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See no evil...

Elizabeth and Jessica Wakefield are thrilled when their cousin Kelly Bates arrives in Sweet Valley. Kelly's mother is planning to remarry and hopes that living with the Wakefields for a while will prepare Kelly for life with a new stepfather and two stepbrothers.

As soon as Kelly arrives she shocks her cousins by going out with troublemaker Kirk Anderson. Then she announces her plans to stay in Sweet Valley and live with her father. She says he's the perfect dad, but that's not the way it looks to the twins. Their cousin seems to have a blind spot when it comes to her father, as well as to Kirk. Will Kelly find out what's keeping her from seeing the truth?

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Christian Singer says

Some secrets are so painful that we tuck them deep inside and seem to forget about them, though they lurk in the dark corners of our being. Francine Pascal did a good job of portraying this in Family Secrets.

Forever Young Adult says

Graded By: Erin

Read the drinking game and review here.

Hillary says

So this was weird: The twins went an entire book without plotting, scheming, offering unsolicited advice, or generally being awful. Huh.

Alex says

The only thing I remembered about this book before re-reading it today was the costume that Liz, Jess and Kelly end up wearing. It's kinda funny what sticks in your head and what doesn't! You would think I would remember Kelly's nightmare but nope, it's all about the monkey costume.

Felicia Moore says

Rereading the series again for fun!

Hil says

The twins' cousin comes to visit, and she's got daddy issues, but it all comes out in the wash.

Sheila Read says

I remember the cover just not the story.

Priyadarshni Palanikumar says

This is my first-ever Sweet Valley High! I like the idea! I've always wanted some material which goes into the American teenage girls side, but, disliked the stuff I know about current years (the drugs, the drinking). This was perfect. I can see why my friend recommended these to me.

The twins are cool! They are a great mix of characters and Sweet Valley High is just perfect. It is a great scenario for 13 years and upwards to read and enjoy. This title is about a cousin of Liz and Jess who visits them. The duo become a trio, with Kelly looking a lot like them. A story of friendship and parental love combined is very rare, and this one has that.

Four stars because I did not like the abruptness of sentences used in the book sometimes.

PS : Parental advice necessary for Indian teenagers. It has some explicit content. I wouldn't worry much, but, would probably encourage a 15 years limit to start it.

Connie says

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Series: Sweet Valley High #45

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The twins cousin Kelly is coming to stay with the for a bit because she's a spoilt only child of a divorced couple who idolises her absentee father and can't deal with the fact her new stepfather has two children. She looks like the twins which is something that is mentioned a lot throughout this book, and Kelly has suppressed memories of her "perfect" father being aggressive and borderline abusive towards her mother which causes her to have nightmares every night. I actually felt really sorry for Kelly in this book because she couldn't see anything wrong with her father coming to see her on her birthday for half an hour without a gift, or the fact that he wouldn't let her move in with him when times were tough. She even falls in love with a boy called Kirk Anderson who basically tries to sexually assault her at one stage and gets really angry when she says no.

This was definitely a lot darker than some of the previous books in this series as it actually dealt with some serious issues, but all ends well in Sweet Valley.

Jenn N says

I actually forgot that I had read this one until they decided on their costume party costumes. Then just like Kelly's suppressed memories the whole ridiculous plot came flooding back. ?

Jodie says

Never a dull moment in Sweet Valley, always great stories, great adventures and awesome characters. I loved it all.
