

THE GIRLS I'VE BEEN

by Tess Sharpe

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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:

The Girl's I've Been by Tess Sharpe follows Nora, a secretive teenager, whose youth is shaped by her con-artist mother. When Nora, her ex-boyfriend, and her new girlfriend get caught in a bank robbery turned hostage situation. With their situation going downhill, she must use her hidden con-skills to help the three survive. As tension escalates, her past lives begin to come back to haunt her, testing her relationships.

This book was a fast-paces and suspenseful read that kept me guessing and surprised in every chapter. I enjoyed how the author slowly hinted/revealed Nora's backstory and 'past lives.' The high-stakes action and personal secrets make for a really engaging plot, and the dynamic Nora has between her ex, girlfriend, AND the criminal add humor and drama. I enjoyed ever second of reading this book.

I would 100% recommend The Girls I've Been to anyone who enjoys thriller and wit, a strong female lead, and a multitude of twists. I think that anyone who appreciates books with hidden identities/secrets, cunning heroines, and complex relationships, would thoroughly enjoy this book. It is overall a gripping novel that addresses trust, loyalty, and survival in a way that feel exciting and authentic (or as authentic as you can be with a fictional ex-con-artist).

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