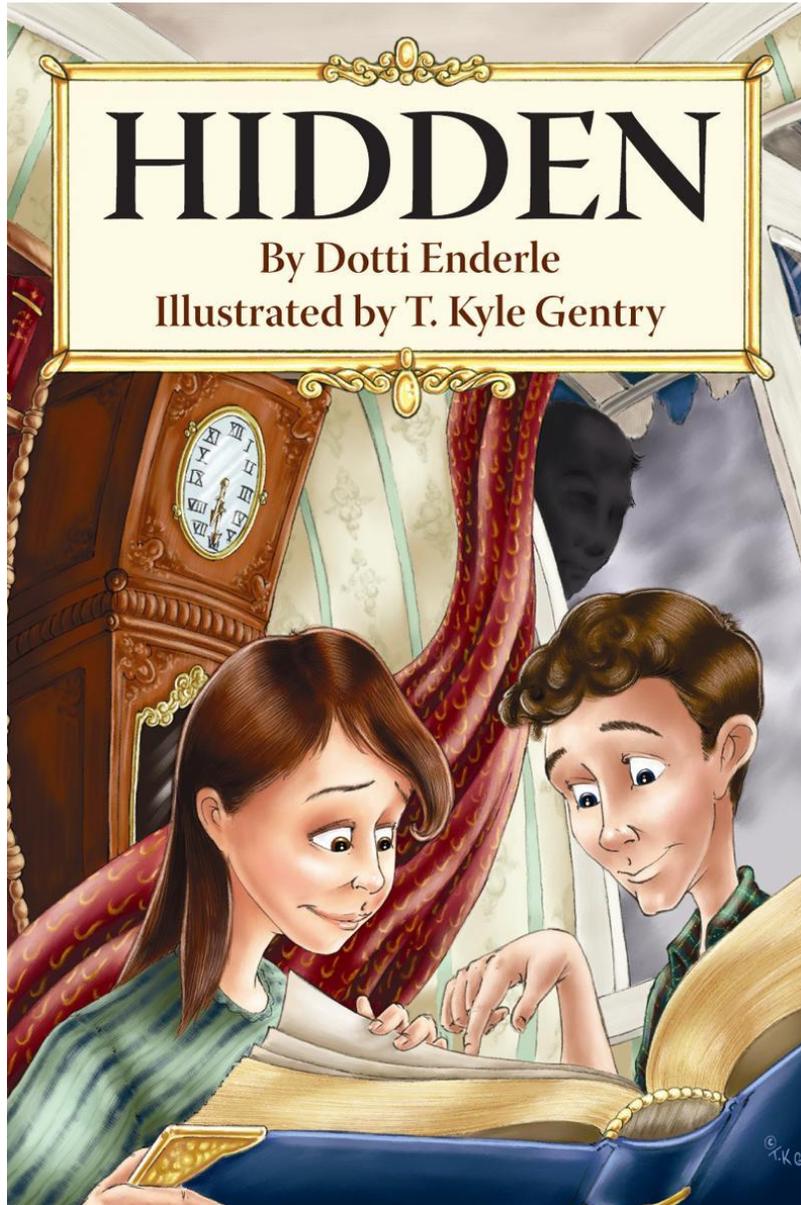




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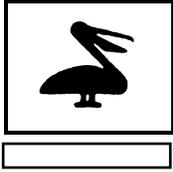
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## **Discussion Questions**

1. What does the title suggest? What other things are hidden within the story besides Grandpa's treasure?
2. Fi wasn't used to small town life. Have you ever had an experience where you've had to adjust from a city to a small town or vice versa?
3. Did you guess Eugene's secret before it was revealed?
4. Why do you think Eugene led Fi to believe he was Grandma's yard boy instead of telling her who he really was?
5. Why do you think the grandfather clock only worked when Eugene was around?
6. Eugene told Fi he knew something about astronomy. What does this tell you about Eugene's relationship with his father?
7. Do you think Eugene knew what was hidden all along? If so, then why didn't he tell Fi from the start?
8. Fi said she'd be back to testify at Mr. Hinkle's trial. Why do you think Eugene won't be there?
9. Fi spent time in her mother's childhood bedroom. How would you feel lying in one of your parents' childhood bedrooms? What books, magazines, music, and television shows would they have had back then?
10. Fi's grandfather loved astronomy. Have you ever looked through a telescope? What things in the night sky might you see through a telescope? In the day sky?
11. Fi felt bad that she never knew her grandmother or grandfather. Is there someone you wish you'd known? What talents or hobbies do you think they might have had?
12. Much fuss was made over the baseball card. Why do you think that card is worth more than most other baseball cards? Was it worth a lot when Eugene was alive? Why do you think Eugene and John Hinkle fought over it?



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13. If you owned something valuable, where might you hide it? What clues would you leave to where it was hidden?
14. If *Hidden* were made into a movie, which actor would you cast to play Fi? Eugene? Mr. Hinkle?
15. Do you think Fi's grandmother ever saw the anniversary card? Why?

## VOCABULARY WORDS

These science and math words appear in *Hidden*:

ammonia	hydrogen	stargazer
astral	leverage	sunbeams
astronomers	Mercury	symbols
barometer	meteor	thermometer
celestial	methane	universe
constellation	observatory	
crescent	orbiting	
eclipse	particles	
equations	planetary	
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Twelve-year-old Fiona is not looking forward to traveling to California with her parents to clean out her recently deceased grandmother's house. But when she finds a secret love letter from her grandfather to her grandmother containing mysterious symbols, she's suddenly keen on exploring every nook and cranny of the abandoned house.

Solving the mystery requires Fiona to learn more about both astronomy and mythology as she discovers the secrets behind two murders and a kidnapping, encounters a ghost, and eventually finds buried treasure. As she explores her grandmother's house for clues, Fiona also learns more about her grandmother and mother than she ever imagined and realizes that solving the mysteries of the past is a hidden treasure in itself.

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