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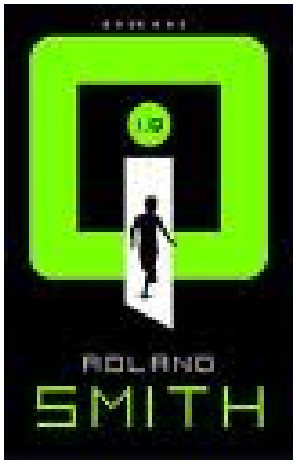
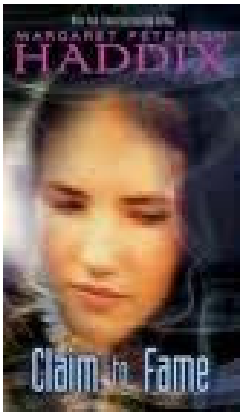
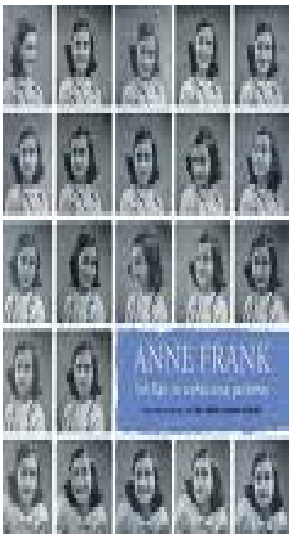


I, Q by Roland Smith-Step-siblings Q and Angela are children of rock stars. After their parents marry each other, Angela realizes she's being followed, and Q learns the secret about Angela's real mother-a former Secret service agent who was supposedly killed by a terrorist group. But what if she's still alive… and where is she? AR level 4.5, 9 Pts.



Claim to Fame by Margaret Peterson Haddix– 16 year old Lindsey, a former child star whose career ends when she develops the ability to hear what anybody, anywhere says about her and apparently has a nervous breakdown, comes to see that this is not necessarily a bad thing and that she is not alone. AR level 5.2, 9 pts.

A Faraway Island by Annika Thor– In 1939 Sweden, two Jewish sisters wait for their parents to flee the Nazis in Austria, but while 8 year old Nellie settles in quickly, 12 year old Stephie feels stranded at the edge of the world, with a foster mother who is as cold and unforgiving as the island on which they live.AR level 4.4, 8 pts.



Anne **Frank, Her Life in Words and Pictures by Menno Metselaar and Ruud van der Rol-**On July 6, 1942, a young Jewish girl and her family secretly climbed a steep and narrow staircase to a cluster of hidden rooms at 263 Prinsengracht, in the Dutch capital of Amsterdam. For more than 2 years, they would live there, hoping to evade the Nazis. During that time, Anne kept a diary. Although she did not survive the war, her diary did. This picture book shows those places, using photos and snapshots.AR 6.4, 3 pts.