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Too much vanished to handle? Twelve-year-old Jeri McKane knew that attending boarding school hundreds of miles from home would be hard, but she never imagined anything like this. Her mom— too busy even to answer Jeri's phone calls and emails—sends the devastating word that she can't make it to Parents' Weekend. Then the school bus carrying Jeri's roommate Rosa mysteriously disappears. A natural sleuth, Jeri knows there are leads to be followed and follows her instincts to discover new dimensions of faith and courage. Can Jeri continue to trust God even in the most confusing of times?

## **Vanished Details**

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## From Reader Review Vanished for online ebook

### Diane says

Quick, easy read about an incident at a girls' boarding school. A group of girls and their van driver disappear on their way back to the school, and most of the story is spent trying to find them. It actually wasn't very easy to figure out who the culprit was, so that makes this a little more interesting.

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### Klaudyna Z. says

This book was okay. It was a freebie for the Kindle but I didn't realize that it was mostly geared for middle school kids. It was a good story but not something that I would read again. It kept me guessing until the end but again it is not for my age group. I would recommend for younger teens though.

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### DeAnna says

1.5 stars rounded up to 2

I actually got *Vanished* as a Kindle freebie back in early 2011, and it proceeded to sit on my Kindle ever since. However, I was trying to finish up my A-Z Title Challenge and needed a V. Of the 3 V's on my Kindle, *Vanished* was the shortest and didn't sound too bad. It served its purpose, but it certainly was not a great book.

I've read some Christian books that aren't too bad or in your face. *Vanished* was not one of them. It seemed that all too often, Jeri was praying and talking to God. I mean, I believe in God, but I'm not overly religious, so I don't like to feel like it's being forced down my throat, especially when I'm reading for pleasure.

Jeri was just a frustrating character. She seemed to always act without thinking and got herself involved in some potentially dangerous situations. For a girl who is supposed to be smart, she made some really dumb decisions and stuck her nose in places where it didn't belong.

My biggest pet peeve is the ending. It did surprise me a little bit; I'll give it that. I didn't predict who the bad guy was. However, it just all came together too easily. I'm sorry, but a 12-year-old girl should not be able to solve a crime that has the police baffled. It just didn't make sense.

Overall, I guess that *Vanished* was okay in that I didn't give up on it, but it was also really short, so I didn't have to suffer much. I guess I'll give it 1.5 stars. I didn't really like it, but I am impressed that the slightly corny story actually managed to surprise me.

This review is also posted on my blog: <http://mommysreadingbreak.wordpress.c...>

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### **Teresa Crawford says**

I would have to say this is a great little Nancy Drew type of mystery book for young girls.

It was really well written and though it's classified as a Christian mystery book, I can see anybody reading this book, as I didn't get a Christian pull from the book, just mainly a Godly prayer when the young girl's friends classmates vanished, something that almost anyone would do if they were put in this situation.

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### **J. Ewbank says**

This book by Kristi Holl was a good read. It is an easy read but one in which you do get involved in the characters. It is an enjoyable short, easy read.

J. Robert Ewbank author "John Wesley, Natural Man, and the 'Isms'"

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### **Randi says**

Short suspense thriller. Kept me reading the whole day.

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### **Makena Fernandez says**

#### **Awesome read! :)**

I really liked this book! Some parts of the book I just couldn't wait to see what would happen!  
I couldn't believe who was the bad guy!  
Recommend this book for pre-teens and teens!  
Boys would NOT like this book as it is mostly about girls at a boarding school for girls.  
I don't think adults would like this book either.

It was an AWESOME RE READ!

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### **Betsy says**

This is totally Nancy Drew in Christian form. It's a quick read, action-packed, and not too preachy. In fact, despite my misgivings at picking up a book in a series titled FaithGirlz (that "z"... why do they do that?!), I found that the Christian element was well treated. There is no come-to-Jesus-preachy-message; instead, Jeri's faith seems genuine and realistic--much like what many 12-year-old Christians might be thinking/feeling.

My biggest issue is that Jeri consistently disobeys orders. I know, I know--her "instincts" and good detective skills are what save everyone in the end! Just like Nancy Drew! But, when you imply that those are in response to some vague direction from the Lord... well, that's a troubling message to give to impressionable

middle school girls. In my experience, the Lord doesn't usually lead us to continually and flagrantly disobey those in authority over us.

It's a subtle thing, perhaps, and not something that would keep me from passing this book out. Indeed, it's far, far better than most Christian fiction out there. But still, it's worth noting.

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### **Cheryl says**

It was a good story. My daughter who is 11 absolutely loved it. We discussed the story and the plot twist. It is a good series for young girls providing suspense and intrigue appropriate to the age group.

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### **Alicia says**

This is excellent Young Adult fiction. It is Christian fiction without being terribly overbearing and preachy. It was a fast read with strong characters.

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### **Barbara says**

This is a Nancy Drew type book. It is definitely for young adult and was good if you want to read and don't want to think hard. The young protagonist is a determined want to be investigator. I wouldn't read it unless you want this genre, but having said that, it was fun and required no brain power. I picked it for its title. Crazy.

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### **Kathy Martin says**

This is the first in the Faithgirlz boarding school mysteries. Jeri wants to be an investigative reporter but she didn't think the first case she would have to solve would be the disappearance of a school van with six students and a teacher in it. One of the students is her roommate Rosa. Jeri is a sixth grader. She discovers lots of clues and has a lot of suspects. She manages to solve the problem. This is a good middle grade mystery with a definite Christian bent.

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### **Jenny Rose says**

Vanished by Kristi Holl is about a 6th grade girl named Jeri McKane at an all girls boarding school. Her best friend Rosa goes missing while on an art class field trip along with 5 other students and the art teacher Mr. Reeves. The town turns out to help look for the van and missing people. Jeri calls Jake Phillips, a local reporter whom she looks up to, to come and help with the investigation. Then Jeri discovers that Jake's stories aren't adding up. Did the van run off the road and crash through the ice on the lake? Did Mr. Reeves

kidnap the students? Did Jake have something to do with the disappearance? Jeri is determined to discover the truth.

The main character acts like an older sixth grader. Some of her logic seems to be a bit old for her but perhaps that works for a detective personality.

Overall this was an enjoyable read and not overly preachy. In fact, there are only a few references sprinkled throughout the story of Jeri's relationship with Jesus. I think this would be fun and appropriate for girls aged 10-12 years. It has just enough suspense to keep you guessing and turning pages without being too scary.

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### **Sheyla ✌ says**

Twelve-year old Jeri McKane attends boarding school. Her life changes when her best friend and roommate Rosa goes missing. Before Rosa's disappearance, her greatest fear was that her mom would not be able to attend Parent's Weekend at the end of the month.

But it is not only Rosa who disappears but the school van carrying several children. Fingers are pointed in different directions. Jenna doesn't know who to trust at times.

It is up to Jenna to find the clues and bring Rosa back without getting hurt.

This is a Cristian literature.

The short story is fast and as long as you can believe a twelve year old is able to accomplish what the police couldn't, you will enjoy it.

2/5 Fangs

cross posted at my blog <http://mrsleifs.blogspot.com/less>

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### **Ida says**

This was a free download on Kindle so I downloaded it. I didn't realize this was a book for tweens but it wasn't bad.

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