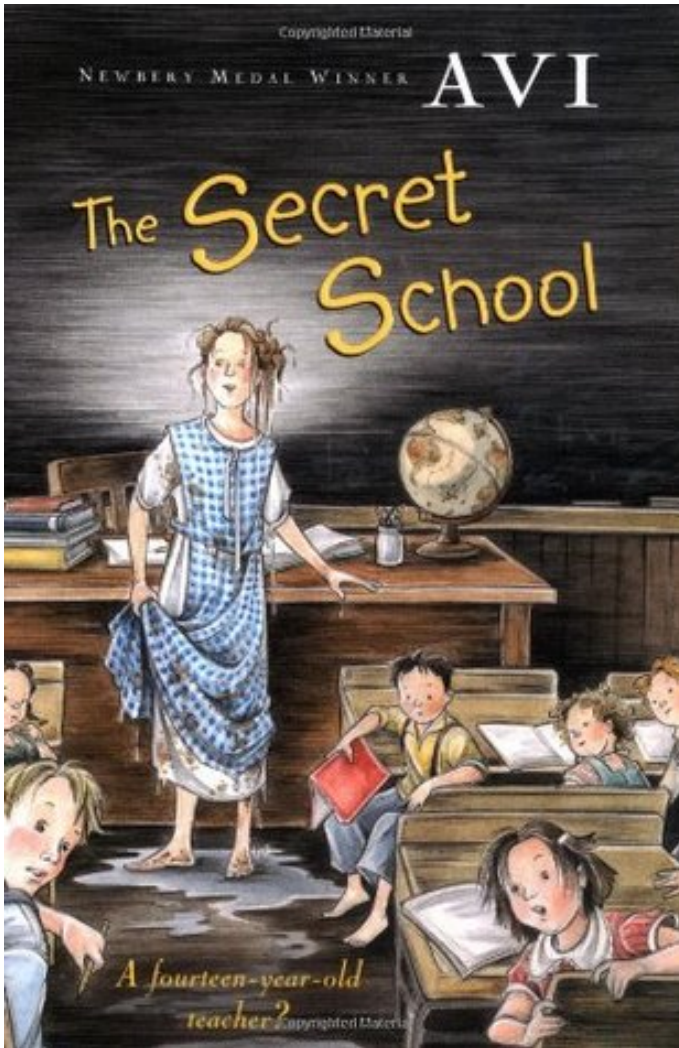

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The Secret School



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Description

More than anything, Ida Bidson wants to become a teacher. To do that, she must finish eighth grade, then go on to high school. But her dream falters when the one-room school in her remote Colorado town shuts down. Her only hope is to keep the school open without anyone finding out. Yet even a *secret* school needs a teacher. Ida can't be it. . . . Or can she?

In the spirit of *The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle*, Newbery Medal winner Avi creates an inspiring story of a headstrong girl determined to control her own destiny.

Insightful reviews

Miss Amanda: This is such good story. I read this book today and I really needed to. I hear (from people) and read articles about the education system in the United States. Most of time it's all negative and this morning when I was reading the news, there were three negative articles.

This story is about a one room school closing in 1925, because the teacher needed to leave to take care of a sick relative and the school board deciding to close the school early for the year. The children take their education in hand by unanimous vote, to keep the school open. One of the students, Ida becomes the teacher of the others, while continuing her own education.

It's a great heart warming story with quite a few different layers. There is also a lot about, grouping up and how you are perceived; a hint of romance and about a lot of hard work.

Jennifer: Avi is one of the authors that I always expect great things from, and I am never disappointed when I read one of his books. *The Secret School* is about a fourth grade reading level, but perfect for a class that I teach of struggling readers. This quick read (about 150 pages, but larger print than normal) is about a valley of farmer's children that go to school in a one room schoolhouse. Their teacher is leaving because her mother is ill and the school board has decided to close the school. Then a student (Tom) decides that they could continue going to school if one of the other students (Ida) becomes the teacher. After a night of thinking about it, Ida decides that if the whole class agrees on it, then she will take over as teacher. The only thing is, they can't let the school board know, so the secret school is born. Ida learns that it is difficult becoming the teacher, as well as studying herself and working on the farm, but for the most part everything goes well, until...

I'm sure that you can figure out some of the problems that erupt when you have a secret school, but you'll have to read the story to find out more. All in all, this is a great book that can get student's thinking about what it was like when everyone went to school in the same room regardless of age. There are lessons about motivation and helping one another as well. As a teacher, I would encourage others to take a deeper look at what it would be like if we were not forced to get an education. I think that if our students begin to really look at what privileges they have now, they might not be so upset when they have to get up in the morning or do their homework. Also, there are tons of history lessons that can pop up from discussing this book.

It's a small book but can lead off to greater things. I highly recommend it to beginning novel readers, struggling older readers, or teachers that want something quick and sweet to start off their units.

Yocheved: i read it and its really good!!

Cristina S.: This publication used to be ok. the tale did not quite commence picking out up till the top of the story. It bought type of tricky to complete the booklet because it received a bit boring, even though there have been a couple of components the place it acquired a piece interesting. The ebook is ready a lady named Ida, a fourteen yr outdated that wishes to visit highschool very badly. again then lots of people did not think that women may still visit highschool simply because they do not desire an education. Ida went to college at some point while her instructor Mrs. Fletcher acknowledged that she used to be leaving university and there has been no replacement, the scholars got here up with a plan for Ida to educate secretly. the tale is set Ida attempting to educate the kids with a whole bunch twists and turns alongside the way. although it took your time to get into the publication it wasn't terrible. i like to recommend this publication to those who like books approximately history.

Miss Amanda: gr 3-6 151 pgs 1925. 14 12 months previous Ida desires to be a instructor greater than anything. while her instructor leaves and the varsity is all at once shut, Ida is wanting to locate a way of taking her finish of the yr exam, so she will be able to proceed directly to excessive school. while her good friend Tom means that Ida may be the teacher, Ida thinks he is crazy. but if there does not appear to be the other way, Ida starts off to wonder whether it could possibly now not be one of these loopy plan after all! Interesting story.

Deanna Brooks: it really is 1925, and 14 12 months outdated Ida Bidson plans on being a faculty instructor whilst she grows up. yet suddenly, her dream is threatened while her tuition teacher, Mrs. Fletcher, declares she is going to need to pass domestic to maintain her in poor health mother, and won't have the capacity to end the year. Mr. Jordan, the pinnacle of the neighborhood institution board additional explains that the college division are usually not changing the instructor and so institution is out till subsequent fall, while the youngsters might want to repeat the grade. This is disastrous for Ida, who together with her buddy Tom, is predicted to take an go out examination on the finish of the yr so as to input highschool within the fall. A plan starts off to take shape, and Ida and her co-students agree that she may still end out the 12 months because the teacher. Avi's novel is gradual to start, yet quickly takes off. The characters are good outlined and three-dimensional. the children interact to make their mystery institution work, or even within the face of adversity, be capable to pull all of it off. The period of time deals brilliant photographs of the auto with the crank, the youngsters at the mule, etc. more youthful teenagers may perhaps locate this publication enjoyable to learn because it is basically an even bigger model of the sport of "playing school." 4th grade analyzing level. curiosity level, grades 4-7th.

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