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Fame has arrived for rockers Blaze and Roger. Just married, leaving Los Angeles, and touring the United States with teenagers Q (Quest) and Angela in tow, the excitement heightens in Philadelphia when Angela realizes she's being followed. Q soon learns the secret about Angela's real mother - a former Secret Service agent.

Readers are thrust into current issues affecting the world in this edge-of-your-seat, modern-day mystery adventure. *I, Q* readers will be immersed in the work of U.S. Secret Service, the Mossad, and the MI5. But who are the good guys and who are the bad guys? What happens to this newly formed family if Angela's mom is not dead?

## Independence Hall Details

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### **Sandra Stiles says**

Q and his new step-sister Angela find themselves caught up in something they are not quite prepared for. Blaze Munoz and Roger Tucker are two musicians who are starting off their tour with a wedding. Blaze had hit the top of the charts then took time off to be a mother. Roger Tucker has written songs for years. Now he and Blaze will start a new life together not only as a newly married couple with a blended family but also as the newest and hottest singing group, "Match".

Q has not really gotten to know his new step-sister. The only thing he knows about her is that her mother was killed in a bomb blast. On their first night on the tour bus it breaks down and a strange old man offers to fix the bus. Blaze knew him as a former roadie. He takes over the job of driving the bus. There is more to Boone than meets the eye. He is known as a spook and he believes Angela's mother is alive and is hooked up with a terrorist group. He doesn't know why but he knows he must protect the kids and control the situation at all costs.

This was an excellent spy type mystery. It is the first installment in the series by Roland Smith. I definitely look forward to the next one

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### **Erin Forson says**

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This adventure novel had my attention quickly, because it featured two kids whose parents were rock stars. Because of this, Quest (a.k.a. "Q" for short) and Angela get to be out of school and travel across the country in a giant, tricked out, R.V. What could be more exciting? But the more I read, the more confused I got. Three different spy organizations, the Mossad (or Israeli spies), the C.I.A., and the F.B.I., all are after the two kids, but I really never figured out why. Even though Angela's real mom has a lot to do with the spies tailing the kids, I just don't buy that she was enough reason for the special agents of two different countries to care about the daily movements of two teenagers. Even at the resolution I just felt skeptical, frustrated, and glad the novel was over. Maybe you will feel differently and can explain what I'm missing.

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### **Jan says**

I'm a big fan of Roland Smith. I've read just about every novel he's written and have loved all of them. I really can't imagine not enjoying anything he writes. This book, the first in a series that so far totals 6 books, is a quick, fun, and definitely exciting read. I can see a lot of middle grade kids getting into this series. What's not to love? You've got two teens, twelve year old Quest (Q) whose mom has just married fifteen year old Angie's dad. The parents are musicians with a number one album and millions of fans. What better way to spend the honeymoon and for the kids to bond with each other and their new step parent than to go on a national tour in a million dollar tricked out tour bus? Their driver, an aging Willie Nelson look-alike who used to be a roadie for Q's mom when she had a band is really a retired CIA agent. So are the personal

assistants. Angie's mom who was a Secret Service agent was supposedly killed in a terrorist bomb three years ago. Or was she? And why are there four Israeli Mossad agents following them and possibly trying to kill them? See, lots of exciting stuff. I love the kids Q and Angie. She's a walking encyclopedia who can take down a grown man with a tae kwon do kick to the face. Q is a budding magician who wants to be as good as his idol is Harry Houdini. His amazing sleight of hand ability comes in handy when he and Angie find themselves in a few dangerous situations.

I'm not sure how many books are planned for this series, but I know I will be blazing through the first 6 in the next few weeks.

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### **Andy says**

I'm not done reading this book, but I wish I was. I don't know, it just hasn't pulled me in and I'm 2/3 finished. I probably won't like it very much.

I finished this book last week of August, and I think it was too soon after having read *Storm Breaker*. The influence of that spy book was too strong -- I expected more action, a focus on one character, a huge explosion, and a dead bad guy.

