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16 year old Cassie Safire is a very good girl who does some very bad things. Dumped by her boyfriend and betrayed by her best friend, Cassie discovers her mom has a very big secret, and suddenly no amount of niceness can make Cassie's world right again.

To escape, Cassie takes on a summer job restoring a sailboat with RD, a mysterious college guy living at the marina. Rejected and grief-stricken, Cassie finds herself drawing closer to RD. When their relationship becomes romantic, RD tells Cassie they can only be together in secret.

But on an island this small, secrets rarely stay hidden.

Lie to Me Details

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JeanBookNerd says

Suzanne Brahm's Lie to Me is perfectly captures the emotions and actions of the average sixteen year-old girl. When Cassie finds herself alone and vulnerable after being dumped by her boyfriend and deceived by her best friend, she tries to deal with the pain of losing the people she cares about and desperately tries to find the strength to move on. The meeting of RD seems to be the support she needs as he comforts and listens to her problems. However, RD is older than Cassie but they continue to have a relationship and manage to keep it a secret. Now Cassie is weaving herself a web of lies in order for their relationship to remain intact. Cassie is broken but yet she knows that what she is doing is wrong. RD seems to always be by her side when things are going wrong. She is becoming more obsessed with RD but does he really care about her?

The one obvious thing about this book is how Suzanne manages to mimic the thoughts and opinions of a sixteen year-old girl. This period in a young woman's life is vastly covered with sensitive situations and almost all of her decisions were emotionally-fueled. The writing is absolutely beautiful as readers get a clear understanding of Cassie's justifications for her badly made decisions. This book may hit home with some readers as Cassie goes through heart-wrenching moments that many people go through every day. I enjoyed reading the Cassie character, she is real, genuine, and nothing about her seems fabricated. Lie to Me is a perfectly written coming of age book with plenty of twists to keep readers turning the pages.

Jasmeen says

It had me, then it confused me and at the end, it just lost me. It was a promising premise, and I will admit to loving the way it started out, but then things got too fast, too quick, and it just didn't come off quite right.

Kellie Maddox-Ward says

16 year old Cassie's summer has plain and simply turned to shit.

She has been in love with Nick since she first saw him years ago. He came back from a party with pink lipgloss that wasn't her on his face.

Then dumped her via text message...

add to that she has to work with him at her Mum's restaurant all the time, being the "good girl" she is she covers for him when he has dates and that he is the worst waiter ever.

then on top of that..

she find out the pink lip gloss belongs to her best friend Priya.

She cuts ties with both of them...

While brooding at the Marina she meets the 23 year old college student R.D. They strike up a fast friendship. He is forever telling her that he is no good for her, and she is a good girl.

One day at the restaurant Cassie's Mum faints. It finally comes out in the open that Cassie's Mum has cancer and she isn't doing well, her Aunt comes to help their Mum with Cassie and Addie.

Cassie and R.D. start spending a lot of time together, just talking, sailing, he really listens to Cassie and she has no one else to talk to anymore.

Soon things turn serious. They have to stay a secret. No one can know. but secrets and lies can't be kept forever, can they?

R.D has to go back to mainland for a week for school, when he returns EVERYTHING is different. but why?!

MY HONEST OPINION

Absolutely brilliant! It shows how everyone deals with grief differently.

While this sounds like a love story, it is in a way, but it is more. It is about Love, betrayal, deceit, adultery, loss, family, forgiveness and more.

Cassie goes from being the "good girl" to just becoming Cassie. She becomes a stronger person over the summer even though so much shit happens to her.

Addie was a great secondary character and a super smart kid.

Please don't read this spoiler unless you literally want the ending SPOILT! People who have read it please inbox me your opinion as I need to talk to someone about it! THANKS

(view spoiler)

It tears at your heartstrings and pulls you in deeply to the story. When you're up you're up when you're down you are DOWN.

Great book I will be checking out the Author's other stuff.

Stephanie C. says

This was a very well written book consisting of love, loss, finding strength within yourself, and the emotionally driven choices we make as young adults. Disturbing things took place in the book, and I wouldn't personally recommend it to a young reader, but it is what made the story more realistic. This book reminds me of the poor choices I made as a teen, & about how men will sometimes take advantage of young girls when given the opportunity.

