



BOOK RESUME: WE WERE LIARS

BOOK SYNOPSIS

A beautiful and distinguished family.
A private island.
A brilliant, damaged girl; a passionate, political boy.
A group of four friends—the Liars—whose friendship turns destructive.
A revolution. An accident. A secret.
Lies upon lies.
True love.
The truth.

REVIEWS AND PRAISE

★ "Surprising, thrilling, and beautifully executed in spare, precise, and lyrical prose, Lockhart spins a tragic family drama, the roots of which go back generations. And the ending? Shhhh. Not telling. (But it's a doozy)...This is poised to be big."
—Booklist, starred review

★ "Lockhart has created a mystery with an ending most readers won't see coming, one so horrific it will prompt some to return immediately to page one to figure out how they missed it. At the center of it is a girl who learns the hardest way of all what family means, and what it means to lose the one that really mattered to you." —*Publishers Weekly*, starred review

★ "Riveting, brutal and beautifully told." —*Kirkus*, starred review

★ "The ending is a stunner that will haunt readers for a long time to come."
—*School Library Journal*, starred review

★ "A taut psychological mystery marked by an air of uneasy disorientation...The ultimate reveal is shocking both for its tragedy and for the how-could-I-have-not-suspected-that? feeling it leaves us with. But we didn't, which is Lockhart's commendable triumph." —*The Horn Book*, starred review

★ "This is a love story as much as it is a psychological mystery...Astonishing."
—Shelf Awareness, starred review

"[a] haunting, sophisticated mystery...a novel so twisty and well-told that it will appeal to older readers as well as to adolescents." —*The Wall Street Journal*

"Irresistible premise for this ticking time bomb of a novel." —*The New York Times Book Review*

Title: We Were Liars

Author: E. Lockhart

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Children's Books

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Grade Range: Gr 9 Up
(Recommended by School
Library Journal)

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AWARDS AND ACCOLADES

- **SELECTION 2014** - Bank Street College Best Children's Book of the Year
- **SELECTION 2015** - IRA Young Adult Choices
- **SELECTION 2015** - YALSA Best Books for Young Adults
- **SELECTION 2015** - Virginia Capitol Choices Award List
- **NOMINEE 2015** - Florida Book Award
- **WINER 2015** - Georgia Children's Book Award
- **NOMINEE 2015** - Michigan Reading Association Great Lakes Book Award
- **SELECTION 2015** - Pennsylvania Young Readers Choice Master List
- **SELECTION 2014** - Quick Picks for Reluctant Readers
- **SELECTION 2015** - Texas TAYSHAS High School Reading List
- **SELECTION 2015** - Virginia Young Readers Program
- **WINNER 2015** - Tennessee Volunteer State Book Award
- **NOMINEE 2016** - Louisiana Young Reader's Choice Award
- **WINNER 2016** - Missouri Gateway Readers Award
- **AWARD 2014** - Publishers Weekly Best Books
- **HONOR 2016** - Rhode Island Teen Book Award
- **AWARD 2014** - School Library Journal Best Book of the Year
- **FINALIST 2015** - Georgia Children's Book Award
- **WINNER 2015** - Georgia Children's Book Award
- **NOMINEE 2016** - New Mexico Land of Enchantment Book Award
- **NOMINEE 2018** – Grand Canyon Reader Award

MEDIA AND RESOURCES

- [We Were Liars Educators' Guide](#)
- [Book Page Interview](#)

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