There were moments when I was drawn in because I thought the story would pick up its pace, but I didn't care for the spies in this book. They talk about lack of trust and yet they easily trust the right people. I just never bought into that.

I don't know. Roland Smith is not my type of writer.

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### **Jack .V says**

I love this book because it has so many action parts and I couldn't stop reading. I liked the part where Ziv dressed up as a cop and that Angela's mom was still alive. This book is probably not a super young children book but maybe 4th through 5th.

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### **Jackson Gallo says**

This book fascinated me a lot. From the mystery to the adventure throughout the whole book the mood changed and interested me a lot. The theme of this book was when there are troubling objects never quit on the people around you. This book was very good and I hope to read more of the series.

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### **Mayank says**

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BOOK REVIEW  
SUMMARY

This story takes place in Dexter at first but mainly in Pennsylvania in 2008 September. The main character in the story is Q (quest) and Angela, his step sister. Q is a very fast thinker, and can also pull off tricks and confuse anyone. Angela is a quiet person, she seems very hard, but she is actually very caring and soft hearted inside. She is also self-training to be a spy, like her mom. Her mom died in battle, as she was told. She finds 2 groups of people. She and Q have to find out who the good people are and who the bad people are and whether it was her mom who died, or her twin

This book is about Q (Quest) and Angela both of whom are step siblings to each other because Blaze (Q's Mom) has split up with her previous husband, and Angela's mom died in a war. Blaze and Roger (Angela's Dad) decide to make a love and rock band. The story starts at the opening ceremony of Blaze and Roger's new album, Match. For this album they have to go to Pennsylvania and then to New York to do interviews and then come back to Pennsylvania and perform twice. This will take 3 days and their schedule is extremely tight, so they tell a man they met one morning by accident (they thought it was an accident.) called Boone , to get their children new phones. Before getting to Pennsylvania, they stop at Nevada and are chased by a paparazzi. After splitting up once getting off the bus at Nevada, Q finds Angela eating a beef burger, even though she is pure vegetarian. They start to talk about life in the past but are interrupted by the paparazzi so they continue their talk in their bus which is guarded by security. Angela says what actually happened to her mom, which she hadn't revealed to Q yet. She also confesses that she too wanted to be a spy like her mom. Q had already experienced some of her own Spy Training. Q confesses that he has very nervous hands so he likes to do magic tricks, he shows one to Angela which lightens her mood. The next day when they go outside for dinner, Angela spots someone who she had seen at the launching party of Match. When she goes around the block to see if that person was a spy, she doesn't come back so Q gets anxious and goes after her, but finds Boone there, he finds out that Boone is the head of a group of spies that were once employees of FBI, NCI, and NSA. He gets a call from Angela saying that she is at the restaurant, he goes there and tells her about Boone. Boone takes them to Independence hall where their phones get new SIM card which allow them to be remotely controlled by Boone's staff, it also lets them track all members of Boone's agency and their own parents. Boone show Q and Angela what had actually happened to Angela's mom. Her mom dies trying to save an explosion, but later in that video, Angela detected a sign that one of the people on the screen was actually her mom. They are later shown a video of Angela's mom who is talking to one of the spies, who are supposedly the Al Biruni from Israel. Though this video was taken after the death of Angela's Mother. Q and Angela are heading to their big Bus in a car driven by one of Boone's men, when they get attacked by 2 cars, both from the group of spies.

## OPINION

I really liked this book because the book has lots of twist and turns, and is also filled with action and thrill. The theme of terrorism and counter intelligence makes it all the more relevant. The climax and state of story make the book better to read. The book was very unpredictable because the author changes the story up and down so many times, like when I found out that one of the Israeli was working for Angela's mother, it's like the story just changed direction compared to where I thought the story was going. The ending of the book was awesome due to the fact that Angela actually met her mother and what revealed in those 15 minutes is mind boggling. My favorite part was when Angela and Q found out that one of the Israeli people actually worked for Angela's mom. Another favorite part was when Q stopped Even (a member of Al Biruni) from killing him by entertaining some doctors at a hospital because they were alone in the hospital with only Even. The book is set in time with recent events, though there is a certain amount of fiction in it, the book still has a lot about teeming spies all over America. And other recent events, it also uses some landmarks as settings, like Independence hall, and the big Market in Nevada.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

I would like to recommend this book to anyone who loves action, Thrill and suspense, because since the very beginning, the book gets the reader's juices running. I would definitely rate this book 5 out of 5 stars because, I liked it when Angela raged off and Q finds out why, and later when they meet the guy dressed in the policeman costume, and he tells them that the person they had to meet at 2 PM was inside a hotel room.

