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Book Review

Double Vision #2: Code Name 711

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Rating

Excellent

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Intermediate

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Linc Baker is just an ordinary kid--except when a secret agency called Pandora finds him useful doubling for a junior secret agent who looks just like him. After Pandora intercepts a threat on the president's life, Linc is brought to DC to help protect the presidential family and find a magical version of George Washington's coat before the killer does. After the bad guy gets away with the coat, Pandora declares the mission a failure. But Linc isn't ready to give up and devises a plan to get the perpetrator and save the president's family.

Fast-paced and interesting, this novel brings spy fiction to the middle grade at a developmentally appropriate level. With a twelve-year-old protagonist and clean content, it is sure to be one your teen would enjoy. The concept of a secret agent with a look-alike double is interesting and the plot is intriguing; however, it often feels unrealistic. The kids are sloppy in their spy skills and very loud and obvious, meaning they would likely be captured or taken out much more than they actually are. Even though this is often reflected on by the characters, the plot is more loosely written and therefore hard to take seriously sometimes. Regardless, it is a quick, enjoyable read.