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### Editorial Review

From Publishers Weekly

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From School Library Journal

Grade 5-9-Haddix continues her science fiction dystopian tale about illegal third children in this sequel to *Among the Hidden* (1998) and *Among the Impostors* (2001, both S & S). Nina is imprisoned by the Population Police for being an illegal child. She is given the opportunity to save herself by spying on the other three children who are in the jail cell with her. Nina finds herself both drawn to them and fearful for her own life. When she has a chance to escape, she decides to take them with her and is surprised at their survival skills as they fend for themselves in the wild. Then, Nina is captured again. This time, though, she has an even harder decision to make-will she put her life in danger in order to save her friends? In a surprising ending, Nina finds that the children she rescued and the man from the Population Police who arrests her the second time are part of a group dedicated to saving third children like herself. While the book could stand alone, it is much more interesting and meaningful when read after the two previous volumes. As a character, Nina is well drawn and believable but it is the agonizing moral decisions that she must make that elevate the book beyond the average tale. Haddix is a superb storyteller and her view of a future world short of food that allows only two children per family is both scary and plausible.

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"[Delivers] more than enough suspense to keep fans hooked." (Publishers Weekly)

"Nina's story will bring to light questions readers will want to ponder." (BCCB)

"The grim plot comes to a surprise conclusion, suggesting future empowerment for the characters and leaving readers eager for the next installment." (Horn Book)

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