Not that the ending wasn't great, but to arrive at it through the storyline, it is a better experience, or is it, go ahead and find out yourself.

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### **Terri Longcier says**

This book is amazing.

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### **Cormac says**

Cormac Reilly 3/4/10

I.Q by: Roland Smith

There is a boy named Q he started his life living in a boat until his mother got married to a guy named Roger they form a band and go on a tour and Roger has a daughter named Angela. Q and Angela are getting followed by Israel terrorist cause Angela's real mom was a secret agent and they tried to get Angela. Then they got security and there were fights here and there and they killed some but not all.

My favorite character in the book was Angela because she was a girl and she was the one that could really fight it was not like a sexist book and the guy was not really the strong ones they are kind of diverse so the female is the stronger in the book. And she takes the most risks and is the smartest. She is almost really talented in more than one way. Angela's is really nice cares a lot about Q even though she has not known him for a long time.

The climax of the story when Angela found out the terrorist was following her. I think that because that is when all the emotions kicked in. they started to hear things they never believed they would hear. That was also when the physical contact came in and the death threats came in with traders and more.

I think Roland Smith wanted the reader to learn that there are conflicts all over the world and that life is not always perfect. That there are terrorist in the world and life is not a fairy tale. And that he wants the reader what is going on in the world so he could warn his reader that here are dangerous things and people in this world. He also is saying that girls are just as good as boys.

I would recommend this book for anybody that likes books with action and adventure. I would because this is a book I took great interest in. this book is also a lot different than any book I have ever read in my lifetime. Though I do not suggest this book for people who like fantasy and stuff.

Book rating 1-10

I give it a ten.

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### **Audrey Williamson says**

This was a good mystery book, not too scary but still a really good thriller.

This book is about two kids, Angela and Q, and how Angela's dad got married to Q's mom. Their parents are really famous music artist and are going on a year concert tour. They decided to take Q and Angela. They are traveling in a large coach and while in Philadelphia Angela realizes she is being watched. Q and Angela then attempt to figure out the whole thing. Read to find out who is following her and Q and why they are following them.

I thought this book was a really exciting the whole time. One reason I like this book because you never knew what was going to go on on the next page. I thought the author did a really good job not giving anything away or making it to obvious was going to go on next. There where a lot of aha moments and I though they were really good because you didn't ever get bored in the book.

One thing I didn't like was how many characters the book had because sometimes it was hard to keep track of all of them. For example, it was really hard to remember the roll each character played in the book.

Another example is if the characters weren't all together it was hard to remember wear everyone was and what they were doing.

Overall I think this was a really good thrilling book. I recommend this book to you if you like a mystery that is not scary but not boring.

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### **Andrew says**

The title of this book is I.Q. The author of this book is Roland Smith. This book was a mystery book and was a thriller with a lot of action. Angela and Quest meet each other at their parents wedding. They become step siblings. As the story goes on Angela tells Quest (Q) that her mom was a secret service agent and had past away. Q and Angela's parents are famous singers and go on a tour. There car brakes down and they meet this roodie man, is name is Boone. He helps fix there car and Q's parents let him stay in the car to drive. And the adventure starts from there. The 2 main characters are: Q and Angela. Q is Curious, hard working, intelligent, and thoughtful. Angela is smart, thoughtful hopeful, and caring.

I would recommend this to boys and girls. It is so exciting and action packed book. I would rate it 8 out of 10 stars.

