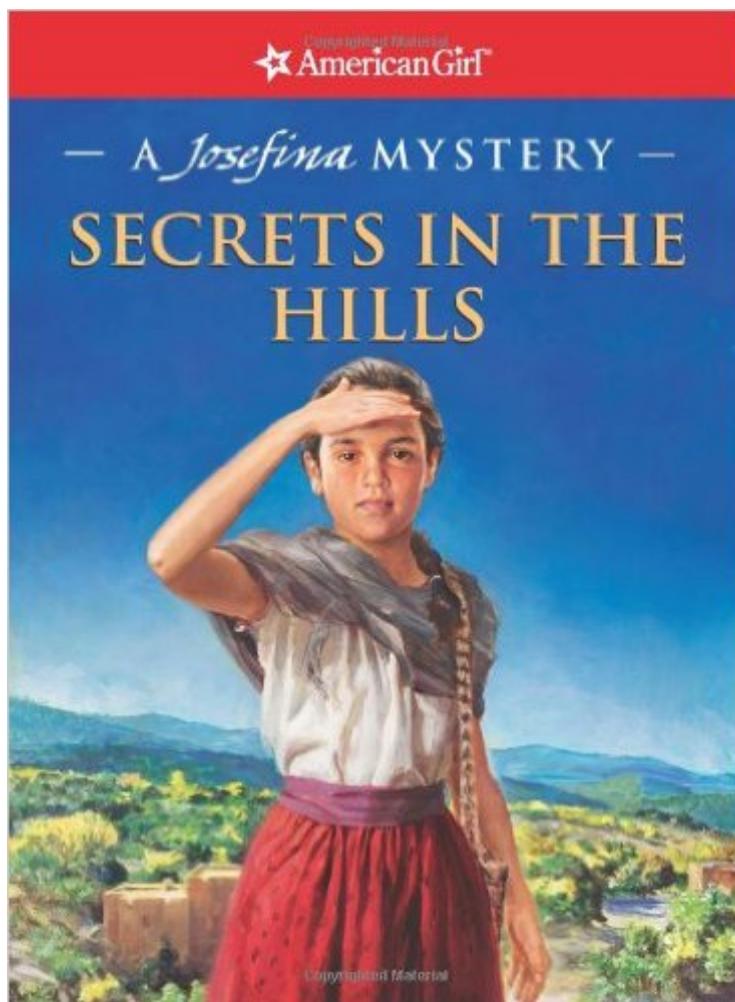


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Synopsis

Josefina has heard tales and legends all her life: rumors of gold and silver buried in the hills, tales of a ghostly Weeping Woman who haunts the countryside. But she never imagined that such tales might be true--until one day a mysterious stranger arrives at her rancho. Set in New Mexico in 1826.

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Customer Reviews

Once again, an historical fiction that tells more about the ambiance of the American real people of New Mexico : competing Indian tribes and Spanish farmers, and the invasion of Eastern immigrants "Americanos" to the western territories-

Well I consider myself Josefina's biggest fan, having fallen in love with her six-book series, and I enjoy mysteries, so I was really looking forward to reading my favorite character's single installment in this series. But I thought it lacked a lot of the interest of the other AG mysteries. The story switches between a ghostly legend and a search for treasure, both of which plots would have been better on their own but were poorly combined. There were a lot of fortunate coincidences in the plotline, and Josefina essentially followed around while others solved the mystery. She was not

proactive like the other heroines, such as Kirsten, and seemed unsure and almost melodramatic, which is out of character. Frankly, I found myself bored and hoping the story would pick up, but it never did. For much younger children this may be an interesting story, but I'm personally hoping Josefina will receive a better mystery soon.

Purchased this book for my 11 year old daughter for a Christmas gift. She had read it before the day was over! Another quality story from the American Girls series. My daughter loves the adventures in the books as well as the good morals the girls have.

Out of all the American girl mysteries, this is one of my favorites, if not my favorite! if your looking for adventure, i would get this book. Its really exciting when two strangers come, and there all shocked when they see one of thems a American! I think this is a great book, and if you like the other mysteries, you'll love this one like me! Hope i helped!

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