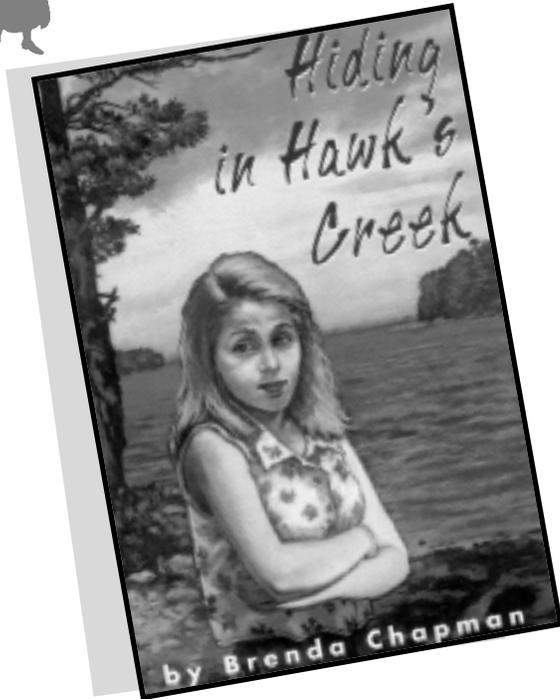




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Hiding in Hawk's Creek

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*It was supposed to be
a carefree summer...*

Fourteen-year-old Jennifer Bannon refuses to spend another boring summer in her hometown of Springhills. Her good friends Ambie and Pete are both away for the summer and her divorced parents are as far apart as ever, with plans for her to babysit her younger sister.

Jennifer convinces her mother to let her get away from it all, spending July at her grandmother's in the northern cottage community of Hawk's Creek. She does not reveal to anyone that her plan is to live with her grandmother forever in order to avoid the problems back home, including her parent's failed

marriage, her growing infatuation with Pete and her slipping grades.

But Hawk's Creek holds dark secrets, and Jennifer, often left to entertain herself, is soon drawn into the troubled world of Audrey Musquash and her family. Audrey is a native teen accused of stealing and being out of control and is the object of racial intolerance in the community. Audrey's older brother however is a handsome young man, greatly sought after by the local teen girls. In this tale of suspense and haunting friendship, Jennifer must face danger and some hard truths that will change her perspective on life forever.

Featuring a strong young heroine, Jennifer Bannon, who previously appeared in the critically acclaimed *Running Scared* (2004).

Secondary characters have native background and are targets of discrimination. Taking place in cottage setting, the books makes for a great summer read.

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