



[The Midnight Lie](#) by Marie Rutkoski

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

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

BOOK SYNOPSIS

Set in the world of the New York Times–bestselling Winner’s Trilogy, Marie Rutkoski's *The Midnight Lie* is an epic LGBTQ romantic fantasy about learning to free ourselves from the lies others tell us—and the lies we tell ourselves.

Where Nirrim lives, crime abounds, a harsh tribunal rules, and society’s pleasures are reserved for the High Kith. Life in the Ward is grim and punishing. People of her low status are forbidden from sampling sweets or wearing colors. You either follow the rules, or pay a tithe and suffer the consequences.

Nirrim keeps her head down, and a dangerous secret close to her chest.

But then she encounters Sid, a rakish traveler from far away, who whispers rumors that the High Kith possess magic. Sid tempts Nirrim to seek that magic for herself. But to do that, Nirrim must surrender her old life. She must place her trust in this sly stranger who asks, above all, not to be trusted.

REVIEWS AND PRAISE

“A complex and deftly plotted fantasy that brings F/F romance into the mainstream.” -[School Library Journal](#)

“*The Midnight Lie* is unsettling and thrilling, the world intricate and purposeful, and Nirrim, a protagonist readers will surely find enthralling.” —[Shelf Awareness](#)

"Read it for the romance, for the adventure, for the underlying commentary on divided societies—nothing disappoints. This is a treat for LGBTQ+ readers and the ending, happily, seems to indicate more to come."
—[Booklist](#)

“Rutkoski returns to the world of the Winner’s Trilogy with elaborate descriptions and lush worldbuilding . . . Rutkoski offers a captivating LGBTQ love story, atmospheric in the vein of Bardugo’s *Six of Crows*. Charismatic characters and compelling chapter cliffhangers build intrigue throughout.” — [Publishers Weekly](#)

“I loved this story so much! Something about the way Marie Rutkoski tells stories keeps me hooked until the very last page.” —[The Nerd Daily](#)

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“Hard to put down.” —[BPL Blog](#)

“Utterly immersive and gorgeous. Marie’s stories are the loveliest knives that cut you straight to the quick.”

—Roshani Chokshi, New York Times-bestselling author of *The Gilded Wolves*

“Lush, romantic, and powerful. In *The Midnight Lie*, Marie Rutkoski spins a sensuous tale about awakening to the truth.” —Malinda Lo, *author of Ash*

MEDIA AND RESOURCES

[Marie Rutkoski Introduces Her New Book 'The Midnight Lie'](#) —*Bustle*

Author’s Website - [About — Marie Rutkoski](#)

[An Interview with Marie Rutkoski, Author of *The Midnight Lie*](#) —*Fierce Reads*

***A NOTE ON AGE RANGES**

A publisher-suggested age range covers the gamut of readers that publishers envision using the book, whether for independent reading, family sharing, group study, or in other ways. Educators have the best sense of the appropriate age range for the diverse learners they work with and understand these ranges vary depending on a book’s intended use.

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