

**LOIS LOWRY**

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## FIND A STRANGER, SAY GOODBYE

When Natalie Armstrong, a mature and growing girl of 18, graduates from high school, she makes a difficult decision for her and her adoptive parents. Although she has a kind and loving boyfriend who gives support, wonderful friends, intelligence and beauty, she has been longing, for the majority of her life, to search for her birth mother and gain knowledge about her adoption. Her curiosity leads her to the small town of Simmons Mills. There, she meets old and sickly Dr. Therrian, the man who helped arrange Natalie's adoption. While trying desperately to receive some information out of this dying man, she finds out her true mother's name, and later in the book that Dr. Therrian is related to her. But afterwards Natalie finds herself at a dead end, uncertain of which direction to follow. Later, after carefully investigating information from the old library year books, schools, and close friendships her mother had had, Natalie decides to travel to an apartment in New York where she finally finds the mother (woman) of her dreams. But is this the fairytale mother she had imagined?

This book holds you in its grasp to the very last page. The gripping truth of a young girl's search to find her past is painstakingly real. Lois Lowery has once again created a masterpiece.