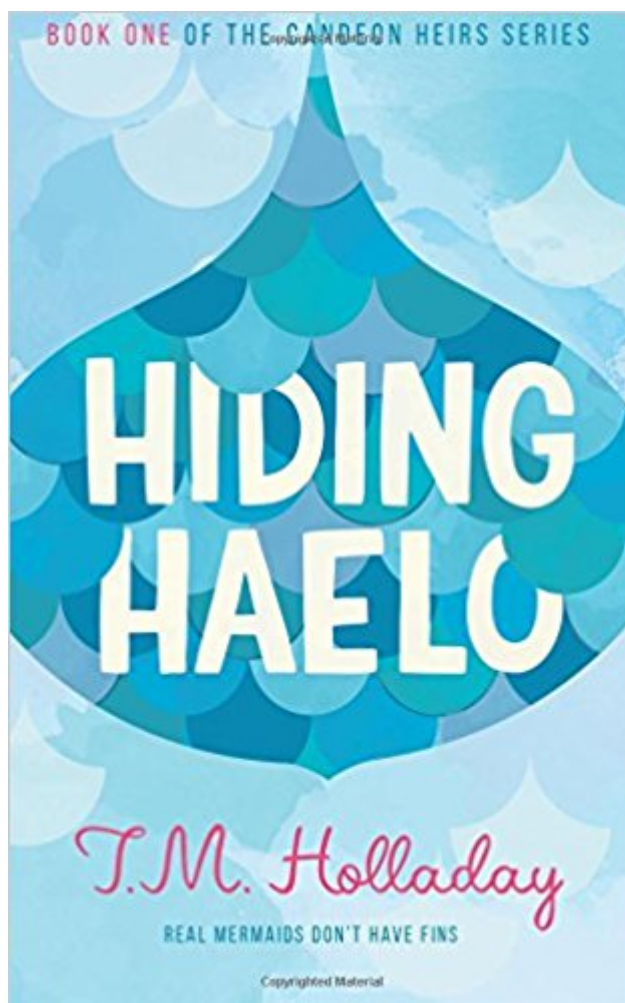


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Synopsis

Though practically a mermaid, Haelo Marley lives an otherwise ordinary life in San Diego, California. Sensing auras and summoning ocean currents are Candeon capabilities she's kept secret from the humans around her. But not everyone—including Haelo—is who they seem. When the memory of an underwater battle surfaces in her dreams, Haelo realizes there is more to her story than she thought. And Dagger, the only other Candeon at school, might have the answers she needs. Haelo will risk her heart as she is thrust into a world of mercenaries and secrets, magic and special ops teams, legends and a hidden island palace. With the entire Candeon race depending on her, Haelo suddenly finds herself both a target and a key player in a game she's not sure she's willing to play. This is the first book in a series and ends on a cliffhanger. It is clean (PG-rated), though not juvenile.

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"What a wonderful find this book has been! It is rare in the world of young adult fantasy to find a book where the characters are so well-developed. But despite the fantastical premise of the book, I was completely sucked in to Haelo's world, feeling and believing in her struggles. Ms. Holladay has crafted an amazing story here and I can't wait for book 2!" --Nicole Van, author of the House of Oak series

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T.M. Holladay grew up in the Valley of the Sun, where she and her husband are now raising their three children. She was inspired to write Haelo's story while in college on the North Shore of Oahu, which she misses dearly. She's a writer, a composer, a musician, and devoted watermelon enthusiast.

Enthralling. I couldn't put it down. Great characters and character development. I love that the author uses real Greek and Latin in the names and many of the words in the Candeon world. The main character, Haelo, is fantastic. She's realistic and funny. I just finished and I'm picking it back up because I'm not ready to let go. I am so excited for the second book! Everything-the plot and characters are very well thought out. If you're looking to get lost in a book and totally absorbed in another world, this is it. I love Harry Potter and I liked Twilight (but didn't finish the series). I'm not super into Young adult fiction, but this is absolutely an exception. I'm in love with this book and will be reading it over and over. I can't wait for my daughter to get just a little older (she's 9) so she can read it too. It's clean, but not juvenile. There is comedy, action, romance, and suspense. It's a page-turner. I can't recommend this highly enough!

