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Meadow Frisbie says

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Marian says

Re-read this one because Mums brought it home from the library. After checking to make sure it wasn't the Molly mystery you had no chance of figuring out while reading it, I went ahead and re-read it. It's a cute book that takes place during Molly's six book original series since Emily is still living with the McIntire family and Molly is still a little awkward around Emily.

I really can't comment on the mystery aspect since it's a re-read, but it's not impossible to figure out whodunnit nor is it ridiculously obvious at first.

This is one to read for the characterization. You get Molly realizing how Emily's life has been turned upside down, and a hold-over from the book series where she remembers things that trigger Emily's mild panicky moments. Molly's still a little stuck in her own world but you can see how she's starting to grow up in her world view.

Ashley says

A Molly Mystery from American Girl

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Great mystery book as always! I love American Girl books and I love how in this one Molly and Emily work together to solve the mystery. American Girl brings history to life in a fun easy to udnerstand manner that makes learning fun.

Sarah says

This book is about Molly and her friend Emily help a lady in the hospital by checking on her house. When they were leaving to go home they saw a light turn on in the cellar and a truck in the garage. The next day at the hospital they ask the lady if anyone else lives in the house, she says no. Who was in the house?

Amanda Kay says

This has won several awards, and with good reason. The Light in the Cellar is like it's own little Nancy Drew mystery, and really brings home the black market for rations.

Karen Altschul says

My daughter is into the American Girl books right now, and this one was the first she read. It's a really good mystery, good historical novel, and a great book for young readers. The story is interesting, and I love the "Peek to the Past" at the end of all these books, which provides factual reference. This book features Molly and Emily during WW2. Riding bikes, baking, helping a cause, freedom and responsibility—so many connections can be made for young readers, as well as just enjoying a good mystery.

Juny says

These were my favorite series to read and thus the four stars. Not particularly well written but what the heck! Who cares? Plus they were better than the Nancy Drew series, (Cough, cough, I read them all)

Elle says

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Molly and Emily are working as volunteer magazine girls and while teaching Emily to ride a bike they see a light in the cellar at Greystone Manor. When Molly and Emily go in to Greystone Manor to get Mrs. Currier's eye glasses they here people in the cellar that shouldn't be there. Molly and Emily, throughout the story, try to figure out who was in the cellar. Also, things that are hard to get during the war such as sugar, tires, butter, and much more go missing and they try to find the thief. At the end of the story they find the thief, but if you want to know who it is, then you better read The Light in the Cellar. This book is all about mystery, excitement, and adventure so I recommend this book.

Panda Incognito says

Molly is part of the reason why I'm a history major and World War II buff. Since this book is now out of print, I bought a used copy to reread and keep in my library. As a child, I preferred American Girl mysteries to Nancy Drew, because they did not require the same leaps of logic, and this was my favorite. The mystery is simple, but not overly obvious, and the entire story is convincing. I appreciate how well it incorporates historical details and character development, and highly recommend this for children.

Additional note: I find it incredibly inspiring that Molly is pictured on the cover with slightly messy hair and a flannel shirt. I am inspired by the now-retired character's ability to enjoy both traditionally girly and boyish clothing and activities without any concern for stereotypes and expectations, and wish that American Girl

didn't present picture-perfect, flawless images for their current characters.

Jamie Brooks says

I have been super busy with work and getting a new pet (a snake!) so I have not had much time to read. I need something short and fast to help with my thirst for words and this worked. I used to be really into anything American Girl when I was a kid and I like revisiting this wonderful world on occasion. Molly was always my favorite. I liked her time period and the kind of spunk she had and this book showed both of those really well. It was a cute story and had a good moral of doing the right thing, being brave and that girls can do anything. I would recommend this to any young girl for a quick and cute read.

Laura says

I thought this was a good juvenile mystery book. The characters were pretty evenly fleshed out. I was almost fooled when they put the decoy thief as the prime suspect. I liked how it all wrapped up. I would probably recommend if you were a fan of the American Girl series.

*Taken from my book reviews blog: <http://reviewsatmse.blogspot.com/2009...>

Brian says

This is another great American Girl story. Molly is determined to find out who is stealing items from the hospital. The story is dynamic and touches the heart of any reader. The times were hard during World War II and Molly's attitude reminds us all that something can be done when someone is hurting others.

Michelle DeKorver says

Definitely a doable book for 8-10 year old girls who like mysteries. The fact that it is set during WWII adds to the flavor and give us a little insight to what it must have been like during the war.

Chandler says

Kyla also got this, she is wanting to read these American Girl books because they are so popular. I thought I'd check it out, and I really liked this one. They have a historical backdrop, so they are educating and entertaining. I can see why they are so popular. I wouldn't mind reading some more, for some light reading sometime.

Sharon says

Molly McIntire isn't thrilled with having soybean casserole for supper, but she realizes her family is dealing with the home front effects of World War II. Meat shortages, Victory gardens, ration stamps, and War Bonds are the norm.

The McIntire family are avid volunteers; Molly and her friend Emily serve as magazine girls at Oak Knoll Hospital. Then bags of sugar disappear from the Oak Knoll and Red Cross kitchens. Molly also observes strange events at Greystone Manor; she is determined to solve this mystery.
