

Short Summary for *Treasure (Seed Savers, 1)*

In a future where growing your own food is against the law, twelve-year-olds Clare and Lily, and Clare's seven-year-old brother Dante, risk their safety by studying the illegal subject of gardening. The children's mentor, Ana, entices the children with her description of the food she knew as a child—food unlike the square, processed, packaged food they have always known. Constantly watching, however, is GRIM, the government agency that controls the nation's food source and keeps in check all potential troublemakers. When Clare and Dante return home one day to find their tomato plant seized, and their mother jailed, they bolt, leaving behind Lily and Ana. Clare has heard of a place called "The Garden State," and with their bikes, a little money, and backpacks, the children begin a lonely cross-country journey that tests them both physically and spiritually. Will they succeed in their quest to find a place of food freedom? And can they, only children, help change the world?

Short Summary for *Lily (Seed Savers, 2)*

Distraught after her friends' disappearance, Lily rides her bike to Ana's home to figure out what has happened. To her surprise, she finds Ana well, recuperating from a fall. She continues her visits with Ana, reconvening the gardening classes from earlier in the summer. Lily befriends a former acquaintance named Rose, and invites Rose into the circle. The plot thickens when a strange young teen begins following the girls, and when Ana reveals to Lily a secret from her own past, throwing Lily into a tailspin. Suddenly it seems as if there is no one she can trust. To make matters worse, after not being seen for weeks, GRIM agents again descend on the town. As the beginning of the next school year draws near, Lily becomes more and more anxious. What will she do, and is there anyone she can really trust?

Short Summary for *Heirloom (Seed Savers, 3)*

Safe in Canada, Clare and Dante attend Garden Guardian classes while living on an apple farm with a host family. They learn about gardening, farm life, and the history of U. S. food politics. Lily, meanwhile, begins a quest to find her father, former leader in the Seed Savers movement who was arrested and jailed before she was born. From Florida to the Smoky Mountains, Lily follows the signs in search of her father, helped along the way by the quirky characters she meets--not to mention the attractive and mysterious Arturo who shows up midway to "protect" her.

Heirloom seamlessly weaves the gentle agrarian story of Clare and Dante together with the swiftly-paced adventure of Lily and Arturo. Themes of family, empowerment, and politics

meet in this futuristic tale nostalgic for the past. Heirloom is a hopeful dystopia in today's current sea of post-apocalyptic literature.

Short Summary for *Keeper* (*Seed Savers*, 4)

Beginning in a Pacific Islander village of climate refugees hidden deep in the Smoky Mountains and ending in an underground bunker in Portland's Forest Park, *Keeper* is a fast-paced fourth installment in the *Seed Savers* series. GRIM appears to be crumbling, only to be replaced by FRND (the Food Resources & Nutrition Department), a corporate sponsored program with a more friendly public face. The Seed Savers Movement is on the verge of splintering as James Gardener's fugitive status is viewed by some as a liability, while others don't trust the mysterious JALIL. Trinia Nelson is bent on finding James and will stop at nothing. Meanwhile, the children, shut up in the bunker, become restless and careless. Will the Keeper be able to keep it all together?