



40 Days in Hicksville **A Young Adult Mystery by Christina Kilbourne**

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From the award-winning author of Safe Harbour comes another "gritty, highly engaging, realistic mystery." (Kirkus)

Kate doesn't want to spend one minute in the "Hicksville" her mother moved them to, much less the year she's stuck here in the decaying house they inherited from her grandparents. She misses her boyfriend and sneaking out at night to make urban exploration videos for her growing YouTube channel.

Zach, the boy who lives next door, tries to befriend Kate even though she ignores him. But when Kate discovers her estranged grandfather lives nearby, she wants to meet him despite the small-town rumours of his violent past, and takes Zach with her. That's when they find the crevasse on her grandfather's property and the skeletons hidden inside. That's the day they find out Kate's uncle and his friend went missing as teenagers.

Instead of counting down the days until she can leave Hicksville, Kate and Zach start working together to solve the cold case that has silenced her mother for thirty-five years.

The Author

Christina Kilbourne is an award-winning author of adult, young adult, and middle-grade fiction. Her books have won the Manitoba Young Readers Choice Award, a Snow Willow Award, and a Red Cedar Award and have been nominated for numerous others. She was born in Southwestern Ontario but spent her school years in Muskoka where she attended a two-room country school. In her spare time, Kilbourne enjoys travelling, skiing, hiking, kayaking, and anything else that keeps her moving. She lives in Bracebridge, Ontario

Praise for previous works:

"Safe Harbour is beautifully constructed and written. Each revelation arises naturally and effortlessly, and Harbour's voice feels realistic."

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