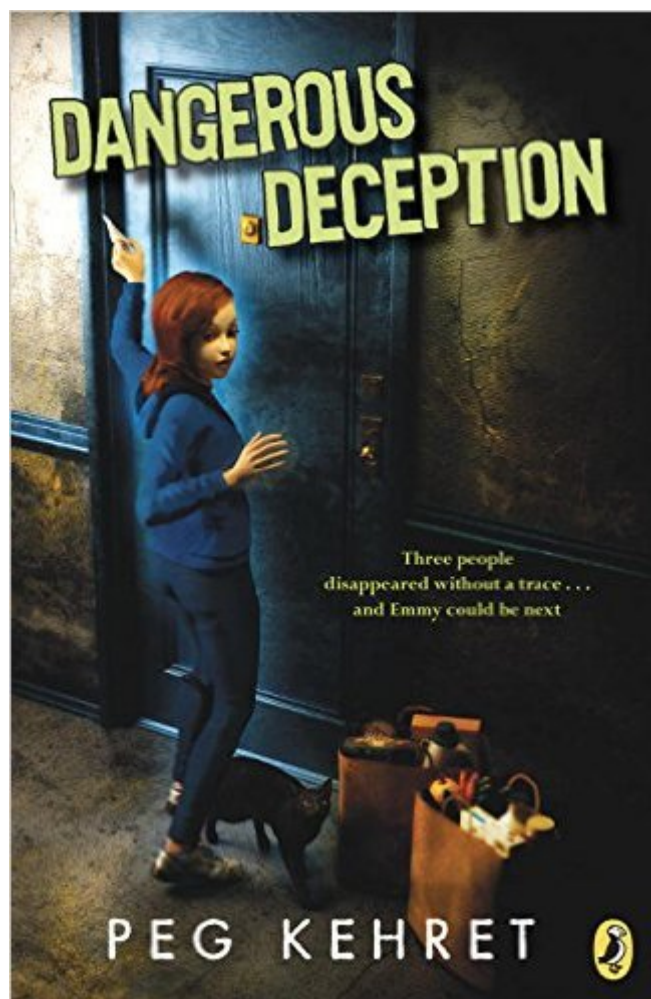


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Dangerous Deception



Synopsis

Award-winning author Peg Kehret returns with a suspenseful thriller for middle graders! Peg Kehret includes humor, animal rescue, and heart-pounding suspense in this story about good intentions gone wrong. Sixth-grader Emmy Rushford decides to provide food for a needy family, but the project turns perilous when Emmy must deal with a car crash, a cat thrown into a Dumpster, and a belligerent neighbor. Then she discovers an apartment full of stolen goods. Her courageous efforts to help hungry children, rescue the cat, and break up a ring of thieves soon put her life at risk.

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Customer Reviews

Peg Kehret rarely disappoints. In this novel, she gives us a believable modern situation (a family in need) and a good little mystery that pops up when Emmy, the main character, tries to solve the problem and encounters a burglary ring. Unfortunately, I have several issues with this book. The first is minor--Emmy almost seems too good to be true; even her lies to her mother are for a good cause and not her own self-interest. More important, Emmy's behavior when the man she refers to as No Help follows her home on the bus was not at all believable. An 11-year-old is old enough to know to go to the bus driver if another passenger is threatening her, and NOT to walk to her own home when she is being followed by someone who clearly is up to no good. She had a chance to tell the police and her mother about No Help and decided not to, thinking the man would simply "forget"

about her. That naivete might fit a six-year-old, but no modern tween. I believe the author chose to write the story this way because kids don't want to read about adult intervention, and if Emmy had told the police about No Help, that might have ended the book right there. However, the way in which Ms. Kehret chose to continue her story made me feel manipulated. Most important--Emmy gets into No Help's truck, fearing he has a gun and will harm her if she doesn't. Law enforcement professionals do not advise this, ever, even if a weapon is suspected. They instead tell children and adults alike that if you get in a vehicle and are driven away by a criminal, your chances of survival are limited at best. They advise screaming, running, fighting, etc.

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