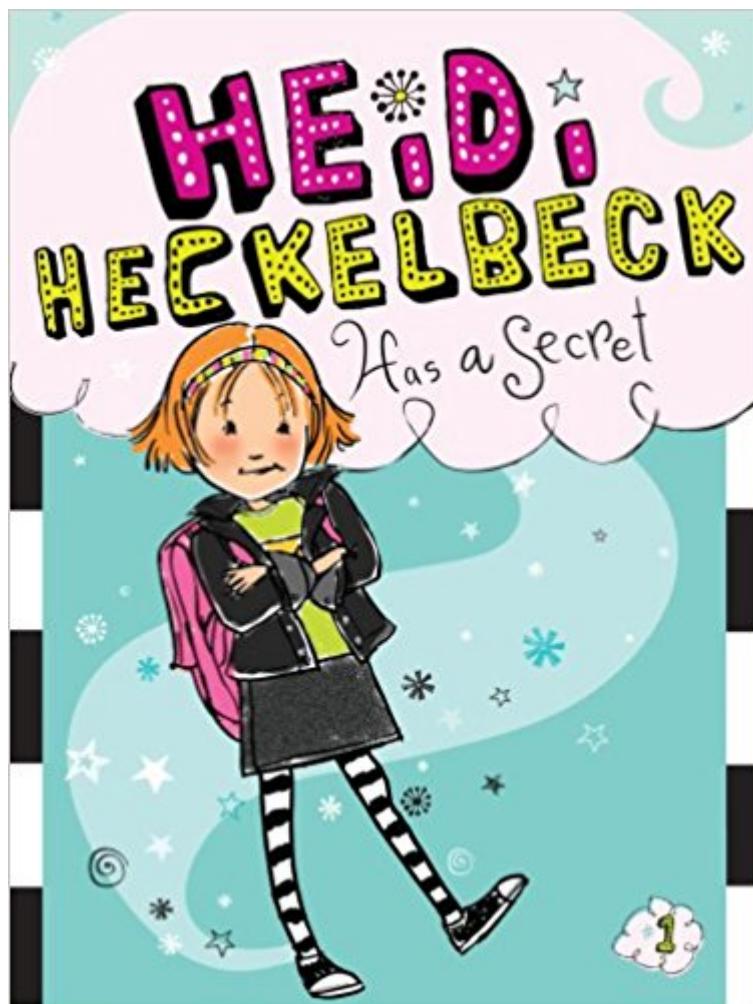


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# Heidi Heckelbeck Has A Secret



## Synopsis

>Now readers between the ages of five and seven can read chapter books tailor-made for a younger level of reading comprehension. Heavily illustrated with large type, Little Simon's young chapter books let young readers feel like they are reading a "grown-up" format with subject, text, and illustrations geared specifically for their own age groups! Heidi Heckelbeck seems like any other eight-year-old, but she has a secret: She's a witch in disguise. Careful to keep her powers hidden (but excited to use them all the same), Heidi is learning to live like any other kid who just happens to be a witch. And with easy-to-read language and illustrations on almost every page, Heidi Heckelbeck chapter books are perfect for beginning readers. Heidi and her brother Henry have always been homeschooled until now. But Heidi is not happy about attending Brewster Elementary, especially not when meanie Melanie Maplethorpe turns Heidi's first day of school into a nightmare by announcing that Heidi is smelly and ruining her art project. Heidi feels horrible and never wants to go back to school—but while sulking in her room at home, she remembers her special medallion and Book of Spells. With a little bit of carefully concealed magic, Heidi might be able to give Melanie a taste of her own medicine.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

Heidi Heckelbeck Has a Secret. Coven, Wanda (Author) , Burris, Priscilla (Illustrator) Mar 2012. 128 p. Simon & Schuster/Little Simon, hardcover, \$14.99. (9781442440876). Simon & Schuster/Little Simon, paperback, \$4.99. (9781442435650). Heidi has always been taught at home, and she is nervous and grumpy about starting second grade at Brewster Elementary. And it's a not-so-promising beginning when mean-queen Melanie puts Heidi on her radar, taunting her, vandalizing her art project for Mr. Doodlebee, and suggesting she play a tree in the class production of *The Wizard of Oz* (while Melanie is Dorothy, of course) — and all on the first day! Even though Heidi meets a nice girl named Lucy, she feels she doesn't fit in at school and wishes she never had to return. But sudden inspiration leads her to conjure up a plan for payback and her secret is revealed in the teaser ending. Geared towards new readers, this series opener features simple vocabulary, large and well-spaced text, short chapters, and interspersed black-and-white cartoon-style drawings while sympathetically depicting Heidi's challenges, from dealing with bullies to finding friends. Assorted characters — including Heidi's supportive mom, soda pop formula inventor dad, and peppy younger brother — add lively touches, and the ending hints of more mischief to come. --Booklist, February 15, 2012COVEN, Wanda. Heidi Heckelbeck Has a Secret. Bk. 1. illus. by Priscilla Burris. 118p. (Heidi Heckelbeck Series). CIP. S & S/Little Simon. 2012. Tr \$14.99. ISBN 978-1-4424-4087-6; pap. \$4.99. ISBN 978-1-4424-3565-0; ebook \$5.99. ISBN 978-1-4424-3566-7. LC 2011014304. Gr 1-3. After being homeschooled, Heidi Heckelbeck is not happy about starting second grade at Brewster Elementary. Her bad attitude shines through hilariously in dialogue and details, such as a math problem she makes up: "Heidi + School = Yuck." Quickly, mean Melanie and nice new friend Lucy emerge as Heidi makes her way through class, lunch in the cafeteria, and rehearsal for the school play. Much of the plot centers on Melanie's nasty antics. Don't worry; Heidi gets even, thanks to the fact that she is a witch and she consults her Book of Spells in the cliff-hanger ending. It's this secret about her identity, and Heidi's relatable personality, that will keep readers coming back for more. Large font, an engaging story, and frequent illustrations make this a good choice for new chapter-book readers. SLJ, June 2012

