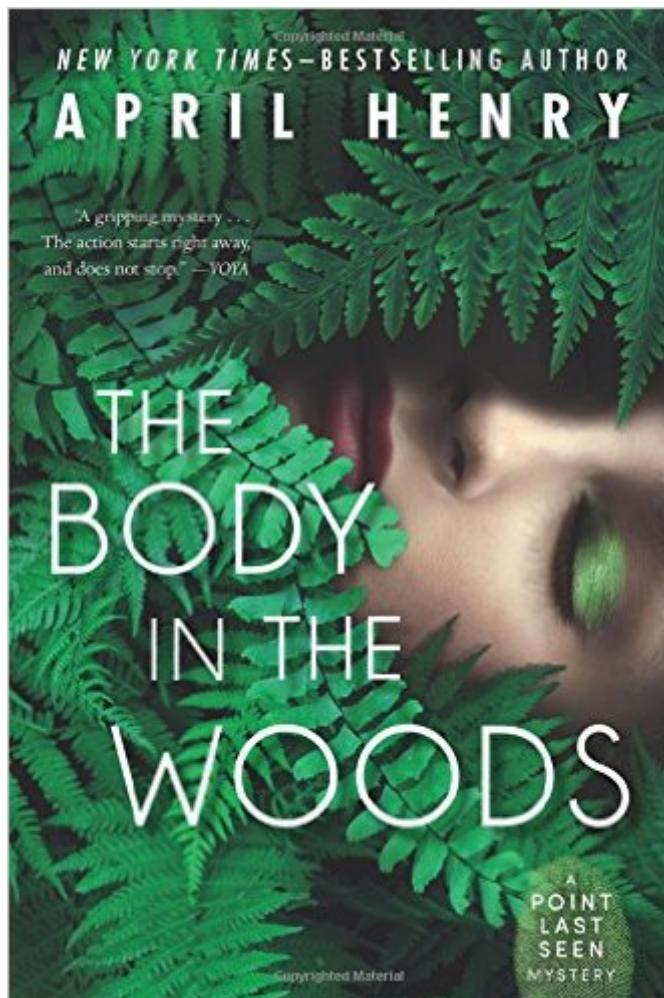


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# The Body In The Woods: A Point Last Seen Mystery



## **Synopsis**

Alexis, Nick, and Ruby have very different backgrounds: Alexis has spent her life covering for her mom's mental illness, Nick's bravado hides his fear of not being good enough, and Ruby just wants to pursue her eccentric interests in a world that doesn't understand her. When the three teens join Portland County Sheriff's Search and Rescue, they are teamed up to search for a autistic man lost in the woods. What they find instead is a dead body. In a friendship that will be forged in danger, fear and courage, the three team up to find the girl's killer before he can strike one of their own. This first book in April Henry's Point Last Seen YA mystery series, The Body in the Woods is full of riveting suspense, putting readers right in the middle of harrowing rescues and crime scene investigations.

## **Book Information**

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Grade Level: 7 and up

## **Customer Reviews**

Over the years, my husband has turned me on to the merits of a good crime novel, but normally I only find those in the adult section. April Henry is an author who might change that limitation. Henry is a New York Times-bestselling author of over a dozen mysteries and thrillers, some of which are for teens. I recently discovered her latest novel, The Body in the Woods, because of my interest in search and rescue. The atypical teen plot and sympathetic characters made it a win for me. How is

the plot atypical? For one thing, it's about three teens who meet when they join Portland County's Search and Rescue, because of which all kinds of unusual things can happen. For example, the teens can be summoned to search and rescue duty in the middle of a school day or in the dead of the night. On the surface, it may sound like this book is about a team of heroes with special powers, similar to many of the young adult fantasies being published today. But it's not. These "heroes" can only serve on the search and rescue team if they keep their grades up and stay out of trouble. They must learn to work with a team, search for clues on a trail, and become part of the valuable work of finding missing people. They face real-world tension, akin to that found in hospitals and courts. The plot is atypical in other ways. On their first mission the three are teamed up to search the woods for a lost autistic man, but when they find a dead body instead they're suddenly catapulted into a crime investigation. If you think this sounds too unrealistic, keep in mind that Henry's story is inspired by a real incident. While the stereotype of teens is that they're all about having drinking binges, losing their virginity, or otherwise wasting their lives, many teens live interesting lives.

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