

Among the Hidden

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Chapter One Pages 1-3

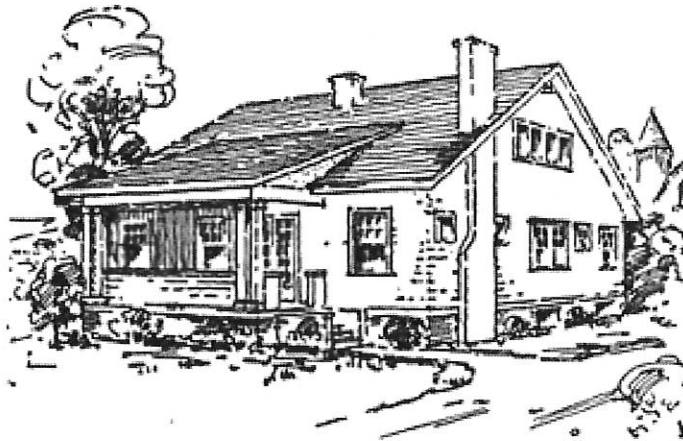
Chapter Two Pages 6-11



Write the **letter** of the correct answer in the blank before each question.

- _____ 1. Luke Garner had never disobeyed his mother's orders to (A) work the garden, (B) hide, (C) stay indoors.
- _____ 2. The day they began taking the woods away, Luke knew he would never (A) be allowed outside again, (B) be able to walk in the forest again, (C) see his grandparents again.
- _____ 3. Luke's dad sold the woods because (A) the land was needed for planting, (B) the Government wanted it, and he didn't have a choice, (C) the family needed the money to pay taxes.
- _____ 4. The Garners had defied the Government once by (A) refusing to move into the city, (B) refusing to allow Luke's older brothers to join the military, (C) having Luke.
- _____ 5. What was going to be built on the land that Luke's family had sold? (A) houses, (B) a nuclear power plant, (C) a large school.
- _____ 6. Luke was (A) 16 years old, (B) 14 years old, (C) 12 years old.
- _____ 7. Luke thought of the Government as a huge mean person who (A) took without asking, (B) went around yelling at people, (C) didn't deserve anyone's loyalty.
- _____ 8. Once the trees were gone, Luke would have to (A) stay away from the windows, (B) find a new source of fuel for the family, (C) do some of his chores at night.
- _____ 9. Luke's father made it clear that he (A) would not be excused from his share of the chores, (B) must not be seen, (C) would be severely punished if he did not do his share of the work.
- _____ 10. Luke (A) was much younger than his two older brothers, (B) looked like a miniature version of his fifteen-year-old brother Matthew, (C) was fair and smaller-boned than his dark-haired older brothers.

- _____ 11. With the sound of tires on their gravel driveway, Luke hid and his mother (A) quickly removed all evidence that he existed, (B) nervously opened the door, (C) pulled up another chair and put another plate on the table.
- _____ 12. Luke had to hide because it was against the law for (A) women to have more than two babies, (B) parents to allow their children outside the house except on specified days, (C) a person of his hair color and body stature to live with their families.
- _____ 13. Luke didn't know if (A) his mother really wanted him, (B) all very little kids had to hide, (C) there was anyone else like him.
- _____ 14. Which of the following was **not** something Luke thought he would do when he got as old as Matthew and Mark? (A) go to school, (B) play in the front yard, (C) have a birthday party.
- _____ 15. Luke remembered that on his sixth birthday, Mark had complained because he (A) had to look after a little brother, (B) wanted to have a party, (C) Robert Jo had not been invited for cake.
- _____ 16. How old was Luke when his mother explained why he had to hide? (A) six, (B) eight, (C) ten.
- _____ 17. When Luke's mother got pregnant with him (A) people were still allowed to have more than two children as well as pets, (B) the Population Law hadn't been around long, and she thought the Government would get over their foolishness, (C) the law requiring women to get rid of a third child had not been passed.
- _____ 18. The Population Police had ways of finding out everything, and they (A) took babies from their families and gave them to childless couples, (B) arrested women who had not been sterilized after their second child, (C) would do anything to enforce the law.
- _____ 19. After the talk with his mother, Luke (A) wanted to run away from home, the pigs, and his brothers' talk of school, (B) didn't mind hiding so much anymore, (C) hoped that she would someday have the son she wanted to name "John."
- _____ 20. The backyard had always been safe for Luke until (A) the baby pigs were born in the barn, (B) they took the woods away, (C) the Population Police began making surprise visits to area families.



