



***The Truth About Keeping Secrets* by Savannah Brown**

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*Age Range: 14-18 (Suggested by Publisher)

Grade Range: (Recommended by *School Library Journal*)

BOOK SYNOPSIS

From beloved poet and YouTuber Savannah Brown comes this riveting young adult LGBTQ suspense debut, hailed as “Both ominous and deliciously twisted” (*Booklist*) and “Visceral, pitch-perfect...A captivatingly moody, introspective drama.” (*Kirkus Reviews*)

Sometimes it's safer for the truth to stay a secret.

Sydney's dad is the only psychiatrist for miles in their small Ohio town. He knows everybody's secrets. Which is why it's so shocking when he's killed in an accident.

Grief-stricken Sydney can't understand why the police have no explanation for what happened the night of her dad's car crash. And when June Copeland, the homecoming queen whose life seems perfect, shows up at the funeral, Sydney's confusion grows.

Sydney and June grow closer in the wake of the accident, but it's clear that not everyone is happy about their new friendship.

What is picture-perfect June hiding? And does Sydney even want to know?

This winding mystery of complex grief, imperfect friendships, and burning secrets is perfect for fans of Sadie and Natasha Preston.

REVIEWS AND PRAISE

“Visceral, pitch-perfect...A captivatingly moody, introspective drama.” —[Kirkus Reviews](#)

“Both ominous and deliciously twisted, and populated by an unreliable cast of characters, Brown's debut novel is a low-burn, character-driven thriller that will satisfy fans of mystery who yearn for a proverbial path of breadcrumbs leading to a hopeful, satisfying conclusion.” —[Booklist](#)

“Brown's novel tackled death and grief very well... a good balance between sensitive and non-sensitive topics... I recommend!” —Ethan T., Flyleaf Books (Chapel Hill, NC)

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AUTHOR STATEMENT (OPTIONAL)

*A NOTE ON AGE RANGES

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