the end.

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### Erin Reilly-Sanders says

While this book is a little short to be able to get into the possible depth of the story, it really was interesting and difficult to put down. Since it's more novella length, I stayed up the extra 30 minutes to finish it. The suspense isn't great, as it's somewhat obvious. I enjoyed the characters, but they didn't have enough room to

be too well fleshed out. The main character also feels a little bit girl-ized due to the female author perspective, making it maybe slightly more appealing for girls than boys. He isn't feminized at all and still reads as a boy but I think that some but not all of the feelings he experiences somehow feel a little more feminine than masculine, not that I have any personal experience being a boy either. On the whole, it's a highly recommendable read due to its length, subject, and attention-grabbing qualities- the idea of finding an abandoned newborn in the woods is a pretty easy sell and a genuine area of real-life concern. Just don't expect to get more than your hour's worth of realistic, semi-after-school-special-ish adventure out of it.

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### **Drake Strassner says**

i think that the book was good and it really was for me because it was good

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### **Stephanie B. says**

Veo que aquí me enseña que mi último “update” fue en página 75, pero las otras veces lo he hecho de mi teléfono y no se han grabado. Tampoco se grabó cuando estaba en TJ pero si sirve Goodreads in TJ entonces no sé qué esta pasado.

Me gustan estos libros chicos porque el cuento es chico pero interesante. Este libro se trata de Katie, la cual es hermana de Cameron, y su bebe. Al principio, Katie le llama a Cam para que vaya al bosque. En el bosque, el encuentra a un bebe y lo tiene que llevar al hospital. Cuando llega al hospital, él no se sabe de quién es la bebe y el policía le tiene que hacer muchas preguntas. Luego se queda pensando que si como sabia Katie del bebe, y es porque la bebe es de ella. La mama de ellos nos sabía pero Katie empezó sangrar y la tuvieron que llevar al hospital y ahí es cuando Katie le dijo a su mama.

Yo entiendo porque Katie no le quería decir a su mama. ¡Una niña de 15 años con una bebe! Mis papas siempre me están diciendo que me espere para tener un bebe. Primero es cuando se casa uno y luego los hijos. Pero los hijos tienen un gran impacto en la vida de uno. Los tienes que cuidar y tu vida cambia. Yo creo que Katie tenía miedo de todo esto y de lo que iba a pensar su mama. Lo bueno que conmigo, aunque no estoy diciendo que tengo o que voy a tener un bebe pronto, mi mama es muy comprensiva y sé que si ocupo algo, puedo ir a ella aunque me vaya a regañar, es mejor ir con ella y decirle la verdad.

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### **Melanie says**

An interesting read, but I felt like it ended too quickly and left you wondering things. I didn't care for the strong language, but other than that a nice, quick read.

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### **Yennyfer Romero says**

I think this is an awesome book because It gives us a lesson for all those people who think that think are perfect but at the end everything goes down. It talks about Katie, a girl who is "perfect" like she had straight A's in school, she was really popular, and really smart. Her twin brother Cameron, was totally the opposite of her, he wasn't really good at school or have any friends. Katie ended up being pregnant and she didn't want

her mom to know because she didn't want her mom upset. She made poor decisions, she gave birth to a baby girl and she left her in the woods, she made her brother Cameron go into the woods and found the baby and then he went straight to the hospital. Katie pretend like nothing happened, the next day she was really pale and she was bleeding in the restroom. They took her to the hospital and then her mom found out about her pregnancy. She was pretty upset because she never noticed that Katie was pregnant and under her own roof, she could of helped Katie out. This talks about if you think you are a perfect person, you are wrong because first of all, nobody is perfect. Don't think you are better than others because you never know what can happen in your life, I recommend this book to everyone so you can see what happens when you think you are perfect, be a humble person and stop trying to show off what you might have right now because life goes on and everything that matters if who we are from the inside.

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### **Crystal says**

I tend not to expect much but a quick read from the orca books but this one really knocked me off my seat. I would enjoy a sequel

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### **Chris Nagy says**

I thought about writing this review in Spanish, but I'm not quite there yet with only reading a single book in a foreign language.

En el Bosque (or "In the Woods") is the story of Cameron, a plucky, young latino who finds un bebe en el bosque. Thought to be a hero, he knows better; it's is twin sister Katie's. ?Por que es el nino en el bosque? No sabes, pero cuando Cameron looks he finds some answers he may not like.

This was a very short book, but mercifully so for an inexperienced Spanish reader like myself. I did learn a lot of vocabulary as I frequently had to stop and look it up, but the reading comprehension was much more slow going than I would have liked. It kind of drew me out of the heavy story that focuses on teenage pregnancy (embarasada). That said, it was a wonderful start. I may not quite be at the level for high lows however, as I found myself actively translating from Spanish to English as I read and not simply absorbing the words and understanding their meaning without the delay.

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### **Srey says**

Book Title: In the woods

Author: Robin Stevenson

The Book "In the woods" by Robin Stevenson takes place in the woods. Cameron who is the main character gets a call from his sister Katie to go to the lake where their family use to have picnics, and kids from his school would have parties there. Cameron rode his bike there and found a baby in the woods under a tree. Cameron brought the baby to the hospital, then soon later found out that it was his sister Katie's baby. Katie had asked Cameron to help and not tell anyone, but Cameron likes a girl named Audrey. Cameron had told Audrey about everything. He then realizes that Audrey is adopted and gets why he needs to tell the police that the baby is Katie's baby. During a life situation with Katie Cameron had no choice so he told Nancy the emergency room social worker.