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Questions for Chapter Three

1. What toy did Luke long for? Why?
2. What rule did Luke have to follow in order to walk around in the house?
3. How did Mark treat Luke?
4. Why did Dad grumble about Luke staying in the attic?
5. Had Luke ever seen another human being other than his family?
6. Luke's mother said "and things could be worse." Do you agree with her? Why?

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Questions for Chapter Four

1. Where did Luke have to sit for breakfast?
2. Why did they decide to sit Luke there?
3. What was Luke eating for breakfast?

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Chapter Five Pages 23-26 **Chapter Six** Pages 27-29
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Write either **Yes** or **No** in the blank before each question.

- _____ 1. Having been forbidden to eat with the family in the kitchen, did Luke eat every meal sitting on the bottom stair step?
- _____ 2. Were there any other people other than Luke's family living on their road?
- _____ 3. Did the Government send letters to the Garners with orders about how to run their farm?
- _____ 4. When she had saved up enough money to buy a stamp to send a letter to relatives, did Luke's mother write a lot about him?
- _____ 5. Did Dad have trouble understanding some of the words in the letter the Government sent concerning the hogs?
- _____ 6. Did the Government letter instruct Luke's dad to get rid of their hogs because the new people in the housing development wouldn't be able to stand the smell they caused?
- _____ 7. Did Luke's family make a living by raising and selling the hogs?
- _____ 8. Were the hogs hauled away in a large new truck that Dad had just bought?
- _____ 9. Was Luke's family the only one to receive a much higher tax bill because they were closest to the land where the fancy houses were being built?
- _____ 10. Having watched them being built, had Luke half-fallen in love with the houses?
- _____ 11. Was it Mother's habit to come to Luke's room for what she called her "Luke breaks," sometimes with the excuse that his room needed cleaning and sometimes just to sit and talk?
- _____ 12. Was the money made from selling the hogs enough to pay the higher taxes and carry the family through for a long time?
- _____ 13. Was Luke both happy and relieved to hear that Mother was going to work in the factory to help the family out?

- ____ 14. By mid-September with his parents working and his brothers in school, did Luke spend his days watching out the vents?
- ____ 15. Were the rich people who were moving into the mansions being built in the development called Barons?



- ____ 16. Did Dad speak with admiration and respect when he used the word "Baron"?
- ____ 17. Were the people streaming through the new houses dressed much the same way as Luke and his family?
- ____ 18. Did Luke think about what it would be like to sneak into a Baron's house with just one kid and pretend to be their second child?
- ____ 19. Had Luke's brothers taught him to read and do math during the evenings after they came home from school?
- ____ 20. Were adventure books Luke's favorites?
- ____ 21. When he came inside at noon to fix sandwiches for himself and Luke, did Dad talk about the farm and the situation the family was in?
- ____ 22. After coming home from the factory at six-thirty, did Mother rush out to do a whole day's work in the few hours before bedtime?
- ____ 23. Although they came to his room to play cards or checkers, could Luke tell that Matthew and Mark would rather be outside playing in the yard as they had done before the woods came down?
- ____ 24. One night while she was talking to Luke before tucking him in, did Mother fall asleep from exhaustion?
- ____ 25. Did Luke tell his mother he no longer needed tucking in because he was angry with her?

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Questions for Chapter Eight

1. Why was the family in such a rush? Where were they going?
2. What did Luke do while they were gone?
3. What was Luke's interest that particular day?
4. Who caught Luke working in the house?
5. How did Luke feel about this situation?

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Questions for Chapter Nine

1. What did Luke see?
2. What did Luke want his mother to talk to his father about?
3. Would you like to be Luke? Why or why not?

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Questions for Chapter Ten

1. What was wrong with the bread that Luke had made?
2. How was the bread described?
3. What were they eating for dinner?
4. What did Dad think of Luke cooking?
5. What family had their windows blocked by heavy blinds?

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Chapter Eleven Pages 49-50 **Chapter Twelve** Pages 51-53
Chapter Thirteen Pages 54-55 **Chapter Fourteen** Pages 56-59

Write either **True** or **False** in the blank before each statement.

