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When Kit Innes's frazzled ex-stepmother, Dusty, leaves her with an unnamed baby boy and a lot of questions, she's not sure what to do. She's doesn't know if the adorable child is even Dusty's, or if she plans on returning. But when an angry, frightening man comes looking for the baby, Kit decides that the most important thing is to keep him safe—at all costs.

With the help of her maybe-boyfriend, Rowen, and his little sister, Muffin, Kit is determined to figure out what's really going on. But as they attempt to return the mysterious baby to wherever it is he belongs, they discover that he's part of something that could put them all in incredible danger . . .

## **Hush Little Baby Details**

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### **Hailey says**

Kit is surprised when her glamorous step-mother shows up looking ruffled and agitated. Even more so---she has a baby. When Kit's step-mother drives off without it, she's concerned. But when people show, desperate and crazy to get the baby, she's terrified. Suddenly, she has to protect this baby from people who want it, she has to look out for herself, and she wants to know why people would want a baby so badly?

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### **Jess says**

I read a lot of Cooney's books as a preteen and thought I'd jump on the nostalgia train.

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### **Lee says**

This book is geared to young adults and unlike some young adult books it is appropriately focused. It is clean with no sex and no real violence. No killing, no swear words - just a really sweet story. I almost sat it down after the first chapter but am glad I stayed with it. It was very good and I would recommend it to anyone looking for a good mystery with much intrigue.

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### **Penny says**

My review about this book is that if you like to read books with actions and mysteries, this is the book to read. This book is all about a girl who goes to her father's house [she has divorced parents:] when he's not there. So her step-mother comes and gives her a baby and doesn't tell her any info. about the baby. The girl has no idea what to do with the baby when "the step-mother's cousin" comes for the baby. The girl says she has no baby and then later on someone calls for the baby and she goes to take it to the adoptive parents which were "the cousins", but really it was that... READ THIS BOOK TO FIND OUT MORE!!!

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### **Deanna Anderson says**

Wow. I picked this book up because it looked like an easy read. I like easy reads or some juvenile books as "palate cleansers" when I come off an epic book or long series. This was definitely one of those.

The story's main characters are Kit and Rowen who are 16, and Muffin who is 9. Together they end up in a situation where Kit is in charge of her ex-stepmother's child. There is some major mystery, possibly illegal, and definitely nefarious, surrounding the baby. Kit, who has "fallen in love" with the tiny baby is determined to keep the baby safe.

Between her and Rowen and Muffin, she does just that. Muffin, as it turns out, is the real hero at the end of

the story.

The book is fast-paced and one thing after another happens, it was so engaging and so fast-paced that I read it all in a few hours. It is definitely a keeper and one that I will re-read time and time again. I almost re-read it right after finishing it last night. I loved the story-telling and the three young characters who show strength, intelligence, and a resilience they didn't know they had when the story started.

This one should be recommended reading for classrooms and if my children were young enough, I'd have them read it.

Definitely recommend!

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### **Dora says**

78%

I read this in middle school and it was one of my favorites read. Reading it now...I have no idea why! everything that happened could have been avoided if Kit had called the police in the first place. She trusted people she never met or heard of so easily. She was a really naive girl and her thinking... I don't know what she was thinking. It was a fun to read through, I had some really good laughs.

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### **Richard L. Haas III says**

I am not going to go in as much detail as Wanted!, but man was this equally as disappointing. First of all the whole plot should never have even happened if little miss Kit had used her brain and called the cops and/or told her mother the truth. She did a lot of stupid things. Another thing was the writing. Characters automatically started knowing things when I'm still trying to figure out how they got to know these things. And lastly, the idea of a character like Muffin is as stupid as Kit's logic: Muffin is a nine-year-old girl who automatically feels attached to "Sam the Baby." Okay, alright. That sounds reasonable, but she is incredibly concerned on the baby's surroundings (food, dirt, comfort, etc.) and knows everything as if she gave birth to the kid. I felt that that is extremely unrealistic. The only thing I was able to connect with was the baby, who reminded my of my neice when she was that age. But beyond that, it was hardly an enjoyable novel.

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### **Tequila says**

A typical story about an abusive marriage in which the abused wife decides to flee with her two children from her dangerous sociopathic husband. This novel is eye-opening to the fact that abuse can occur even in the most "picture-perfect" families. I liked the book, but the plot and characters were not unique or revolutionary. In addition, I felt that the ending was far-fetched and rushed. Like I stated previously, this is an okay novel, but if you want a more "eventful" story about an abusive relationship I would recommend Into the Darkest Corner written by Elizabeth Haynes.

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### **Aziza says**

When Kit's ex-stepmother thrusts a baby into her arms and speeds away, Kit's world is turned upside-down. Now she must save herself and the baby from the crazy, desperate people who want it. Well this book is so awesome. I couldn't keep from reading this book. Kit was very brave and fast thinking. The baby seemed so cute and of course brave as well.

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### **Kyla Wilde says**

A baby why did she leave me with a baby? This is a mystery book called Hush Little Baby by, Caroline B. Cooney.

