

***Hello Stranger* by Katherine Center**

Sadie Montgomery is determined to make it on her own – with no help. Which isn't easy when you are an artist. It really isn't easy when a genetic brain condition suddenly reveals itself, you need emergency brain surgery, and your ability to barely make a living as a portrait artist is in jeopardy when you develop a facial blindness condition after surgery. She literally cannot see faces as a whole – only their individual parts.

She doesn't know if the facial blindness she developed is temporary or not, and she has just a few weeks to start and complete a new portrait for a prestigious competition. To add to the mix, she is obsessing over her dog's cute vet (at least she assumes he is cute as she can't see his face) and someone in her building who is annoying her (but again – she can't actually see his face). Throw in an evil stepsister who just moved into her building and you've got a hot mess. But this is a feel good rom-com, so never fear!

I couldn't stop listening to this book (we have the audio CD version as well as the print version). I took the CDs out of my car and put them in my laptop so I could keep listening to it. I admit there was a section in the book that was stomach clenching because things were not looking good – but the end was well worth it. A good read (or listen)!