I read this based off the assumption that it was a clean romance. I also thought it was a stand alone book. While the romance elements were clean, there were mild profanities throughout the book (less than 10). There was also talk of drug use. I'd rate the book as mild+ with these in mind. Still clean enough for me to be comfortable reading it, but good to be aware of the other elements. This was also not a stand alone book. It ends on a cliff hanger and is packed with enough juicy secrets to last at least two more books, I'd guess. So know going into it that you're probably going to be investing in a few more years before resolution. :)*Spoilers*I enjoyed the characters and unique Candeon world. It reminded me of Harry Potter (the unsuspecting chosen one in an unfamiliar fantasy world) and another YA book I can't recall the name of (unsuspecting chosen one with unique anatomy, arranged marriage, people at war AND hot bodyguard). But there were enough unique elements and secrets to keep me engaged and interested and the pacing was great. And the heroine and hero were very likeable and worthy of respect. I'm looking forward to the next book and finding out more. I'm also very curious about how the romance is going to pan out...

This is absolutely the next huge YA fantasy. Or at least, it will be once it gets enough exposure--that's my only guess as to why it hasn't taken off. The cover makes it look cute; the book description makes it seem pretty interesting. It has far more than that going on. Think Harry Potter or Fablehaven for epic scope; think Twilight for suspenseful, cool high school to adult appeal with suspense, fast pacing, and romantic tension (but without the stuff we hate in Twilight). And on that note, if you're thinking, "mermaids? Meh..." just think how many people thought "vampires? Meh..." when Twilight came out. The characters are fully fleshed out and relatable. The writing is fresh and original. The world building is such that you KNOW she's got enough for book upon book--the backstory is complex and compelling. I was never bored, never wanted to skim, and that's rare for me; in fact, there were a couple parts in the beginning that went a little too fast, where I wanted to know more. I binge read this book in less than 48 hours, ignoring my real life as much as possible to devour it. So much is going on beneath the surface with this book: a magic system sure to be explored further in subsequent books; action and suspense worthy of a mystery or cool spy novel; romantic tension to keep you drooling, but with relationship development keeping it real; wit that surprises and makes you laugh out loud; beautiful and natural prose; several plot twists; car chases, black magic, special ops teams, and a hidden island palace, in addition to the Candeon capabilities and high school intrigue mentioned in the blurb. All that's missing here is a big publisher and major marketing...either that or lots of word of mouth to get this series the attention it deserves.

Thoroughly enjoyed this book! I am anxiously awaiting the sequel :)I love this take on "mermaids". The plot is exciting and fun, and I love how the author deals with relevant teenager and women's issues! The characters are wonderful.I bought this for my ultra-picky, fantasy-novel-loving, 16yo sister as soon as I finished reading. She loved it too!

How do you know when you find a good book? You get it from the mail at 8pm at night and decide to read a few chapters and all of a sudden it's 1 am, you literally have to leave the book downstairs in your living room to make yourself go to sleep. Then you wake up and finish it, letting daily chores go undone. Seriously it was so intriguing! The characters are well developed, the plot is exciting with a little bit of everything; action, romance, adventure. T.M.Holladay has created a whole new world into my imagination and I cannot wait for book 2!

looks like a great start to a series that fit between Harry Potter and the Hunger Games (my favorite till now). It quickly pulled me into it and I couldn't put it down. The only suggestion I would make is to read the hard copy. I made the mistake on reading it on my lpad with the kindle app so I just kept turning the pages with my finger and didn't realize how close to the end of the book I was getting. Talk about ending on a cliff hanger and the shock that I was going to have to wait for book two.....Mrs Holladay did a excellent job on this story line and so glad she shared her thoughts and story with us, but she needs to move up the date for book two if she wants me to forgive her for leaving me hanging like that.

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