Cassie starts a romantic relationship with R.D. after her lifelong crush/bf cheats on her with her best friend. Feeling betrayed, she goes through the normal emotions of a teenage girl. R.D. sees this and takes full advantage of her. Cassie soon learns that adults aren't always truthful, how much family means, & that karma is in fact a bitch! This book was able to believably portray the mind of a sixteen year old girl. Cassie is a

well written character who seemed to jump off the pages in the book.

♥ Sarah says

2.5-3 stars

I'm not sure if I could say this book was scandalous, but it was very unsettling. I'm not sure if there was a "point" to the story, but I took it as a cautionary tale. I think RD was a total creeper; he was preying on a vulnerable, not to mention UNDERAGED minor that was completely off-limits (legally, morally, and otherwise). However, I liked that the author chose not to romanticize RD and Cassandra's relationship. Well, in the beginning she did, but that's because the story was told in Cassandra's POV. Ultimately, the relationship was revealed for what it truly was – a lie. A very illegal, horrifying, manipulative, and truly scary lie; RD was a total predator, although I did feel a tiny bit bad for him at the end.

I won't say I didn't like it, obviously. It was intriguing, but in a sort of sickening, don't-want-to-look-but-have-to kind of way. When I first started the book, I had no idea the story would take such a dark turn. But perhaps if I was expecting it, I might've actually really liked it. I thought it would be an angsty love story. What I got was shock, disgust, fear, and a damn good warning to STAY AWAY from handsome (older) sailors.

Sol says

I finished this book a few days ago and I am finally going to write a review for it!

I was sent the e-book by the author as I have won it in a giveaway!

I started reading it and could not put it down!

I literally devoured it between classes or even while I was attending a class (yeah, not very responsible of my part).

The books follows 16 year old Cassie around. Cassie discovered her mother's deep dark secret on the summer that was supposed to be the best one of her life. Her boyfriend dumped her and she met a new guy, who is a lot older than her!

She fell in love with this guy, named RD, but little did she know that he too kept a dark secret from her.

Her life changed after this summer, she learned that being 16 is not all about parties, hanging out and having fun. There was a lot of weight on her shoulders and a lot of pressure to stay strong for her family!

This book talks about how hard it is to be a teenager who goes through what Cassie went though.

Of course, our heroine stayed strong and fought until the end!

I definitely recommend this book! I really loved the plot and the story line, the characters were great and the book was very well paced!

5 stars (I would give a million stars to this book though)!

Amy says

This book is a must read for all!!

Genea says

Oh my gosh, just finished this book and wish I could gab about every last bit of it's juicy pages. This book is about loss, betrayal, trust, of course love etc, etc. I was a sniffling fool while reading the pages of this smart, brave, and heart wrenching coming of age story. Cassie's life became a roller-coaster with a lot of dips and not many hills. Her boyfriend dumped her in a way allowed only by the existence of modern technology. Then she was betrayed by her best friend and then finds out she could lose her mother. Cassie had no one to confide in, or a shoulder to cry on. In the space of just a few weeks she lost everyone she normally leans on. When much older RD enters the picture, Cassie finds someone who she can share her pain with and who understands and is there for her when she needs him.

I wasn't sure how Cassie and RD's relationship would be handled, was it going to be more of an emotional one or were things gonna get really serious. Oh my, I was screaming "Are you freaking kidding me?" to the pages after the story reached it's peak. I was not expecting such a honest depiction of the path that a young girls life can take when dealing with an ill parent, fractured relationships and lots and lots of pain. There were times when I was having doubts about how I felt about the way things were progressing between Cassie and RD, I had this feeling something was off but I thought that maybe I was thinking too much with my mom brain. Especially the boathouse scene, not telling. That was one of my "Are you kidding me" moments.

I have to say I really appreciated how this story was handled. It was a very revealing insight into how people can come into your life when your feeling lost and alone, and if your not equipped emotionally things can get complicated. It also shows how death and illness can separate and damage families and make a person vulnerable to being manipulated. Just read it, you won't be disappointed.

Suzanne Brahm says

Lie to Me, is a YA novel based in the Pacific Northwest about a very good girl and the cost of secrets. I hope you enjoy it.

