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She can recall only a shadowy face, so far. But the killer is not about to let her reveal his identity...

The Other Side of Dark Details

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Danielle Bucholtz says

"The Other Side of Dark" is about a girl named Stacy, who was shot by an unknown suspect when she was thirteen. She fell into a coma and woke up four years later. She is now seventeen and feels as though she is not in her own body. Aside from getting used to the changes to her body as well as everything else around her, she must help the police. She must help them by remembering who it was that shot her and her mother, who died at the scene. In my opinion, this book had a lot of twists and turns that kept my attention and I would recommend it to anyone who enjoys reading fictional mysteries.

Arianna Gonzalez says

Waking up from a 4 year coma, shot at 13 and waking finally at the age of 17. Action, mystery, and suspense? Looking for that type of book, well than this is for you hands down! In my opinion I loved this book !

A seventeen year old girl named Stacey finally wakes up from a coma after being shot at the age of thirteen. She questions if it's really her, because obviously shes been unconscious for so long that she questioned if it really was her, in a different body. A 17 year old realistically but still 13 year old mentally. She later on the story gets told that the her mother was killed, she was killed by the same man that shot her. Reporters come in to question her about what had happened. She does remember the man that killed her mother but not his face, she mistakenly tells the reporter about that, and now shes paranoid that the man will try to find her and kill her to clean up his tracks. It's hard for Stacey to remember him not only because it happened 4 years ago, because she also needs to get used to everything new that had evolved. After her release she goes to her best friends house and she meets this guy named jeff he is attracted to her. Later that day she is baby sitting for her neighbors. She hears odd things and calls the police and they conclude it as paranoia. There was a party the next day and Jarrod an "unknown" person to Stacey puts something in her drink and takes her outside to do something. Little does she know that is her mothers killer and the person that shot her. Jeff come to the protection and gets Stacey out of the situation and takes Stacey home, but the weird thing is that Stacey never told Jeff exactly where she lived so how could he possibly know? Stacey later then pressed charges on Jarrod because she kind of recognized him so she put him in a line up of the possible killers of her mom and her shooter, afterwards Jarrod threatens Stacey with his friend but Stacey questioned who was his friend? Did she know he/she? Did she have contact with him/she? Tony tells Stacey that on some day he had seen Jeff and Jarrod talking, Stacey didn't know if she wanted to believe it or not. At night Stacey sees something outside, someone broke into her house. She sees Jarrod and he has a gun on him pointed at her head threatening her over and over again, Stacey then grabs handle of the gun, she didn't shoot him she called the cops and they arrested him.

In my opinion I feel like this book is perfect if you're looking for a book with mystery, and suspense. This book gives you all those feels. In my opinion I feel like Jarrod should've been explained more in detail. Not only because he was her mothers killer but because he was kind of unknown in the situation. The suspense of the book was kind of ruined because it was a narrative. It would have been better if it was in third person from Jeff's point of view. SInce it was a narrative you could only know what Stacey knew not the thoughts or

feelings nor intentions of anybody else. Besides that I love this book!

I rated this book 5 stars because it filled all my expectations, it didn't leave you with a cliff hanger if explained everything in detail besides Jarrod afar from that it was explained well. I love the anguish and feel the book gives as you read it. Once it grasps your attention it's an automatic page turner. It's one of those books that doesn't take so long to get interesting it already is towards the beginning and it doesn't have any irrelevant nonsense. I would recommend this book to anybody who love a good eerie book, or a mystery. An unforgettable story of a girl that has no clue what is ahead of her

Cindy says

I'm trying to read up a bunch of the books I have just taking up space. This was a fairly decent young adult mystery. I found the romantic angle a little hard to buy into and had figured out the real identify of one of the major figures fairly early on. Although I love a lot of young adult books and think they are excellent reads for adults, I would probably leave this one for upper junior high aged girls.

Dichotomy Girl says

[And can I just say that the romance with Jeff was creepy in the extreme. It's bad enough that he's 23 and she is physically 17, but when you take into consideration that she is mentally 13, it's just ooshy! (hide spoiler)]

Georgia says

No one should have to go through what Stacy McAdams went through. Her life was turned upside when she was shot and went into a coma when she was 13. When she woke up she was 17 and her family had changed so much without her. Her sister was married and pregnant, her dad had many jobs to keep up with the hospital bills, and her mom was murdered. The person who killed Stacy's mom is the same person who put her into a coma. Stacy was the only witness and must now find the murderer before the murderer finds her. Honestly, I really enjoyed this book. Its very suspenseful and action packed. I really related to the character, me being a 13 year old student, because at heart, this girl was still 13. She may have been 17 but she was 13 when she went into a coma and had a lot of maturing to do when she woke up. Stacy wasn't the kind of forgiving person her mother was and she was out for blood. Its a great book that shows true perseverance. On the flip side though, this is a really quick read. The number of pages is only around 192 so I would not suggest reading it if you have an elongated amount of time you must read it in. For me the suspense was murderous and it took a very short amount of time for me to read, mind you, I am a slow reader. Other than that I loved the book and I would recommend it to young girls, especially if they are trying to find out who they are.

Robin says

In this book, Stacy McAdams, just woke up from a 4 year coma. She was shot in the thigh by her mother's

murderer and she can't remember his face, and she doesn't believe that the 17-year-old girl's body that she is in is hers, she believes that she is still a 13-year-old girl whose mother is still alive.

This one reporter, Brandi Mayer tries to figure out the whole scoop on Stacy and her mother's murderer. She tries everything to get the murderer's name and description out of Stacy but fortunately she can't.

