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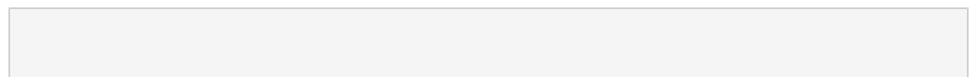
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Luke Garner is terrified.

Out of hiding for the first time in his life, he knows that any minute one of his new classmates at Hendricks School for Boys could discover his secret: that he's a third child passing as the recently deceased Lee Grant. And in a society where it's illegal for families to have more than two children, being a third child means certain death at the hands of the dreaded Population Police.

His first experience outside the safety of his home is bewildering. There's not a single window anywhere in the school; Luke can't tell his classmates apart (even as they subject him to brutal hazing); and the teachers seem oblivious to it all. Desperate to fit in, Luke endures the confusion and teasing until he discovers an unlocked door to the outside, and a chance to understand what is really going on. But to take this chance -- to find out the secrets of Hendricks -- Luke will need to put aside his fears and discover a courage that a lifetime in hiding couldn't thwart.

Once again, best-selling author Margaret Peterson Haddix delights her fans with this spine-tingling account of an all-too-possible future. *Among the Impostors* is a worthy companion to *Among the Hidden* and a heart-stopping thriller in its own right.



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Editorial Review

From Publishers Weekly

This sequel to *Among the Hidden* picks up with Luke finally out of hiding and going to boarding school under an assumed identity. "While Haddix is often able to capture the suspense of her earlier work," wrote PW, "this installment gets mired in too many confusing details." Ages 9-14. (Oct.)

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From School Library Journal

Grade 5-7-Luke, a third child, hides quietly in his house, eluding the Population Police because he lives in a society in which families are only allowed two children. Now he has a chance to come out of the shadows by taking on an assumed identity and leaving home. This sequel to *Among the Hidden* (S & S, 1998) has Luke, now Lee, entering the Hendricks School for boys and a completely new existence where he feels lost and confused by his surroundings. He has gone from a furtive solitary existence to one in which he is never alone, from being desperate for company to being hazed by his classmates, particularly his roommate, "the Jackal." Lee learns to cope with the changes before him by escaping through the door to the outside. The story is artfully told with suspense and interesting twists. As Lee's confusion dissipates, readers begin to see what is going on. Lee is a fully realized character, developing courage and a true sense of self. Peripheral characters are not as fully developed, serving solely to further the story. Repeated references to Jen, another third child from the first book and martyr to all third children, may cause readers to wonder what they have missed. By the end of the story, the main character evolves into "L" and the author has created the possibility for another sequel. This compelling read can be enjoyed alone but it's sure to leave readers wanting to know the whole story.

Susan M. Moore, Louisville Free Public Library, KY

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Gr. 5-7. In *Among the Hidden* (1998), Luke Garner was growing up as a forbidden third child in a society that has outlawed more than two children per family. Here, he's 12 years old and enrolled with fake credentials in a boarding school as Lee Grant. Homesick and scared, he tries to keep a low profile; but there is no privacy whatsoever--eight boys to a bedroom, communal bathrooms, and hall monitors and guards everywhere. Finding his way around school is a nightmare, classes are incomprehensible, and teachers are indifferent. When he spots a door open to the outdoors, he sneaks out, returning reluctantly at dusk. He soon discovers others slipping through the door to meet regularly in the woods. Unfortunately, there's a traitor in the group who's working for the Population Police to unmask and turn in the shadow children. Can the illegals be saved from certain death? Luke and his experiences are believable in the appealing, simple futuristic story. Kids who've read the first book will welcome this one. *Sally Estes*

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