Diamonds in the Shadow

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Diamonds in the Shadow by Caroline B. Cooney is about a family (Finch’s) that takes in 4 African refugees (Amabos). The refugees have gone through the war in Africa and have scars mentally and physically. The boy named Mattu brings his grandparents ashes. But Jared starts to believe that those aren't ashes when he finds a diamond looking thing in the ashes. There is one thing that the Finch family doesn't know about the refugees. There was a 5th refugee that came to America wanting something the Amabos have. The 5th refugee was split up at the airport and was sent to Texas. So the Amabos think their safe. But the 5th refugee(Victor) isn't dumb. He'll find a way to get there, even if it involves killing...

          I would recommend this book if you enjoy suspense. You may also learn things about Africa that you may have never knew. There were parts I did not enjoy it because it got boring. I enjoyed most of the book though.