Monty, the young man who brings Stacy her food tries to bring her to a "reporter" for twenty dollars. He disappears after the security and everybody else comes to see if Stacy is okay.

When Stacy gets home her friend Jan says that she set her up on a date with a guy named Jeff who just transferred from Michigan. Jeff appears and they hit it off really well.

Later at the party that Jeff and Jan invited Stacy to, Stacy meets Jarrod Tucker. He tries to take her to his car, he gave her a Lemon-Lime drink and then later after she feels dizzy he tells her that he spiked it with Vodka, she tries to get away from him but his grip tightens, then Jeff comes out and throws Jarrod away from Stacy. Stacy then sees the same scared look that she saw on her mother's murderer's face. She then realizes that Jarrod Tucker killed her mother.

Later on Jarrod escapes from jail after he is convicted of robbery and murder, he then appears in Stacy's backyard with a gun in his hand. She falls on him and takes the gun and then she points it at him, he tries to tell her that he didn't mean to kill her mother, it just happened. Jarrod explained that he was robbing her house but when her mother entered into their house she saw him and kept telling him that it was okay and that he should just put the gun down, he was so scared so he shot her and then he shot Stacy because he saw her and panicked as well.

She is about to shoot Jarrod when Jeff comes by and tells her that he is part of the police department and that he is a NARC. After Jarrod is put back into jail, Stacy remembers that she saw him in the police department when she went to sometime before. He then tells her that she wasn't just an "assignment" and that he didn't want to be her "first love" but that he wanted to be the real thing and that he could wait for her.

This book was kind of boring... I mean I chose to read this book because I like mysteries and it seemed to suit me, but when I finished it I thought that there wasn't much of a plot to the story. It was suspenseful but there wasn't really enough suspense to keep me wanting to read more by the same author. I liked the twist ending that one of her classmates Jarrod Tucker killed her mother, but it should have been Jeff because she saw some kind of familiarity in him that she didn't know where she saw him before, it would have been cooler for the guy that she was falling in love with was the killer. But the book was okay...

Corina says

Loved it! the suspense was amazing! Definitely a page-turner

Binchic says

I read this book for the first time in 1990/91 when I was about 10 years old. I had just moved to a new school for the second time in 6 months and was slow to make friends. The one girl that had befriended me in class

suggested this to me, and while I had never read anything of this genre, I was eager to solidify the friendship.

I LOVED IT!

Since the first time I read through this book I was hooked on books that got my heart racing. I left behind all of my "Sleepover Friends", and "Babysitters Club" books and have read mostly thriller/suspense ever since!

While my tastes now run towards more Paranormal Romances and Urban Fantasy than novels without a "paranormal twist", I will always have a soft spot in my heart for this one!!

I don't disagree with some of the other comments that I have read from other reviews regarding how well this one translates into more modern times, but the first time I held this well loved school library book in my hot little hands it was relevant(ish) to me!

Heidi says

I am about 1/3 into listening to this book and am fascinated by how bad it is. If I were reading it, this would be one I simply could not finish, but the reader does a good job despite the content.

A girl wakes up from a 4 year coma and tries to remember who shot her. OK, that could be a fine plot for a teen novel. However, the way characters respond to her make no sense. Her best friend from age 13 seems surprised that coma girl knows nothing about makeup, even though it seems as though she probably didn't visit the comatose girl much. Yet the sister of coma girl is surprised that her little sister is all grown up?! Wouldn't she have been the one visiting at least weekly, seeing the body growing up? Then the physical therapist, who has apparently been running coma girl through her paces for 4 years like a marionette, asks newly awakened girl if she has a swimming pool, or an exercise machine as if said girl has been up and about, making decisions, seeing her home, and had the inside track to her home for the 4 years she'd been asleep.

I am undecided yet as to whether I want to keep listening. It would only be to listen awestruck to more poorly-thought character and plot devices.

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Desiree Roe says

Stacy wakes up in a room that's not hers, in a body she doesn't recognize, to discover she's been in a coma for four years. Her mother is dead--murdered--and Stacy, recovering from a gunshot wound, is the only eyewitness to her mother's murder. Stacy re-meets not only her friends but her family as well. Stacy is reluctant to move on with her life at first, she only wants to go back and be thirteen again. Forced into a life she feels isn't her own Stacy is both curious and fearful of what she might find waiting for her. I recommend this book to middle school and above as the reading level isn't very difficult.

Joseph says

I can honestly say this is the worse book I have ever read. I did not like writing, the main character, I WILL NOT NOT EAT GREEN EGGS AND HAM SAM-I-AM.

I read this when I was 13 or 14.

No one should read this pile of shit.

mindy says

What a rollercoaster ride! I mean, if it's a rollercoaster that has no twists and turns and is fairly straightforward.

This book was not as great as I remember it being when I read it in 7th grade. Basically Stacy's mom was murdered and Stacy was shot leaving her in a "semi coma." She wakes up 4 years later and is basically a 13 year old trapped in the body of a smoking hot 17 year old. *eyeroll*

She's desperately trying to remember who killed her mother and honestly, you think the story is clearly going for the twist ending, but nope. Very cut and dry.

I gave it two stars because Mrs Coopers bread sounded delicious.

Melissa says

This book was horrible from the beginning. After waking up from a coma like state and learning her mom

was killed becomes so hateful it got tiring quickly. Really who wakes up and decides to hunt and possibly kill their mother's murderer? The main character, Stacy is immature but maybe that can be blamed on being in a coma for four years. I could go on but I will just say this is not one of Joan Lowery Nixon's best book.

Vanelllope says

[meets this guy who *might* be best friends with the dude that murdered her mom a
