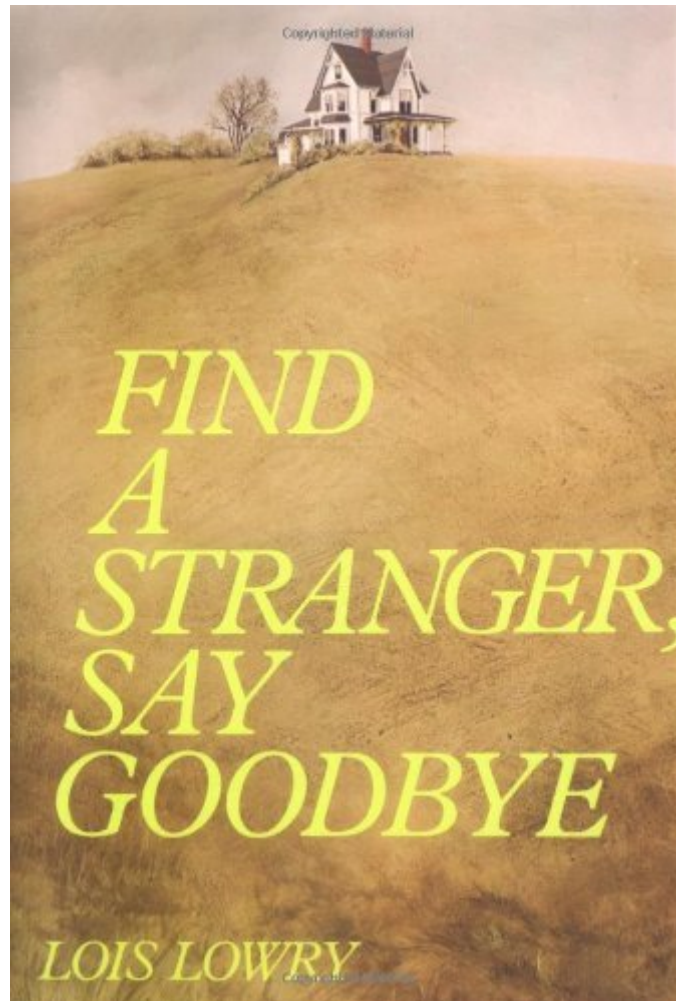




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Find A Stranger, Say Goodbye



Synopsis

Natalie Armstrong, an attractive, happy teenager about to enter college, sets out to discover the parents who gave her up at infancy.

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Customer Reviews

Recent high school graduate Natalie Armstrong has always known she was adopted. Now she wants to find her birth mother, though she doesn't want to hurt her parents in the process. FIND A STRANGER, SAY GOODBYE was originally published in 1978, when I was in high school, so teen readers might view the book as historical fiction or a period piece (gulp). Teens in 2014 probably can't imagine life in the days before computers and cell phones, when research meant going to the library or footwork. We were glad when old newspapers were microfiched so we didn't have to thumb through yellowed paper and get ink on our fingers. Natalie was born in 1960, when nearly all adoptions were closed. Today's teens might not understand how parents could give their teen money to drive around and investigate. They might not understand how we were more independent

and self reliant before helicopter parents wanted to bubble wrap them for protection. Most teens won't understand that Natalie's boyfriend talking to her in an authoritative, sometimes insulting manner was commonplace, boys were generally the "boss" in relationships as husbands often were in marriages. Though not as archaic as the 1950s, feminism and equality arrived slower to small towns off the beaten path. FIND A STRANGER is difficult to give a starred rating. When written, it was probably 5 stars, but when thinking of today's youth, much lower. This slow paced novel has a lot of filler, conversations about mundane things like homework or who's going to which college. These fillers add nothing to the plot or characters. Natalie seemed like a fairly one dimensional character, a "good girl", thoughtful, polite and kind. She had no edge and seemed blah. Most of the characters were cardboard cutouts, types of people rather than individuals. I kept hoping Natalie would tell her boyfriend off or breakup with him when he dismissed her feelings about searching for her birth mother. I recommend this books for middle-agers like me who enjoy a blast from the past, and for teens interested in pre-digital life or historical fiction. YA readers who prefer edgier, faster paced books should take a pass or perhaps pass FIND A STRANGER on to their moms. 4 stars for those who were teens in the 70s, 2 for most of today's teens for an average of 3.

It was sweet and somewhat whimsical! Was easy to put down, but was intriguing enough to want to finish .

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