

One of Us Is Lying

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When 5 people from 5 different social groups walked into detention together but only 4 walked out alive, a scandalous mystery and crime took place at Bayview High. Bronwyn, Addy, Nate, and Cooper, were caught in a lie that was the death of the school gossip geek, an almost perfectly woven plan, all due to the high school stereotypes. Funny enough, all these 5 students were sent to detention because they used cellphones in class, yet none of them knew they had the phone in their bags. The 4 suspects formed an alliance with each other, determined to solve the mystery. After countless hours of investigation, numerous attempts of convincing others, and trying all sorts of different plans, something good finally came out of this mess.

It was such a journey reading this book, it sucked me into it straight away. When I read the description I wasn't sure this book would be my forte, I'm usually not a fan of mysteries unless it's fantasy, but two pages in I wasn't able to put it down until I finished the book completely. Reading this book made me realize how strong high school stereotypes can be and how big of an impact it has on people. Oftentimes we don't realize that we are grouped into a specific category and we are expected to act a certain way, and we don't realize that because of the way we act, others can get hurt. Bronwyn, Addy, Nate, and Cooper working together so clear their names and solving the mystery further showed me how important trust and friendship is.

What is truly amazing about this book is that it's for everyone from middle school to adults to read, parents and children can read this book and all discuss and reflect. One of Us Is Lying mentioned many typical millennial problems, like drug dealing, luxury lifestyles, entitlement, and more. This is a great book to just sit down and follow the plot, families and friends can even read together and try to solve the mystery along with the characters.

Recommended Titles

One of Us Is Next, Karen M. McManus

Two Can Keep A Secret, Karen M. MaManus

Paper Towns, John Green