- _____ 1. On the fourth day of watching, Luke saw one of the upstairs blinds flip up and down in the Sports Family house, and on the seventh day, he saw lights go on and off through an open downstairs window.
- _____ 2. The activity Luke saw at the Sports Family house always happened when the whole family was present.
- _____ 3. Once the Sports Family left in the morning, none of them ever came back home during the day.
- _____ 4. By the thirteenth day of watching, Luke was sure someone was hiding in the Sports Family house.
- _____ 5. At harvest time, Matthew and Mark stayed out of school to help bring in the crops, and Mother's factory got busier, which left Luke alone for longer periods.
- _____ 6. The idea that he could sneak into the Sports Family house and meet the other third child grew in Luke's mind.
- _____ 7. The area between Luke's house and the Sports Family house was open and clear of any objects that would allow him to hide once he was outside.
- _____ 8. Luke thought he could get into the Sports Family house through the sliding-glass door that was left open when the weather was warm.
- _____ 9. Luke couldn't carry out his plans during the three days of October rain because of the mud, and his father and brothers were also around.



- _____ 10. On the third day of the rain, Luke went out the back door immediately after his parents left.
- _____ 11. As he made his way to the Sports Family house, Luke told himself that everyone was gone and that no one was around to see him.
- _____ 12. During his journey, Luke heard his mother's voice inside his head telling him to go back inside.
- _____ 13. Not once did Luke think about turning around and rushing back to the safety of his own house.
- _____ 14. Luke found the back door of the Sports Family house open just as he thought he would.
- _____ 15. The inside of the Sports Family house looked much like Luke's own house.
- _____ 16. Inside the house, Luke heard someone cough in another room as well as a strange *be-be-be-beep* sound.
- _____ 17. Luke found a girl sitting in front of a computer and typing away furiously.



- _____ 18. The girl screamed when she turned and saw Luke
- _____ 19. The Sports Family house, according to the girl, had an alarm system that had called the security guards the minute Luke had stepped on the property.
- _____ 20. When Luke said "Population Police," the girl screamed again.

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Questions for Chapter Fifteen:

1. Who was the girl referring to as a “shadow child”?
2. What did Luke mean by saying that “he broke many taboos today”?
3. What was the girl on the phone?
4. What does the word “competent” mean?
5. What was the girl’s name?
6. Did Jen have more or less freedom than Luke?

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Questions for Chapter Sixteen:

1. What was Jen and Luke's signal?
2. What does the word "propaganda" mean?
3. What were the names of Jen's brothers?
4. What does the word "infiltrator" mean?
5. What job did Jen's step dad have?
6. What did Jen think of Government leaders?
7. What was on the carpet?
8. What did Luke and Jen do about this situation?

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Chapter 17 Pages 75-83 Chapter 18 Pages 84-88



relief
a fourth child
the Government
free
her computer
rot in the fields

risks
the Government inspector
a big reward
the Population Police
shopping pass
her parents

a fingerprint
potato chips and soda
shadow children
the Talbot's car
vegetarians
sarcastic

food
the rally
shopping
meat
boring

From the list above, choose the word or phrase that fits each of the clues below and write it in the blank.
All answers will be used at least once. Some answers will be used more than once.

- _____ 1. Jen was happy to hear that Luke's dad was allowing his grain to do this, and she used her computer to post a message about it on the Department of Agriculture bulletin board.
- _____ 2. If these people found Jen, her parents would not be able to bribe them.
- _____ 3. It had a hallowed-out backseat where Jen could hide.
- _____ 4. They were illegal, and the Government had shut down the factories that made them.
- _____ 5. A shortage of this was the reason the Government gave for passing the Population Law.
- _____ 6. Luke stayed in his room all day when this person came out to look at the Garners' crops.
- _____ 7. Jen said it was incompetent and stupid.
- _____ 8. Jen used this word to describe her trip to the mall because her mother made her try on dresses and bras.
- _____ 9. The Government was trying to force everyone, even the Barons, to become one of these because vegetables could be produced more efficiently than meat.
- _____ 10. Some of them went hungry because they didn't have food ration cards and their families didn't share.

- _____ 11. Carlos used this word to describe Jen.
- _____ 12. The one that had been forged for Jen identified her as her mom's niece.
- _____ 13. Jen was surprised that Luke ate this since even her dad had trouble getting it.
- _____ 14. By using this password, Jen had been able to make contact with eight hundred shadow children.
- _____ 15. On the third day when he got no reply to his signal, Luke worried about Jen because he knew she took a lot of these.
- _____ 16. Jen's dad said there was plenty of this, but the Government wasn't distributing it right.



- _____ 17. Jen had not answered Luke's first signal because she was out with her mother doing this.
- _____ 18. Jen invited Luke to take part in this, but just the thought frightened him.
- _____ 19. Using one of these, Jen was able to use the computer to verify that Luke was safe because the Government said he didn't exist.
- _____ 20. Jen was confident that hundreds of them were planning to join the march on the Government to protest the Population Law.
- _____ 21. Jen explained that Sean's brother was one of these.
- _____ 22. They helped Jen spread the password for the chat room to the other shadow children.
- _____ 23. The Population Police got one of these for every third child they found.
- _____ 24. Jen assured Luke that the Population Police could not trace anyone through it.
- _____ 25. Jen felt that confronting the Government with their existence would bring this for all the illegal children.

