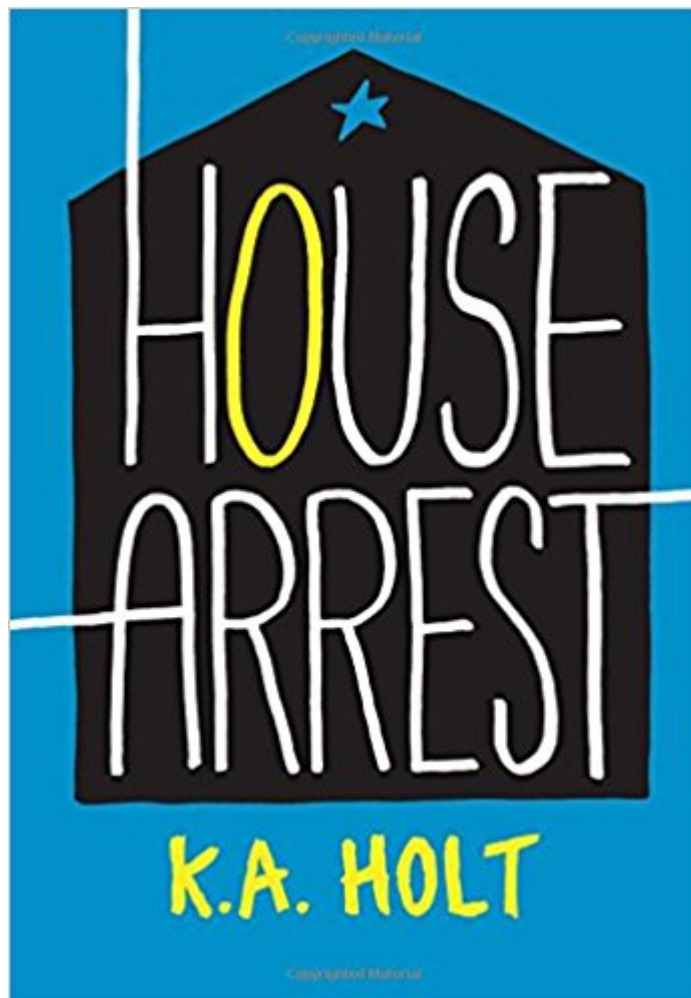




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Synopsis

Timothy is a good kid who did a bad thing. Now he's under house arrest for a whole year. He has to check in weekly with a probation officer and a therapist, keep a journal, and stay out of trouble. But when he must take drastic measures to help his struggling family, staying out of trouble proves more difficult than Timothy ever thought it would be. Touching, funny, and always original, *House Arrest* is a novel in verse about a good boy's hard-won path to redemption.

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Customer Reviews

Gr 6-10 • Timothy stole a wallet, and now he's an adjudicated delinquent. The only places he's allowed to go are to school and to appointments with his therapist and probation officer. Also, the judge gave him a journal-writing assignment. If Timothy shows signs of remorse and doesn't get into more trouble over the course of the next year, he may be able to avoid being sent to juvie. But Timothy didn't take the wallet for himself. His family is in dire financial straits ever since his father left and his younger brother was born with serious health issues. Now, with plenty of spare time on his hands, Timothy can fully explore his complicated feelings about his current family situation. He knows one thing, though: stealing the wallet may have been wrong, and he knows it didn't help, but if there's a way he can truly help his struggling family, he won't hesitate to act. This gripping novel in verse evokes a wide variety of emotional responses, as it is serious and funny, thrilling and touching, sweet and snarky. Timothy is an entirely believable kid, and his brother's health issues, as well as Timothy's reactions to them, are skillfully described. **VERDICT** This story will have plenty of appeal for reluctant and enthusiastic readers alike and will be a good fit for most

library collections. — Misti Tidman, Licking County Library, Newark, OH --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

"Easy to read and strong on sibling devotion."--Kirkus Reviews"Touches of humor lighten the mood, and Holt's firsthand knowledge of the subject adds depth to this poignant drama without overwhelming it."--Publishers Weekly"This gripping novel in verse. is serious and funny, thrilling and touching, sweet and snarky."--School Library Journal."Readers will nod their heads in sympathy with this guy who breaks the rules for all of the right reasons."-Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books"I couldn't stop crying, couldn't stop being angry, couldn't stop laughing, . well, I just couldn't stop reading."--Books & Whatnot"Holt's verse captures the voice of a troubled youth."- School Library Connection --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

A truly different, original style. Very engaging. It tells you everything you need to know without a lot of words. It brings up feelings and thoughts. Very good for young adults, but not only.

I really liked this book because it told me how they were feeling . It told you all about Levi's medical care and about Timothy's friend and how he liked his best friend's sister.

Very engaging prose and story, and one very worth telling. It didn't seem to be in the voice of a 12yo's journal or the used natural sounding dialogue at times. But that was because the phrases were too flowery and well-constructed, so not a huge knock. The story itself was also decently predictable, but this was a 3.5 for me so still well done!

I downloaded this book to my kindle device. 5 stars for delivery. This is a young adult story, told from the point of view of a middle school boy. Although I am a "mature" adult, I was immediately drawn into the story. It was easy for me to relate to this boy who was doing his best in difficult family circumstances, yet always getting in trouble. I rated the book 4 stars on Goodreads. Recommend.

My daughter loved this book. Anything that keeps her reading makes me happy.

An arresting read from start to finish, even though the book reminds me a great deal of "Love that Dog" by Creech (a must read, by the way). Holt did a good job of showing the complexities of a tween's mind, and one whose family life is even more complicated. The ending, however, was too

"up in the air" for my liking, but I'll recommend this book to adults and kids grades 5 and up.

Very touching story that causes you to question what punishment should be given. When does doing bad things for the right reason outweigh the consequences.

The book itself was very well written! And the condition when it was shipped was perfect! I was assuming that it would be slightly damaged since it was paperbacked, but it was perfectly fine! It arrived surprisingly quick as well. Enjoyed reading and having a book shipped early for my daughter's summer reading.

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