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Eliza says

Ohmygosh. This was actually my FIRST book I read in 7th grade. This was also the reason why I got into reading books. At first, it was the cover that lured me in, but wow, the story is just so amazing.

Shonna says

Secret, Silent Screams is actually a lot better book once you read it then what it sounds like and what it tells about the book on the back. This book I wouldn't say is about suicide but when I got this book from the library I was told that it was about suicide. This book is really about, in my opinion; People believing that someone that they have found dead with a gun in his hand dead because he committed suicide. And one of his very close friends are trying to tell everyone that he didn't commit suicide and that someone had murdered him. And he gets a few clues and evidence and stuff like that to help prove that someone had murdered him and that it wasn't him that committed suicide on himself. And he talked to one of the officers and talked to her about it, trying to prove it to her and show her. The officer agrees to have a meeting with him, talk about it and check it out, and let him show her. The Officer also agrees to help him out even know the case has been closed. So pretty much throughout the whole book him and the officer are trying to figure everything and figure the truth, what really happened. Except for in the beginning and the end. In the beginning is where he was still alive and then one morning he's just found in his room dead with a gun in his hand, e.t.c.; In the end is where they figure out everything, the truth, what really happened. This book is actually a lot better than I thought. I think that the beginning is not as good but the beginning is getting into the really good part, the book. I don't really think that this book can really help others in situations when it comes to wanting to commit suicide or knowing that someone else that they know.

Carla Lee says

Marti is a fantastic main character, driven and willful and independent. I love the way she is so determined to discover the truth behind her best friend's death. Her budding friendship with Karen, the police officer doing her own investigation into the death, is wonderful, as is the way she grows to respect Karen as a competent officer.

Orchid says

review from my blog, The Haunting of Orchid Forsythia

First Sentence:

Marti Lewis shivered as she opened the door to the Farrington Park police station.

One of the times I know when a mystery/suspense writer has done something right is when I spend nearly the

entire book (practically) holding my breath as the MC gets one step closer to the truth about what and why something happened, so Secret, Silent Screams definitely did things right because it was absolutely hard to put down.

Joan Lowery Nixon does a brilliant job of presenting and unfolding the mystery of Barry's death and the reason he died. I really liked how the facts and back story were presented slowly throughout the book so that as you read the picture of what happened slowly started to come together along with the role that each of the characters inadvertently played in his death.

While I did figure out pretty early on the truth of what happened, I had kinda hoped that I was wrong...because the truth turned out to be just so horribly creepy that it was quite shocking, but also well done (I want say anymore on this lest I give away the whole plot).

Even though the first impression of Marti that you get is one of her freaked out, and bawling her eyes out as she tries to get the police to believe her when she says that Barry didn't kill himself, I think that in the long run she a very strong character. Why, because even though the no one believes her at all she refuses to give up and goes to some very dangerous extremes just to get people to listen. The other thing that makes her such a great character is the depth of emotion that she shows through out the entire book.

My favorite thing about Secret, Silent Screams was how the author, Joan Lowery Nixon, was able to convey such a sense of danger and suspense in such a short book. I pretty much spent the whole book with my breath held as Marti tried to unravel the mystery of Barry's death.

The only thing that I didn't really enjoy about Secret, Silent Screams was that it was just slightly dated when it came to the terminology and turn of phrases that the characters used. Regardless of that it was a highly enjoyable read.

Final Verdict: Secret, Silent Screams was a gripping read that I won't soon be forgetting.

Secret, Silent Screams earns 5 out of 5 pineapples.

Kelley Matthews says

"Secret,Silent,Sreams,"by Joan Lowery Nixon, tells how Marti trys to prove that her best friend, Barry, did not comite suicide. However, with a line of suicides in there school, it seems like Barry just fell under the influence. With only a detective on her side, Marti is going through a battle trying to give her freind a good name. with Marti trying to prove that Barry was killed, the murderer is becoming more clear and seems to be coming after her.

Jenny says

I read this book because my son asked me too. It's a good book. I think the subject matter is good for middle schoolers, and as a parent it gives you pause to think about how much you might be ignoring your child for your own life.

I'm glad my son's middle school allows such books into their library, and doesn't censor as much as I hear other public schools do.

Courtney says

This book is great for children who love mysteries. It is suspenseful and somewhat inspiring the way Marti stands up for what she believes, even when no one else believes it. This book also shows a strong friendship that lasts even after death. I believe this book would be appropriate for middle school children because of the content.

Caroline says

This book will haunt me forever. It is a classic Joan Lowery Nixon. She makes you doubt things that happen on a fairly regular basis. Was it really suicide? Or are you just overthinking it? This was one of the creepiest books that I have EVER read. For this reason I highly recommend it. It shakes up how you think about things. Amazing. This is why I love Joan Lowery Nixon. She gives me goosebumps.

Jada says

This book was very suspenseful and I was surprised at myself (not being a very big reader) I couldn't put the book down. Extremely suspenseful and the mystery answer was not disappointing. The only thing I wasn't to happy with was the utterly rushed ending. I wouldn't recommend it to someone who doesn't like the topic of suicide or murder.

Jonah Leyvas says

I had mixed feelings about this book. Some parts were a little boring to me. Although the author did have suspenseful parts that kept me on the edge of my seat. Also, she was very descriptive in her word choice which made me almost feel apart of the murder mystery!

Bonita says

I. Love. This. Book. I read it when I was in middle school and from the moment you start reading it you are immediately sucked in! You don't want to put it down until you know absolutely every single detail of what really happened. It's just SO good! I honestly don't know what else to say other than that THIS was the book that got me into reading in the first place! It will forever be my favorite book.

luhvBOOKS says

Title: Secret, Silent Screams

Author: Joan Lowery Nixon

Series: N/A

Rating: ★★★★★

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Review: It's amazing how she can write so many stories and none of them have anything to do with the other. I love it.

Things I Loved: It was a whole different story now. This time it was a set-up suicide. But she still got that twist in there...

Things I Hated: N/A

Yves Brunet says

Another young adult book whose title has absolutely nothing to do with the story. Having said that I did enjoy this book about Matti who does not believe that her friend Barry committed suicide. Everyone else, including his parents, seem to think that he did. Matti does not let go and somehow manages to convince a police officer to believe in her quest for truth. I found this book enjoyable.

Nidah (SleepDreamWrite) says

This author is starting to become one of my favorite authors. Like the suspense in her writing and pace. Even if the ending I thought, while good, I was like, huh, thought there was going to be more there. Like that Marti kept with it and was looking into what happened to her friend Barry, if everyone thought the opposite, except for Karen, a cop, who helps Marti. Near the end however I was like, Marti why would you do that, do you not know what happens in scary movies? Anyway, pretty good quick suspenseful read.

Emily Dean says

Holy crap this book was frustrating. The main character spends 95% of the book screaming that her friend didn't kill himself, yet we're given zero reason to believe her, other than the whole left-handed thing - which any reasonable cop should've looked into, by the way. Instead of telling the cops about the phone calls, the grey car, and the hat on her bed, she just kept saying the same thing over and over and over and over. None of the characters had any depth to them. And the kicker was that she almost gets killed, and her only reaction to her mom is "sure, I'll do my homework!" Like..... what an annoying main character.