>A has always loved magic. When she was little, she used to make secret potions from smooshed shells and acorns. Then she would pretend to transport herself and her friends to enchanted places. Now she visits other worlds through writing. Wanda lives with her husband and son in San Jose, California. They have three cats: Hilda, Agnes, and Claw-dia.> has illustrated numerous books and materials for children, parents, and teachers. She enjoys creating art for greeting cards, rubber stamps, murals, cake painting, and more! Priscilla lives with her family in Southern California.

My 8 year old daughter really likes this book. I was looking for a new series for her to start after finishing the Dork Diaries books. She feels that these books are below her reading level and she's not as interested in the subject matter as she was with Dork Diaries, but she did enjoy it.

It's funny how reading the right book to a child can make them come alive. I had started reading a middle grade novel to my children before bedtime each night. While the book was fantastic, it was far over my five year old's head. After a few nights of that, I switched over to reading Heidi Hecklebeck Has a Secret to my kids. Instantly, both of my children became engrossed in the story as they laughed and worried along with Heidi. The simplified writing, illustrations, and relatable plot all made it an enriching experience. My kids could understand and enjoy the story. Each night they would ask for more of Heidi Hecklebeck. As far as the writing and characters go, they were all what you would expect from an early chapter book. The end of the book hints at something larger that might happen as the series continues. You'd better believe that my girls are asking for the next book in the series! Illustrations - black and white illustrations on almost every page. Very cute and age appropriate. Content: clean

I purchased this book for my daughter who is 7. We like to read a few chapters from books each night at bed time. We've been reading the Amelia Bedelia series (which we love!), but I was looking to change things up a bit. After purchasing it, I read it on my own. I wanted to see what it was like before reading it to my daughter. I'm glad I did. This isn't something she'd enjoy. First, the writing is very basic. I know it is intended for newer readers, but the storyline itself is almost too simple. Basically Heidi gets up, goes to school, comes home and decides to cast a spell on a mean girl. That's it. This brings me to my next point: where is the ending? It ends with her looking at her spell book and plotting to cast a spell. That's it. She doesn't actually cast the spell. We don't find out what happens. I feel like this was a rotten ploy to try and force readers to buy the second book in the

series. Finally, the book seemed to be all about revenge. That's not what I care to teach my daughter.

This review is straight from the mouth of my daughter who has to wear thick glasses. I love Heidi Heckelbeck, and she goes through the same things like me. I love to read and these books read real quickly no matter what issue Heidi is dealing with. I feel clumsy without my glasses, but I get lots of compliments, and thanks to these books, I feel like a movie star sometimes when I wear my glasses. I usually read these books twice, and sometimes three times. Heidi and Wendy Woo are two of my favorite book characters

my 6-year-old daughter absolutely loves these books; I have had a hard time finding a series of books that she enjoys and we finally found one that she looks forward to reading - so happy! btw, I also do not mind reading these with her/I enjoy them (unlike some of the other books we have tried) which is also nice

There is nothing I don't like about these books. The characters are cute and funny. There are drawings on every page which keeps the interest of young readers. I just purchased the entire series for a young girl in my life. Now I'm going to start reading them with my granddaughter!

I haven't read this book yet but that's ok. I can still give it 5 stars! I bought the entire series for a young girl to read over the summer. We've read a few of them together and really like them. All young girls would love this series. I highly recommend it!

I got the first book just to see if she will like it, she loves it, she finished it the same day she got it. The same day I order the next two books, she was desperate for the books to arrive. The books got here today and she already read the second one and half of the 3rd one. She really enjoys the story, tells me everything about it and made me order 3 more already. She read other series before, but just the first book, with this books she doesn't want to stop reading and she really wants to know what is going to happen in the next book.

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