

# THE READING ZONE

## STUDENT BOOK REVIEW

### ***In Plain Sight***

By Carol Otis Hurst

Published by Houghton Mifflin Company

Sarah Corbin is a happy eleven-year-old girl in the late 1840's. That is, until she discovers that her father, Miles Corbin, is one of the many going to California in search of gold. While he is away, Sarah and her family receive few letters from him. During his absence Sarah faces many challenges, including a barn fire in which Sarah and her younger brother Robbie almost die. One day, her family receives word that Miles jumped off of the ship that was bringing him back home. But weeks later when Sarah is snooping around her grandfather's house, she finds a letter that says differently. Which letter is correct? Is Miles really dead?

I like this book because it is wonderfully written and realistic. Not only does it describe Sarah's challenges without her father, but it also includes her journey to find her father, if he is still alive, and bring him back home.



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### **Who is your favorite author?:**

J. K. Rowling.

### **Who turned you on to reading?:**

My family, because they all read a lot.

### **Did you learn anything from this book?:**

I learned that you really don't realize what you have and how much it is worth to you until it's gone.

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