Bèbè ♦ RANT ♦ says

Safire has always been known as a "nice" girl. Always helping people and trying to make everyone feel better, she never says "no" and tries to make sure everyone is happy. But when her boyfriend Nick breaks up with her, she's tired of being treated "nice". When Cassie finally decides to throw Nick's ring away, that he got for her as a present, she meets RD, a mysterious 23-year old man who makes her feel strong, beautiful and reckless. While with being with RD forces her to lie to everyone around her. She cannot have anyone on the island find out about her summer fling. But she is not the only one who is lying and everyone eventually always gets caught.

*"Standing in darkness
An unexpected light
Impossible but true
You make the stars shine brighter
Sweet beautiful girl...
I'll stand beside you and look,
Just look and remember
A secret kiss..."*

Oh how I wanted to love this book. It had an amazing potential to be something greater but after reading the book, it was very slow. Cassie really annoyed me throughout the book and usually when I don't like the MC, I probably won't like the book. She was way too obsessed with RD and just really whiny about it. I understand that she's a teenager who's very insecure but I just thought that her character could have been presented better. Other than that, the ending was amazing. If that ending was not there, this review would have been 1 star instead of 3.5!

Meenu says

FIRST READS

A world composed of lies. A lie leading to another until it breaks you. 'Lie to Me' by Suzanne Brahm is a book filled with lies, betrayal, heartbreak and heartache. It tugs at your heart and makes tears appear in your eyes when you least it. Suzanne Brahm creates a world so intense and so real that it pulls you in and doesn't let you go until the very last page.

16 year old Cassandra was living the life of any normal teenager on San Sebastian. After her father's death, it had always just been her, her mother and little sister Addie. She didn't think anything would go wrong. But one night at a party, her world is turned upside down when her uberly hot boyfriend, Nick, dumps her because of another girl. Little does Cass know that that other girl is her best friend Priya.

One event leads to another and pretty soon, Cass figures out the truth. The truth of her friend's betrayal and her ex-boyfriend's lies. When she needs comfort the most, RD steps in and changes her whole world. His sweet talk and reassurances make Cass fall for him. Ands she falls hard. Just to stay with RD, she creates a world of lies and is soon pulled into RD's world of calm and wonder.

Just when Cass thought everything was going good, her mother tells her about her cancer. Cassandra's world is tipped once more and it changes her. She creates more lies to cover her tracks and hide the truth of RD.

Full of twists and turns, 'Lie to Me' makes the reader want more. It makes the reader cry out and want to help Cass. That is how real this book is. Every word, every page and every detail, feels real. As real as one's self and you can imagine this happening to someone real. Pretty soon, you wonder if its not a real life story instead of fiction.

All in all, 'Lie to Me' was a very well written and intriguing book. I would recommend it to anyone 16+ due to some mature content.

Jen Wylie says

This is a hard book to review. It was extremely well written, and quite believable. In fact, it reminded me too much of being 16 and my thoughts back then. I found the story itself a bit disturbing. It contains a lot of lies, a 16 yr old having sex with a much older man, deceit and a number of adult topics including sex and health issues with her mother.

I wouldn't recommend for a very young reader. The story/plot was rather twisted and like a train wreck, you couldn't stop reading even though you kind of wanted to.

Linda says

This story surprised me. It took a path I didn't expect. I liked the storyline very much, the characters were true to life with the drama of teenagers and the desire to be accepted and loved. The main character, Cassandra, gets involved in a situation that has her lying to her family and friends as to her whereabouts and being very secretive. What seems like true love to Cassandra might be more than she is capable of understanding. Can the pain inflicted by others drive her to do things she normally wouldn't do? Or is she trying to escape something more tragic by ignoring reality and going out of character to avoid it? I received *Lie To Me* free from Goodreads first reads.

GW says

Lie to Me - a story where pretty much everyone tells lies. A good contemporary/YA read. Also, got this free for the kindle - another plus. My expectations for free books start off rather low because I rarely find decent ones. This is a story about a 16 year old. Where do I even begin? This is such a realistic story, and it follows Cassandra's actions as she goes through a bad breakup and discovers RD. But RD tells Cassandra that this relationship can be only a secret. As a 16 year old, Cassandra's naive and easily able to fall in love. But - what is love in the eyes of a 16 yr old? To be honest, I thought this book would be quite predictable...but there are twists that I didn't see coming.

Tracey says

The author did a great job bringing back memories of teenage angst and first love. However this is definitely not your typical HEA teen love story it comes with plenty of heartbreak, betrayal and real life.
