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Marie-Grace can't wait to begin her journey up the Mississippi River with her father. The steamboat they're traveling on is the biggest and fanciest boat Marie-Grace has ever seen. It's crowded with all sorts of interesting passengers, including Wilhelmina Newman, a girl her age. Wilhelmina is traveling alone, and she's carrying a secret in one of her trunks—clues to hidden Gold Rush treasure. Marie-Grace and Wilhelmina have to unravel the clues to find the gold—and they're not the only ones looking for it! An illustrated "Looking Back" essay provides facts about the 1850s.

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Angelica says

Marie-Grace is excited to take a journey up the Mississippi River with her father. There are interesting things to do and along the way Marie-Grace meets a girl her own age. But Marie-Grace is carrying a secret and that secret is there is hidden gold.

This book tests the courage of a young girl and risks that sometime we all have to take in life. Many girls can relate to finding adventure and searching for something that is beyond their wildest dreams. American Girl especially promotes girl's to dream big and take pride in themselves.

This book is for girls in grades 2nd-5th. This book is good positive message that will resonate with young girls and boost self esteem.

Amanda Kay says

Buckey writes The Hidden Gold much like a classic Nancy Drew Mystery, and one that is truly lovely. Her characters are unique, yet charming, and by far "The Hidden Gold" is much better than the central series for Marie-Grace. The writing is sharper, the story has a bit more spunk, and Marie-Grace appears more thoughtful and inquisitive, rather than slightly demure and boring.

Gretchen says

This engaging American Girl mystery is about Marie-Grace Gardner traveling on a steamboat up the Mississippi River. In the beginning, Marie-Grace writes to her friend, Cecile, as soon as she boards the steamboat; she is excited about the journey. Othe boat, she meets German passenger, Wilhemina Newman, whose father died a few days before. The secret is that Wilhemina's father has hidden gold. In order to find the gold. Marie-Grace helps Wilhemina solve the nursery rhyme-related clues that even stumped me. Even though I am way past the prime demographic (ages 8-12), I found the mystery challenging enough for me. I think this mystery will not disappoint fans of American Girl books; there are enough twists to keep them on their feet while they can experience the signature charm of historical fiction. I would suggest reading the core Marie-Grace books so that readers can become familiar with Marie-Grace. Don't miss "Looking Back: A Peek Into the Past" at the end. I have learned quite a bit about traveling on the steamboat in the 1850's. Even as an adult, there is always a fact (or many) that I did not know before,

Laura says

This is a good historical mystery that is not too scary for young readers. It flows well and kept my interest throughout.

Ruth says

fun and educational books for girls

Sarah says

The search for suspects is on but what do nursery rhymes have to do with it

Rebecca says

Eleven-year-old Marie-Grace Gardner and her father are travelling up the Mississippi River on a steamboat to visit his friends in Pennsylvania in the spring of 1854. Although she will miss her friends and family in New Orleans, Marie-Grace likes travelling on the elegant steamboat. Shortly after boarding the steamboat, Marie-Grace meets another girl her age, Wilhelmina Newman.

Wilhelmina came to New Orleans to find her dying father, who became sick while traveling home from the California Gold Rush. She arrived too late, and found that her father had already died. He was supposed to be bringing home gold that he found in California, and Wilhelmina desperately needs to find that gold, because her mother died while her father was away and her grandmother can't afford to keep Wilhelmina and her two younger brothers much longer. If she doesn't find the gold, her brothers will have to go live with other relatives. After losing her parents, Wilhelmina is determined that she and her siblings must not be separated. Marie-Grace wants to help her new friend, but where could the gold be? And is a fellow passenger also trying to find the gold, so he can steal it?

I enjoyed the original American Girls book series about Marie-Grace, so I was looking forward to reading this book. While I enjoyed it, I didn't like it quite as much as the main series, because the historical setting was not as interesting. However, despite being much older than the target audience, my guess for who the villain was turned out to be completely wrong! I think younger fans of the series would really enjoy this book, but for the older fans like me who have loved the series since childhood, this is probably not the most interesting of the books.

Xyra says

This was truly a mystery. Some of the historical American Girl "mystery" stories really aren't that mysterious. This one was. It has several suspects, hidden clues, hidden treasure, and took some observation and work to solve.

According to the note about the author, Sarah Masters Buckey is an avid reader. She turned her knowledge of good mysteries into a well crafted mystery for Marie-Grace or her new friend, Wilhelmina. I was a little disappointed Wilhelmina didn't pick up on things sooner, but I know how flustered and frustrated I get when I misplace something - you just can't think as you normally do until you can calm down. It was good Wilhelmina had Marie-Grace to help her.

This was a pleasure to read. I enjoyed looking for the clues myself. Things clicked into place more quickly

for me and I wished I could have told Marie-Grace or Wilhelmina.

PWRL says

SM

Sydney says

i like the part when Marie grace finds the gold with her friend

Emily says

This one was good. It was a quick read and I couldn't figure out the mystery for the life of me! Lol

Amie says

This was an excellent and believable mystery. It would be a good way to introduce girls to steamboat travel. I'd follow up with a Mark Twain story or watching the movie "Mark Twain and Me."

Kathleen says

2 1/2 stars

Miss Clark says

2.5 stars

Simple kid's mystery - fine.