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### **Ellie Emmelhainz says**

Don't get me wrong, I liked this book, a lot, but it just wasn't my favorite. I thought that the ending plot twist with Ziv was let's just say interesting.

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### **Drew Shackelford says**

After reading this book, I think that Independence Hall is a great mystery book.

Independence Hall takes place in 2008 in many cities across the U.S, but mostly Philadelphia. This book is in the first point of view of Q. Other characters in this story include Angela, who is Q's step sister, Roger and Blaze, Q and Angela's parents, Boone, their R.V worker, and Angela's mom. The main conflict is Angela and Q against the CIA and the Mossad

I think that this book is pretty good. It's pretty entertaining and action packed. I agree with the authors arguments, but some of them could be confusing at points.

I would recommend this book to people who like mystery books.

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### **Ashley says**

I remember reading the part where Q had his phone out and was secretly recording the surroundings when he wasn't supposed to be and being totally enamored with the kid and how spy-like he was.

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### **Cintia says**

This includes information from ALL THREE books.

okay so i wanted to write this because who knows how long it'll take for Roland Smith to write the fourth book of this series so im just going to lay everything i know on the table so when the fourth book DOES come out, I can remember what it was I had been reading...

Anmar (AKA The Leopard)- International terrorist. Truth is when she turned 18, her parents arranged a marraige for her, she went through with it and he became her handler; thats also when the terrorist training began. She had known two years prior to the Independence Hall bomb that she had a twin sister. She had wanted out of the terrorist cell but didnt know how because once they got you they dont let you go. At Independence Hall she was trying to dearm the borm Amun Massri had placed (disguised as a high schooler on a field trip). While she was trying to disarm it, it blew and killed Anmar, and thats when Malak took her place (faking her death with Anmar's body).Elise and Sean were her adopted parents. Ziv (not his real name) is her biological father.

Malak Turner (AKA angel)- Anmars identical twin sister. When she had reached 18 years of age she ran away from her parents and her arranged marraige. Her adopted parents disowned her and she in turn disowned them. She has a daughter, Angela Tucker, with Roger Tucker. She was a secret service agaent which took alot of time away from her being around the house and eventually killed her marraige in a way. Shes undercover in the ghost terrorist cell as The Leopard. In Kitty Hawk, by kidnapping Bethany Culpepper she makes it in to being one of THE FIVE. Bestest friends in secret service were Amanda, Patrick Callaghan,& Charlie Norton (who were also a part of her SS sculling team, "Skull&Bones". Wears a seamaster (POTUS).

Ziv- Not his real name. Anmar and Malak's bio dad. Angela's grandfather. Q's step grandfather. He's reinvented himself many times. He killed Salim Kazi in Mexico. Killed Amun Massri, Elise and Sean in an apartment where The Leopard was about to be drugged or killed by Elise because Elise believed Anmar wasnt Anmar (which she was right about).

Dirk Peski- Leopard's second monkey also known as the Paparazzi Prince because that is his cover.

Eben Lavi- rogue mossad agent. Older brother of Aaron Lavi. At first he was hunting the leopard because he thought she had killed Aaron but eventually by the end of BK1 he joins SOS and knows it was Salim and Amun who killed Aaron and about Malak having a twin that was dead and an ex-terrorist.

Quest (Q) Munoz- Blaze Munoz and Speed Paulsen's son. Roger Tucker's stepson. Former wannabe magician and Rookie terrorist hunter. Good at reading people and understands illusions & smokes and mirrors well. He tricked Eben in a hospital waiting room with a magic trick and a pair of doctors. Not as good a liar as Angela nor as fluent in spy talk but improving. Fast thinker at times. Stuffs things into cargo pants/shorts. Wears a seamaster (POTUS). Gets the Itch which is like some sort of premonition. He experienced it before his father "Speed" Paulsen reached his home, a boat in Sausalito CA. Then before Bethany was to be kidnapped. Lastly, before his father showed up following him on I-95 and when croc was growling at the Maryland Fish Company semi-truck which had bethany and malak inside.

