Zebra Forest

This is a sad one. "Zebra Forest" by Adina Gerwirtz is a book about two kids who lead very sad lives. I believe this book is only appropriate for 6th grade and up because it is so "grown up" in subject matter. The two kids live with their grandma and have to do everything. She doesn't remember much and is very old. They are made to grow up fast. For the majority of the book, the kids are being held hostage in their home by an escaped criminal from the local jail. I don't want to give too many details so that I don't ruin the story, but I will describe it like this: "Zebra Forest" is like a "Dateline" for young adults. This book is not for everyone, but I did enjoy reading it.