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***Among the Hidden* Study Guide**

As you read the novel answer the following questions in complete sentences:

Chapters 1—5

1. Why did the plans for a new housing development trouble Luke? _____

2. Why did Luke have to hide? _____

3. What was the Population Law? _____

4. What clues suggest that Luke and his family live under an oppressive government? _____

Chapters 6—10

1. How were the Barons different from other people Luke knew? _____

2. Why did Luke tell his mother that he no longer needed to be tucked in at bedtime? _____

What did this reveal about him? _____

3. Why was Luke so surprised at the sight of a child's face in the window of the Sports Family's house? _____

4. What did Luke suddenly realize about his future? _____

Chapters 11—15

1. What confirmed Luke's idea that there was a hidden child in the home of the Sports Family? _____

2. What gave Luke the courage to leave his home and try to enter the Sports Family's house? _____

3. Luke's entrance to the Sports Family's house was unusual behavior for him. Do you think this act marked a turning point in his life? Explain your answer. _____

4. Why was Luke surprised when he saw the inside of the Sports Family's house? _____

5. Why did Luke threaten the girl by speaking of the Population Police? _____

6. What did Jen reveal about the punishment facing the families that had a third child? _____

7. Why was Jen able to move around more freely than Luke and have a greater knowledge of the world? _____

8. Luke is changing. He now thinks of his home as a prison instead of a sanctuary. Why? _____

Chapters 16—20

1. Why did Luke's revelation that his family ate meat make Jen realize that population control was a fraud? _____

2. How did Jen and others plan to change the Government's ruling about third children? _____

3. What insight did Luke gain about people by watching Jen communicate with her chat room buddies? _____

How did this help Luke's self-esteem? _____

Chapters 21—25

1. How had Jen's early childhood differed from Luke's? Why? _____

2. Why did Jen visit Luke in the middle of the night? _____

3. Why did Luke suddenly begin listening to the news reports on the radio? _____

4. Do you think Luke's decision about the rally was sensible or cowardly? Explain your answer. _____

5. Why do you think there weren't any news reports about the rally? _____

Chapters 26—30

1. Why did most of the world know nothing about the murder of the shadow children at the end of the rally? _____

2. What did Mr. Talbot mean when he said, “sometimes you have to work from inside the enemy lines”? _____

3. Why did Jen’s father think it was very difficult for Luke to learn the truth about his country’s past and present? _____

4. According to Mr. Talbot, why were population laws unnecessary? _____

Why were they enforced? _____

Post Reading Questions

Answer the following questions after reading the novel:

1. Do you think there is ever any justification for population control? _____

2. Why do you think Luke’s brothers did not show much compassion for Luke? _____

3. Why do you think Jen was so reckless, compared to Luke? _____

4. If you were a hidden child, do you suppose you would behave more like Luke or more like Jen? _____

5. Why do you suppose Mr. Talbot was willing to risk his own safety to help Luke? _____

6. If you were Luke, would you have made the decision to accept a fake identification card from Mr. Talbot? _____