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Questions for Chapter Nineteen:

1. What did Jen give Luke to read?
2. What game did Luke's dad offer to play with him?
3. Do you believe that Luke's dad is becoming suspicious of his behavior?
4. What is hydroponics?
5. How many calories a day was the government regulating to the people?
6. The article that intrigued Luke said that there was plenty of food and the population law was unnecessary. Who did they believe was eating all the food?

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Questions for Chapter Twenty:

1. In what month did Luke have a safe journey to Jen's house?
2. Why did Luke's dad hang around the house a lot during the winter months?
3. What did Jen want her I.D. to say?
4. In what month was the rally going to be held?

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Chapter Twenty-one Pages 100-106 Chapter Twenty-two Pages 107-113

Write either **True** or **False** in the blank before each statement.

- _____ 1. In February, Luke's dad got a letter from the Government forbidding him to grow anything indoors.
- _____ 2. Luke helped his family interpret the words in the Government letter.
- _____ 3. The Government law said that hydroponics was legal as long as it was not used to grow drugs.
- _____ 4. Seeing that his father was worried about money, Luke again felt that he might be a burden for his family.
- _____ 5. Without the hydroponics idea to research, Dad hung around the house, and Luke was able to visit Jen only once in February and twice in March.
- _____ 6. As a small child, Jen had purposely been kept away from all third children who were kids of Government officials.
- _____ 7. Due to the food shortage, no one, not even Barons, could afford to have pets.
- _____ 8. Luke's father often talked about a dog and a cat that he had when he was a boy.



- _____ 9. Luke felt guilty that the food he ate should have gone to animals as well as other people.
- _____ 10. Jen informed Luke that there was more than enough food in the world, but the Government had gone on a campaign to make women think being pregnant was evil and criminal, and it wouldn't allow them to go anywhere once they got pregnant.
- _____ 11. Jen's dad said the population was eventually going to be cut in half because so few babies were being born.
- _____ 12. Jen was concerned that one of her brothers might turn her in for the large sum of money he could get from the Government as a reward.
- _____ 13. Luke realized that his brothers were developing other interest and outgrowing him.
- _____ 14. As long as he got to visit with Jen, Luke didn't mind not having the company of his brothers as much as before.

- _____ 15. The third week of April, Jen told Luke that she was planning to take one of her parents' cars, pick up three other shadow children, save room for him, and meet all the other shadow kids at the President's house at 6 A.M.
- _____ 16. As part of her planning tactics, Jen had used the computer to schedule days off for several of the Population Police.
- _____ 17. As she talked about the rally, Jen looked rested and unusually calm.
- _____ 18. Jen was confident the Population Police were not going to do anything to a crowd of a thousand shadow children, many of whom were related to Government officials.
- _____ 19. Luke cautioned Jen that her friends from the chat room might not show up.
- _____ 20. When Luke said he couldn't go to the rally, Jen accused him of choosing to be a coward who hoped someone else would change the world for him.
- _____ 21. Jen predicted that later, when he was free, Luke would hate himself for not going to the rally.
- _____ 22. Jen agreed that Luke obviously didn't mind hiding as much as she did.
- _____ 23. When Luke said he was protecting her by coming to her house rather than asking her to visit his place, Jen cried.
- _____ 24. Luke warned Jen that neither of them should go to the rally because it was too dangerous, and she coldly ordered him to leave.
- _____ 25. To Jen, hope did not mean anything, and action was all that counted.



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Questions for Chapter Twenty-Three

1. How was Luke feeling at the beginning of the chapter?
2. Where did Luke's mother find him when she got home?

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Questions for Chapter Twenty-Four

1. What was Luke thinking he would do to Jen?
2. Why was Jen glad that the government outlawed pets?
3. Did Luke change his mind about going to the rally?
4. What was his thought behind it?

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Questions for Chapter Twenty-Five

1. Why was Luke up early that morning?
2. What was the big announcement on the radio about that Luke thought was the rally?
3. What did Luke want his mother to do?
4. At the end of the chapter, it states that Luke has a plan. What do you think his plan is?

