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There's a violence in me.

My name is Lincoln Delabar. I was born without a face. Yes, you heard that right. Smooth, clear skin from my forehead to my chin.

I see the world differently, yet it is still a place that holds wonder. At least most of the time.

With my uniqueness comes a burden. My mind is powerful. Very powerful. And I have an obligation, a purpose, to see things in my own special way. Some of the things I see are frightening.

The evil in this world is beyond anyone's control. Or so you might think.

There is a violence in me. I'm not afraid. I can control it.

But should I?

Blank Details

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Toni says

I liked it; although I must say, it is a strange story. This is a whole other level of paranormal.

BLANK is the story of a boy born without a face. As he grows, he develops various "super powers". How he uses these powers defines who he is. The only problem is that he's a teenager, and teenagers rarely know who they are and haven't developed into any particular type of character. This leads to confusion and turmoil within himself.

Richard Hale brings all the teenage angst into a super natural human and weaves a totally believable tale that takes the reader through a variety of emotions.

One sure thing ... this is a story that you won't soon forget.

Sheree says

That was a great very interesting read!

Charles Ray says

Lincoln Delabar was born without a face; quite literally, a smooth expanse on the front of his head, with only two holes where his nostrils would be, through which he breathes and takes sustenance, liquids which he cannot taste. But, as with all things, when a door closes, a window opens. Lincoln, or Blank, as his father dubbed him, has other abilities. He can sense electrical energy, enabling him to 'see' things around him, and he can 'connect' with people who touch his face, an action which enables a two-way sharing of memories.

As Linc, his favored name, reaches puberty, he develops friends and contacts beyond his mother and sister—his father having deserted the family because of his inability to cope with both Linc's deformity and his power—including his uncle, Joey, who is hiding some dark secret, Tuck, a neighborhood boy with whom he develops a close and enduring friendship, and a girl who is able to look past his lack of a face and see the real him.

But, he has enemies, too. People who hate him for what he is, and those who fear him for his ability to 'see' them.

Blank by Richard C. Hale is not your usual novel. While all its main characters are teens, the theme is decidedly adult, as they struggle with a serial rapist/killer, drug dealers, and high school bullies who sometimes go way too far. It's tempting to call it a coming-of-age novel, but it's not that either. What it is; a darn interesting and intriguing read, handled in such a way that you find yourself believing that such a creature could actually exist.

A five-star premiere to what I predict will be a series that will acquire a cult following.

Elizabeth says

Loved the first 3/4 of book. Very creative story & characters. Great friendships & super hero adventures. Thought the last 1/4 was a bit too self destructive of the main character.

Tammie Tackett says

i hated this book so much just could not get into it at

Greg Stillwagon says

Interesting start ... but rather repetitive as it went on.
If I was blank I would have killed all the bad guys...
really

Janice Spina says

What will Richard C. Hale come up with next? This is an incredible story of a young boy born without a face but capable of many things despite his handicap. He has an advanced mind in that he can read other people's minds and transport his thoughts back to them. It becomes a little unnerving for his family, so much so that his father finally leaves.

This is just Season 1 of an emotional and surprising rollercoaster of a ride. Linc, the main character explores his mind-control capabilities with animals and realizes some impossible scenarios.

What will Linc do next? How far will he go with his powers? Is he a hero or a villain? This story moved quickly with easy-to-read dialogue between the two main characters. I found myself turning pages quickly to find out what Linc would and wouldn't do! It is quite a fascinating story with so many future possibilities coming. I can't wait to read some more.

I think talented author, Richard C. Hale, has a winner here with Blank. His star is rising!

Almney King says

"Blank" started out really good. It was emotional, dramatic, and full of heartbreak. In the beginning, Linc tells the tale of how he was born absolutely FACELESS and the struggles his family suffered with his rather unique telepathic and telekinetic abilities. The story then follows your typical YA theme, character identity,

self-discovery, romance, peer-pressure and the every day hardships of teenage life. However, as the story unfolds, there's some murder mystery, gang violence, and other dangerous aspects that come into play and even more dangerous homicidal villains. While I did enjoy "Blank", there were a few issues I had with the book.

1. Pacing- The story was just toooooooooooooo long! I felt like the author could have chopped down a lot of the dangerous action and overload of side plots. About half way through the book, the situations got a bit repetitive in some places and seemed a little forced and unrealistic in a way. It was almost like watching 3 seasons of Teen Wolf stuffed in one book where all this crazy and spontaneous violence/villianry happens out of nowhere. Like seriously, how many times will knives be waved, people shot, almost rapped and killed in a span of three months? And also, how many times do the same villains have to return before they can stay locked up or dead?!

3. Characters- I really enjoyed Linc. I thought he was a humble, reactive, and generally interesting character. I mean, he has NO FACE, so how can he not be. I like only two other characters, Linc's mother, a snarky alcoholic, and his best friend Tuck. Joey, his uncle, was whimsy and mysterious, so I guess I liked him too. I absolutely DID NOT LIKE either of Linc's love interests. Avril, a freaking saint, puritan to the core, is just too pure it's annoying. And Sydney, who comes along out of nowhere later on with powers like Linc's claiming they belong together every third page of the book. She was an utterly pointless character.
ANNOYING!!

4. Romance- Oh boy. The romance was juvenile, way to mushy for my tastes, and repetitive! It also just felt FLAT. Linc and Avril are supposed to "be destined for each other" as they put it, but wherever I read their romance scenes, it screamed YAWN and FORCED. I don't know, even though they go through some heavy trials together, the FEELING just wasn't there for me, so it just seemed to take up space.

5. Ending- The ending was not too great. Basically it was not a "happily ever after" for anyone. It was, once again, too dramatic for me, which would have been great if it was the only super dramatic incident in the story, but since all these other outrageous moments of violence and killing came before it, it just tasted stale.

All in all, I felt this story could have been a mighty 3.5 stars, or 4 stars. But things just kind of fell apart in some places. It was like a roller coaster. Good moment, okay moment, Ugh moment, repeat. BUT it was still a fun read with some great mystery and character depth from our protagonist Linc, AKA, Blank. I would still recommend it, if you're into the strange, slightly paranormal, YA mystery deal!

morrie billmeyer says

Awesome book

Such a vivid storyteller. It blew me away! It makes you wonder if this could really happen. Can't wait to read the next book

Linda Hine says

Interesting Mix

Not much interested in Sci fi or Fantasy, I did like this book. The story, and characters were interesting and well developed which kept me interested. First book in the series.

MARILYN RAYNER says

Interesting

To some extent Linc could be real and not a fiction. Enjoyable read but too many loose ends, I realise this is a series so has to be some.

Candy P says

Kept me wondering

I enjoyed the book. It built up a great suspense. I was a little disappointed how it ended. I am intrigued enough to want to read the next book to see if perhaps the ending was just a brief plot twist.

Cheryl says

I couldn't stop reading this. It was easy to read and the story went into just the right amount of detail. Well put together...now I have to read the other five!

david kilbourn says

Disappointing, interesting concept but read like it was written for children despite some violence. Very rarely give up on books but left this one half way through.

Debbie Tumbarello says

Interesting read

Must let your imagination and reality go while reading this book. The ending was not a surprise, although it was sad.