Angela Tucker- Daughter of Malak Tucker & Roger Tucker. Stepdaughter of Blaze Munoz. Good in Tae kwon do and observing. has many shades and other stuff in a ratty old backpack she keeps with her. Fluent in spy talk and a better liar than Q. wears a seamaster (POTUS).

Tyrone Boone- Ex NOC CIA agent. His cover is an ANCIENT hippy roadie. Ageless. Has some weird teleporting ability he calls "blinking" along with his dog Croc who seems to understand what people say. Friends with everybody including Mr.POTUS. Wears seamaster (POTUS).

SOS Team- Some Old Spooks. Ex-spys still in the trade who work independently and share intel with agencies at the same time not only to one agency. There's Boone (leader), Vanessa (driver & good at throwing knives), X-Ray (computer genius & Bomb disarming genius), Felix (big guy), Uly (big guy), Eben Lavi (new recruit), Ziv (new recruit/Leopard's monkey), Agent Pat C. (new recruit/SS agent), Agent Charlie Norton (new recruit/SS agent), Angela & Q.

Mr.POTUS/J.R. Culpepper- President. Gives Seamasters to his closest friends who he trusts, exclusive club, & has his personal cell number which he always answers on crystal that is the back of the watch which also contains a tracker (which Malak discovered and took out after Independence Hall bomb). Has a son named Willingham AKA PK (President's Kid), a daughter named Bethany Culpepper who is and has First Daughter responsibilities since their mother died a few years back, and he has an older daughter in college who makes no appearances in the book. He is also an ex-CIA Director. Very well respected in the intelligence community for always knowing what was going on. So far mentioned in the book, he has given seamasters to Malak, Agent Callaghan, Agent Norton, Boone, John Masters, Angela & Q.

Willingham Culpepper/Will/PK(Presidents Kid)- 10 years old but VERY smart, can read people well and knows when somethings up. Found secret passages on his own and took an old model SS radio so he can hear what the SS hears in their ear pieces. Thinks his dad doesn't know but he does and is just trying to keep it interesting for him in the white house since there is no privacy in there. Likes to hang in the kitchen although who knows how he felt after realizing that Chef Cheesy was a mole and tried to kidnap him after drugging him the day of the concert. Also likes hanging out in the Solarium.

Ghost Cell- Terrorist cell VERY WELL planted and rooted in the USA. They're ghosts. Some are born or immigrated there and the training starts very young. Everyone has a role. Some big, some small. The head of the cell is made of THE FIVE. After kidnapping Bethany, Malak makes it into THE FIVE. It's made of Paul S, Malak, and three other people. Elise used to be a part of THE FIVE but after she was shot by Ziv there was a vacancy. The way it works is operational ideas are floated up anonymously and then voted on. Paul is #4 and Malak is #5. Each member has a vote but they're skewed. #1 has 3 votes, #2 has 2 votes, #3 has 1 vote, #4 has 1/2 vote, & #5 has 1/2 vote too. Other lower ghostcell members get instructions through junk emails that have a certain pattern in the title.

Paul S- #4 in THE FIVE. Father of dead Amun Massri and brother of dead Elise. Shot in the shoulder by

Eben Lavi and escapes with and because of Malak from Kitty Hawk Island.

#### QUICK SUMMARY OF BOOKS-

BK1>>> They are running from Eben Lavi and his little mossad team and they are trying to figure out of if Malak is indeed alive or not. They go from California to Pennsylvania which is where the first concert from the tour will be in the Electric Factory.

BK2>>> They are at the white house as Malak requested Boone. Theres going to be a concert by Match (incredibly famous and popular at the moment, Blaze and Rogers band). Bethany Culpepper is kidnapped by the end and Malak leaves the president a note with Q.

BK3>>> I-95, Virginia, and North Carolina. Mostly it takes place on the interstate trying to disarm 3 bombs in 3 Tahoes. & following trying to get back bethany. & the raid at the Kitty Hawk Island where one of the five head cell members was finally revealed. & Malak was finally let into the inner 5-member circle.

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