

ONE OF US IS LYING

by Karen McManus

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Rating (0 stars is the absolute worst, 10 stars is the BEST BOOK EVER)



Genre(s):

Contemporary

Action/adventure

Science Fiction

Fantasy

Romance

Horror

Mystery

Nonfiction

Historical fiction

Other:

Five high school students find themselves in detention in *One of Us Is Lying*, but only four appear alive. Simon Kelleher, the creator of a gossip app called "About That," spreads secrets, rumors, and nasty comments about his peers. When Simon suddenly dies during detention, the remaining students become suspects. As the police investigate, they discover that these four have a secret to hide.

I wouldn't say I loved the book, but I do like it, aside from how the writing was very trope-heavy and relied on too many stereotypes for character development. I liked how the suspense built up well and kept me guessing until the end. McManus did an amazing casting suspicion and tension on so many characters that you start questioning everything. *One of Us Is Lying* is the classic set-up for one of my favorite Mystery subgenres: the locked room. Overall I think the book is good for people who like basic mystery books for a quick read, but people who want stronger and heavier mystery books differently try *And There Were None* by Agatha Christie and *Four Found Dead* by Natalie D. Richards.

If you like books like *I Know Your Secret* by Daphne Benedis-grab, *A Good Girls' Guide to Murder* by Holly Jackson, and *I'm Not Dying with You Tonight*—one of my favorites— by Kimberley Jones this book is a good quick read for you. If you also like TV series like *Pretty Little Liars*, *Revenge*, *Riverdale*, *Veronica Mars*, and *Get Even* you'll love this book.

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