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Questions for Chapter Twenty-Six

1. Where did Luke go?
2. What did Luke type on the computer?
3. What happened at the end of the chapter?

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Chapter Twenty-seven Pages 125-131 **Chapter Twenty-eight** Pages 132-137

Write either **True** or **False** in the blank before each statement.

- _____ 1. Luke knew what a gun was because they were one of the few things the Government had not made it illegal for common people to have.
- _____ 2. Luke guessed that the man holding the gun was Jen's father.
- _____ 3. After Luke introduced himself as Jen's friend and asked where she was, the man relaxed his gun hand.
- _____ 4. Luke admitted that he was a third child, but he refused to tell the man anything about how he had met Jen.
- _____ 5. Luke told the man that it wasn't because Jen had been careless that he had found her, but because he had been observant.
- _____ 6. The man came to investigate because he had been notified when Luke shut the alarm system down.
- _____ 7. As Luke explained why he hadn't gone to the rally with Jen, the man didn't seem to know what Luke was talking about.
- _____ 8. Luke said trying to stop Jen from going to the rally would have been like trying to stop the sun.



- _____ 9. Luke thought he might be having a nightmare when Jen's father said she was dead.
- _____ 10. Because her father was a Government official, Jen's family had been allowed to bury her in the family plot and take several days of bereavement time.
- _____ 11. All forty kids at the rally had been shot in front of the president's house, and the blood had been cleared away before the tourists came.
- _____ 12. Jen's father believed that the Government would not have harmed the kids if there had been thousands of them as Jen had hoped.
- _____ 13. Mr. Talbot cried and asked Luke if Jen really had thought the rally would work.

- _____ 14. Luke couldn't quite understand Jen's strange willingness to sacrifice herself to help, or try to help, others.
- _____ 15. Luke explained to Jen's dad that she wanted to die because she was tired of hiding.
- _____ 16. The Population Police were monitoring the chat room, and they would be able to trace Luke's message to Jen's computer within a day or two.
- _____ 17. The Population Police had been able to find out everything about Jen and how she used the computer.
- _____ 18. If they investigated too carefully, the Population Police would begin looking for Luke and search every house around Jen's until they found him.
- _____ 19. Mr. Talbot offered to get Luke a fake I.D. so he could be miles away before the Population Police came looking.
- _____ 20. Jen's dad worked for the Population Police.
- _____ 21. Upon hearing of Mr. Talbot's connection to the Population Police, Luke fainted.
- _____ 22. Mr. Talbot used his job to work inside enemy lines and do as much as he could to sabotage the Population Police, but Jen never understood how this could bring about change.
- _____ 23. The truth about the population and food, according to Mr. Talbot, was not in the Government books or the underground printouts that Jen had given to Luke.
- _____ 24. Jen's dad had purposely passed along some slanted information to her because he wanted his daughter to hope that someday the Population Law would be repealed.
- _____ 25. The Government was totalitarian, and nobody really knew the truth about the population and food supply.
- _____ 26. The democratic government that once existed had been overthrown because a group of Barons wanted more than their share of the country's wealth.
- _____ 27. When Mr. Talbot talked about junk food and the Government, Luke thought the cynicism in his voice sounded like Jen.
- _____ 28. The Government purposely kept some people, like Luke's family, living in poverty because they seemed to work harder when they were on the edge of survival.
- _____ 29. The Government kept poor people from losing their farms, but none of them were allowed to live comfortably.
- _____ 30. Mr. Talbot believed that the Population Law was absolutely necessary, even for the Barons.
- _____ 31. The Population Law had been General Sherwood's proudest accomplishment because it gave him so much control over people's lives.
- _____ 32. Luke wondered if he had been too scared to go to the rally with Jen because he believed it was wrong for him to exist instead of just being illegal.
- _____ 33. Before Jen's dad could leave to return to work, the Population Police were pounding at the door.



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Questions for Chapter Twenty-Nine

1. What did Jen's dad instruct Luke to do?
2. What explanation did Jen's dad give for the computer message?
3. What did Jen's father say he would do if the people searched his house?
4. How did Jen's dad talk to Luke after the police had left?
5. Why did they have to communicate this way?
6. Was there a door?
7. Why did Jen's dad tell Luke that (about the door)?
8. What ideas did Luke think of to help free him?
9. What was Luke's final decision at the end of this chapter?

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Questions for Chapter Thirty

1. Who was Lee Grant?
2. Who was the real Lee Grant?
3. What happened when Jen's dad came for Luke? How did they act?
4. What did Luke say that he wanted to do for Jen?
5. Why did he want to do this?
6. How did Lee Grant feel at the end of the chapter?