I really liked this book because it was a mystery and it kept you wondering what was going to happen and it never bored me. This book is about a girl named Kit she is 16 whose ex step mother Dusty puts a baby in her arms says she will be right back but instead gets in the car and drives off. Kit is sure that she will be back she waits. Then Ed Bing (Dusty's cousin) show up and wants the baby he doesn't look like a very good man so she hides the baby he leaves but before goes and looks through her windows. Soon her cousin's muffin and Rowen get involved.. Dusty still doesn't come back. Can these kids figure it out without getting their parents involved and keeping the baby safe. I really enjoyed this book because it was a mystery and because muffin in the beginning told her older brother Rowen and Kit to call 911 in the first place and they wouldn't listen but in the end they ended up calling 911. Another reason I enjoyed this book is because it had a baby in it and I love babies. I think the theme in this book is don't try to do everything by yourself and not tell a trusted adult because that is what the kids do and they end up putting themselves in danger along with the baby.

Overall this was a really great book and I would definitely read it again I rate it a five out of five.

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### **Kate says**

Kit has stopped off at her father's second home to pick up a shirt when her ex-stepmother, a flaky woman named Dusty, arrives with a baby in tow. She hands the baby over to Kit and says she'll be right back, but instead drives off.

Kit isn't sure what to do. The baby is so cute. Then a rough-looking man, Dusty's brother, comes around for the baby, and suddenly Kit - and her friend Rowan and his little sister Muffin - are involved in a baby-swapping plot that puts all of them in jeopardy!

The characters were a bit one-dimensional, in strange ways: Rowan likes to dress as if he stepped out of the pages of a catalog, and he "likes" Kit because she seems to be the same way. Kit has practiced being emotionless since her parents' divorce. My impression of the characters being simple might have been due to the writing style, which sometimes fell into the same kind of fairytale-like rhythm as Freeze Tag.

I also quickly got annoyed with how the teens and girl thought the baby was so cute - they might as well have started baby-talking to it - while the adults in the story were SO careless and uncaring. Yes, the adults were criminals, but I think most adults know how to treat a baby.

The action moved right along, though, and it was an interesting thriller. Clean in content despite the criminal activity, a bit heavy-handed with the morality, though.

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### **B says**

I read this one because I had loved "Wanted" so much. I do not recall being as head over heels, but Cooney knows how to write a quick novel (\*cough\* unlike James Patterson \*cough)

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### **Laurie says**

I've always enjoyed reading Caroline Cooney's books as both a young adult and even currently. I picked up this book because I had not yet read it (and I thought I had read them all). Thinking the story would be a repeat of other "baby gets kidnapped" stories, I looked forward to it a little because of the author, but again I was surprised at how much I enjoyed it. Cooney adds a certain depth to her stories that not all author's include. She makes this novel almost believable through the interactions in the story. Yes, the main characters are basically teens, but at least they are old enough to have driver's licenses (which helps with the driving scenes) and old enough to have a decent amount of "alone" time (meaning without adults) in which the plot unfolds. Thus the basic plot -- a teenager trying to save a baby is not totally strange the way this plot unfolds.

So hush your own concerns about this not being a novel with a "reality" plot. It could have been real -- someplace, sometime. Just read it and enjoy!

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### **Scarlett says**

Kit stops at her fathers for second while he is out of town to pick up something. Suddenly her ex-stepmother shows up with a baby, drops him off with Kit with an "I'll be back" and leaves. While deciding what to do a creepy character shows up to get the baby. Together with her friend Rowen and his little sister they get involved with a group of unsavory adults who all try to take the baby.

The Good: I liked this book. It was a good thriller. I was chewing my nails wondering how it would end. It was pretty well paced.

The Bad: I didn't really get to know the characters. I understand this is a thriller, but the characters weren't very fleshed out. And some of the decisions these kids made were just bizarre. While Kit considers at first getting her mother or father involved she decides not to. Instead lets (view spoiler) Honestly I thought the kid sister probably was the most sensible throughout most of the story. Some of the things she did do wrong are easily attributed to her age. Though I guess if they'd done that the story would have ended sooner and been boring.

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## **zapkode says**

{My Thoughts} – This was a fun mystery/adventure book to read. It was also an extremely quick read for me. I have always enjoyed the style in which Miss Cooney writes. The very first book of hers I'd ever read was the Face on the Milk Carton. That had been one of the best books that I'd read my freshman year in High School. So to me no other book of hers will ever compare. However, this book was well written, well thought out and one of the main characters was a baby! Who doesn't like a book with a newborn in it?

Kit runs to her dad's house to grab a shirt. While she is there her dad's ex-wife shows up with a baby and dumps the baby on her. She doesn't give an explanation just dumps the baby and leaves. Shortly after whole lot of bad and some interesting hardly any good things start happening in regards to Kit and the baby. Mostly because the baby is the most wanted character in the book. Literally nearly ever character in the book fights over the baby and most fight for the baby.

I really enjoyed how it was well put together and at the end it was wrapped up nicely. I think it is a great book for any teenager to read and in the process they can learn how hard it is to take care of a baby even if you are just the babysitter.

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