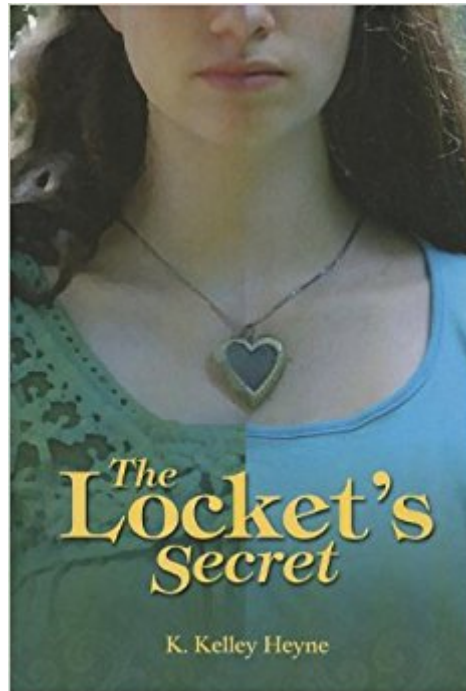




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# The Locket's Secret



## Synopsis

Caught living in a world between fantasy and reality, Carrie, a 13-year-old homeschooled girl, struggles to make sense of loss and new beginnings, seeking comfort in a heart-shaped locket with a secret. "Themes include: family, fantasy, and grief."

## Book Information

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Age Range: 9 - 12 years

Grade Level: 4 - 7

## Customer Reviews

My six year old and I both adored the characters, the plot, the entire story. Neither of us could put it down in our turns. (Please note, my six year old reads books above his level, so not all six year olds will be able to read this). I enjoyed all aspects of this book. Carrie is a delightful character. Heyne treats us with a fun tale, a clean tale, a tale that brings hope. I highly recommend this for parents of teens, especially parents of teens who have lost siblings. Loss does not have to mean depression, and this book demonstrates the a family working through grief.

I ordered this for my 11 year old daughter over the summer and wasn't sure how she would react. She loves to read but if I recommend something, she will not read it. However this book was the exception. Not only did she read it right away but she really enjoyed the storyline. This momma was happy to finally find a fiction book that incorporates our Catholic faith. If you are looking for other Catholic teen fiction, check out Regina Doman's series, *Fairytales Retold*, starting with "The

Shadow of the Bear." Would love to see this genre grow!

very good

This is a very well written book that will be enjoyed by all, not just young readers. It holds your attention from start to finish! I highly recommend it as a great family read!

Reading this book brought me back to my own adolescent years. The angst, the trials of finding good friends, the loneliness and struggle to find your place in life, in your family, in the world. Carrie's story doesn't just hit on that time of life but captures the essence of what many teenagers feel regularly or have felt in times of trial. Either you know exactly what I'm talking about or you don't remember those years! The dual storyline intertwines fact and fiction, but keeps at the heart of it all the struggle of survival through life's rough patches and the protection of and love for those most dear. In addition, you can trust this book to be family-friendly. It's a great read for all ages - especially for those who homeschool and/or have close-knit families. Heyne has made a great debut with *The Locket's Secret* and I look forward to future books from her for the teenage audience and for families!

Once one starts this book it's hard to stop. It is super fun to read, and you'll be glad that you did, (I sure was.) The characters are so real and relatable, you pity them at times and share in their sorrow. This story made me laugh, and cry, and the ending was absolutely glorious. I finished it with a smile on my face, and joy in my heart. I as a thirteen year old homeschooled girl can relate to some of Carrie's emotions. When my Dad purchased the book for me and I read it, I felt honored to have been one of K. Heyne's former online class students. The way it is written is completely ingenious. You end up getting two marvelous stories, and you only had to buy one book! I would recommend this for pretty much any age, but especially teens like me. :) ~Audra Tulipana

The author writes in a real voice that brought me back to my awkward years as a teenager, when it was sometimes easier to live in a dream world. I appreciated the progression Carrie went through, because I too found her dream world more interesting. When she began to realize her real life with her family was important, then I couldn't wait to read what happened in her real life. I don't think you need to be a teenager or even Catholic to enjoy this story. Those themes are just the background to realizing that Carrie is a very normal girl who doesn't want to rebel. She just can't process all that is

happening. On the other hand, I really enjoyed that Carrie was a Catholic, home-schooled teenager. There aren't many stories written for that group. I would have liked reading something like this when I was young.

Picked this up to read on a long flight: glad I did. Quite enjoyed the read: interesting parallel/two-part story line that has both deep themes and interesting/engaging adventure. Enjoyed the element of suspense/mystery along the way. Wholesome reading on themes relevant to teens/young adults. Would certainly recommend it. My only suggestion (as a pediatrician) to parents out there: if you find your teenager withdrawn/depressed for an extended period of time, you could certainly consider support from a counsellor/therapist/physician (perhaps this happens in this book, but the reader doesn't hear about it).

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