

Son

Lois Lowry

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Claire is a 16 year old girl living in the Community. Her job is Birthmother, to create the Product that will live inside them for 9 months. When her birth goes wrong, she is left with a scar, and a new job. Unlike the other members of the Community, she seems awake. She visits the newchild that is her son until her world is turned upside down. He has been taken. Claire flees, and ends up far from her home. She must find her son, even if the cost is her youth.

Meanwhile, Gabriel has turned into a boy, curious about his past and his mother. He is attempting to build a boat to go back to where he came from and find her. There is an old woman, Claire, who watches him. She has been there for as long as he can remember. When she reveals who she is, Gabriel must try to undo the trade that has taken away his mother's youth.

Son is well written, and exciting, with intriguing characters and character developments. Lois Lowry writes to ages 11-17, with strong action, and a multitude of settings. Each character is well thought out, planned, and described, and I found it interesting to watch the characters as they grew and matured. This book is about a coming of age for Claire, as she tries to find her son through Lois Lowry's classic telling.

Other recommended books:

1. *What Came From the Stars* (Gary Schmidt)
2. *Freakling* (Lana Krumwiede)
3. *The Maze Runner* (James Dashner)