

Snap

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What begins as a family vacation to the beach for Madison turns into any high school girl's nightmare. While staying at the sub-par Home Suite Home motel near the beach in Sandyland near one of her father's construction job sites, Madison's parents reveal that she will not be returning to her wealthy suburban town for school in the fall. Her family is bankrupt.

Madison is left with her digital camera and her wardrobe after her phone is disconnected, her lap top is sold back, and anything else the bank could reposes is returned. She misses her friend Lexie and her cushy lifestyle in this new, budget controlled beach life. As if all this wasn't bad enough, while snapping pictures of the Sandyland beach, Madison drops her camera, needs it repaired, and then discovers a supernatural power in her photos.

Madison winds up at Psychic Photo, the only camera store around, where she crosses paths with Delilah, Leo, and Duncan, who become her summer friends. Though Madison considers the three beach friends only temporary fill-ins for her friends back home, the mystery of her camera's power to capture ghost-like images forges an unbreakable bond between them. Madison comes to learn that moving to Sandyland is not as horrible as she first thought, and that relationships, rather than possessions are what is important.

I loved every word of Carol Snow's novel. Madison's situation is relatable for anyone who has had to move to a new place as a teenager, anyone who is learning the ropes of their first romantic relationship, and anyone who has experienced happenings that can only be explained in the realm of energy fields. I recommend *Snap* for every teenage girl, and think boys will enjoy it too. I wish I knew what happens in Madison's life next!