In the book *Stranger with my Face* by Louis Duncan, Laurie Stratton believes she is a typical teenage girl, until her friends, boyfriend, and family claimed they saw her when she isn’t there. Her friends have claimed they saw her on the beach with another guy when she was really at home with the flu. Laurie is baffled; she knows it’s not possible to be in two places at once. With the help of her friend Helen she learns that she is adopted. When Helen is hospitalized with a head injury after walking home, an unexpected friend comes into play. Laurie with the help of Jeff and Helen soon discover who the stranger is with Laurie’s face.

I rated this book an 8 because there are some things that just don’t seem possible. Like this quote, this where Laurie learns to project her mind from her body. “Like an arrow shot from a bow I went. It was all happening so fast. I didn’t have a chance to weigh it all. Suddenly, I was there but I wasn’t. My mind was but my body wasn’t.” This seemed to me a little far-fetched.

I recommend this book to both boys and girls. There is a great balance between the action and the mystery. Anyone can relate to the boy/girl troubles, the fighting with parents, and the worrying about family. In the story Laurie’s boyfriend dumps her after the stranger is on the beach with another guy. Laurie fights with her parents about how she was adopted. Laurie is worried that the stranger will hurt her younger brother and sister.

This book made me feel sad, excited, scared, and worried all at the same time. I felt sad when Helen got hurt, worried when Laurie found out she was adopted, scared when Laurie found out that the stranger had been in her room, and excited when Laurie got all the answers she was looking for.

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