"I guess in a way, finding her makes me feel sort of responsible for her and like Audrey said, she's my niece. No matter what Katie decides to do."

Reading the book "In the Woods" help me to learn that people aren't always who they seem to be. The book is overall really good, but what I don't like about the book is it didn't tell me whether Cameron and Audrey were together. The book does teach you a lesson. The first lesson I learned was that everyone always have a reason for their actions. The second lesson I learned is to take chances, you never know what it could lead to, whether it's good or bad. I would recommend this book to people who like mystery and family helping family kind of books.

I would rate the book "In the Woods" a 3 star, because I like the book. I like how there was a little mystery and how it kinda teaches you lessons throughout the book. But it would be better if the end of the book telling us about Cameron and Audrey. I also like how it left us with a cliff hanger, but I do want to know what happened between them.

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### **Malika Sharma says**

The book In the Woods was a simple and short read. The book didn't have any parts that were very gripping and didn't go much into detail. The storyline of this book was very predictable and many parts were left unexplained. Like what had happened with Katie and her mom's ex boyfriend? What happens with the baby in the ending? The book could be more developed and have some twists in it.

The major theme the book explores is teen pregnancy. The book shows a teenager named Katie who always got good grades in school and never did anything wrong. Then she got pregnant and doesn't share this with her family members because she is worried about the way they'll react. By not doing this she creates a huge mess she gets her brother involved, the police, social workers and creates a huge problem for herself. This theme relates to teens facing this problem in real life.

In the Woods explores sibling relationships. The main character Cameron was very supportive and helpful with his sister's situation. Cameron was scared at first when he saw the baby in the woods but once he figured out that it was his sister Katie's baby he tried his hardest and helped Katie get through the problem. In the end Cameron says he wants to be a part of the baby's life even if it's just sending a birthday card once a year.

Cameron's Character is nicely developed he shows gentleness and responsibility with the baby, Katie and his mom. Katie's character was also nicely developed Cameron explains her characteristics in the beginning. If the book had shown more of Katie's perspective on her situation it would have made the book more engaging. Most of it is shown by Cameron's point of view.

The book is mostly beneficial with teenagers facing similar problems. In the Woods would not be an interesting read for someone who likes books that go in depth. Overall In The Woods was a nice quick read but could expand more.

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### **McCenteno29 says**

The book I read is called 'In the Woods' By Robin Stevenson. I basically read this book because I told my teacher that I didn't know what book to read and that I needed a book that would be easy to comprehend.

Once I started to read the book I actually happened to find it really interesting. When I saw the books cover I really thought it was going to be a complicated book and I thought it would just be about some teenagers who get lost in the woods and them just doing dumb things. Well, the part about them being teens is true but this book is about a young teen who does great in school and you could never ever really possibly ever imagine that she would do something bad/wrong.

I rate this book from 1-10 a 8 with 8 being a really good/ interesting book. I do recommend it to everyone. The book isn't focused on necessarily girly things or anything, This book is basically based on real life experiences and things that happen now days. I can say the two main characters are twins their names are Cameron which is the boy and his twin sister Katie. Their was a baby whom Cameron found in the woods and that's all I can possibly say about this book., because It's a really Short book that I would practically give everything out. But I also recommend this book because most people aren't interested in reading books that take a big process to finish reading. So I suggest you that the next time you are looking for something you go read " In the Woods" By Robin Stevenson. It's a quick book and really easy to understand. I hope you enjoy reading It just like I did.

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### **Cornmaven says**

I would not call this book a novel. I would call it a short story with chapters. It's very simplistic, and the only reason for it to exist is to perhaps stop a teenage mom from hiding a pregnancy or abandoning a newborn. Told from the standpoint of the twin brother of the teenage mom. The kid does all the right things, thank goodness. The sister does not and almost dies, and the baby could have died with one little mistake. It's very didactic, simply written, and might help in some teen in crisis, who really wouldn't need a book written on a higher level at that point. That's the only reason I gave it 3 stars. It will never be considered for the Newbery, the Printz, or any other ALA award.

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### **Smarika Jayadev says**

" Into the Woods", a indulgence for lovers of adult fiction, sees the life of a teenage boy as he makes a shocking discovery led by his sister. The book deals with interesting sibling relationships, and family responsibility as well as involving mature issues such as teen pregnancy and sexual abuse in a riveting manner. Cameron can't believe he has found what looks like a newborn wrapped in blankets out in the woods. He wraps it in his sweater and zips it inside his coat and bikes out. After a few tries, he gets a car to stop and pick him up. Luckily, the driver is a nurse. She quickly checks on the baby and heads to the nearest hospital. The good news is the baby will survive. The bad news is Cameron is pretty sure he knows whose baby it is. He cautiously answers questions from doctors, a social worker, and the police, but the answer they all want to hear, he keeps to himself. Could this be his sister's baby? Why did she abandon the baby?

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