

EVERY LAST LIAR

by Kate Francis

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



Genre(s):



Contemporary/Realistic



Action/adventure



Science Fiction



Fantasy



Romance



Horror



Mystery



Nonfiction



Historical fiction



Other: Thriller

Every Last Liar follows seven teens who believe they've won a luxury desert retreat, only to be abandoned at a rundown motel and confronted with a threatening message accusing them of causing a deadly school fire one year earlier. As the group realizes they're trapped in a revenge game where someone must "sacrifice" themselves every hour or they all die, paranoia and fear spread quickly. The story alternates between tense group dynamics and the unraveling mystery behind the fire. With time running out, the characters must decide who to trust and who deserves to survive.

This book is fast-paced and addictive, especially because every character feels guilty in a different way, which keeps the tension high. The isolated desert setting and the countdown structure make the story feel claustrophobic and urgent. I liked how the author blends emotional trauma with thriller elements, the characters' grief, guilt, and fear feel real, which makes the stakes even higher. The twists are sharp, and the story constantly forces you to question everyone's motives.

I would recommend this book to readers who enjoy dark, twisty YA thrillers like *One of Us Is Lying* or *The Hunger Games* style survival stories. It's perfect for teens who like mysteries centered on secrets, group tension, and moral dilemmas rather than gore. The plot moves quickly, the suspense stays high, and the ending leaves you thinking about guilt, forgiveness, and what people do when they're pushed to the edge.

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