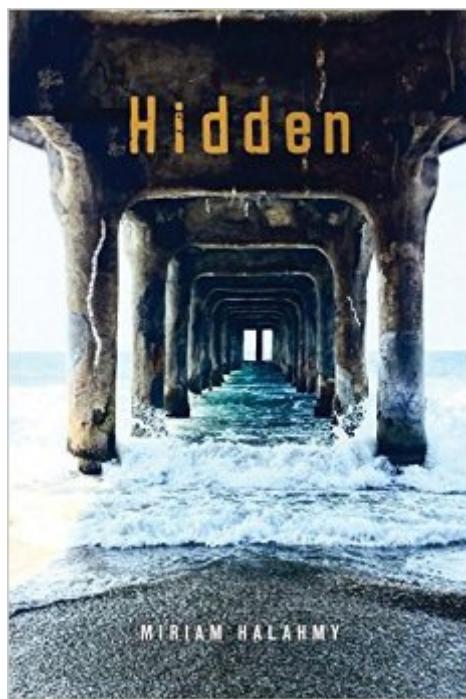


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# Hidden



## **Synopsis**

An exciting as well as thought-provoking novel about a teen who finds an injured illegal immigrant and must make a complex moral decision about his fate. For fourteen-year-old Alix, life on Hayling Island off the coast of England seems insulated from problems such as war, terrorism and refugees. But when Alix and her friend Samir go to the beach and pull a drowning man out of the incoming tide, her world changes. Mohammed, an illegal immigrant and student, has been tortured by rebels in Iraq for helping the allied forces and has spent all his money to escape. Desperate not to be deported, Mohammed's destiny now lies in Alix's hands, and she is faced with the biggest moral dilemma of her life. "

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## **Customer Reviews**

This is such a great book that had me grinning and giggling with laughter one moment, wiping away quiet tears the next. Hidden is told through the eyes of Alix, a teenage girl living on Hayling Island in England. Her voice is so honest and raw, her emotions there for all to see. Alix has to make some pretty huge decisions and cope with so much going on around her, like an entertainer spinning plates on long bamboo poles. Alix witnesses a gang of thugs tormenting Samir, a lad from her school. A tentative friendship develops after she stands up for him. While walking along the beach, they rescue a drowning man from the freezing waters. The man turns out to be an asylum seeker, but if they turn him over to the police, will he be sent straight back to Iraq and certain death? Yeah, pretty huge decisions. Alix and Samir vow to keep their mystery man safe, but in the best tradition of

'a secret is something you tell one person at a time,' other friends and enemies soon find out what's going on. That's when things become really messy for Alix and the story becomes engrossing. At times, Hidden could so easily veer off to become a thumping big issue, but author Miriam Halahmy weaves a careful path of emotions and maintains the strong narrative that makes this a thoroughly entertaining story first, and an issue second.

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