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My perfect life was a lie.

Now I'd do anything to uncover the truth.

Not long ago, I had everything a girl could wish for: amazing friends, an adorable boyfriend, a loving family. But none of them know that I'm gone--that I'm dead. To solve my murder, my long-lost twin sister, Emma, has taken my place. She sleeps in my room, wears my clothes, and calls my parents Mom and Dad.

And my killer is watching her every move.

I remember little from my life, just flashes and flickers, so all I can do is follow along as Emma tries to solve the mystery of my disappearance. But the deeper she digs, the more suspects she uncovers. It turns out my friends and I played a lot of games--games that ruined people's lives. Anyone could want revenge . . . anyone could want me--and now Emma--dead.

From Sara Shepard, the #1 New York Times bestselling author of the *Pretty Little Liars* books, comes a riveting series about secrets, lies, and killer consequences.

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Kelly Hager says

Emma is still posing as her twin, Sutton. The only one who knows is Ethan, and Sutton's friends do not know that Emma and Ethan are friends. Emma's not sure she can trust her friends, Madeline and Charlotte, or her sister, Laurel. She's actually pretty sure she can't trust ANYONE. But how can you be on guard every second of every day? Still, since Sutton's dead, Emma better at least try to be ultra-careful.

I love Sara Shepard's YA books. They're total guilty pleasures and they completely suck me in. I think I prefer Pretty Little Liars to this, but it's in the same way I prefer cheesecake to tiramisu but love both.

I'm not sure how this story can be sustained for several more novels (we need answers soon), but I'm definitely excited for book three.

I'm excited to watch the TV show, but I'm guessing it'll be like Pretty Little Liars and I'll stop watching because the books are better. (And really, why would you choose to bring books to TV and then completely abandon the books? Why not just do your own idea then?)

Kristy says

I am too old for this I believe.

SoMany twists and turns with so little answers.

Ethan gives me a bad vibe. He is around so often. I will bring suprised if the killer really is thayer.

2.5 stars

Brianna says

I loved the first and I read the pretty little liars.... So if it's as good as those then I'll stay hooked on her books ! +).

Miko says

I didn't like the first book as much, but it's written by Sara Shepard so I thought I should give it a chance. And so I did exactly that and borrowed the second book from the library.

This book is honestly just so so good.

Even though I didn't really read it in a day or anything, I loved almost everything about it. The pace was quite fast and I just kept (and keep) wanting more and more.

There isn't really anything else I could say besides jUST GO AND READ THIS SERIES OKAY. It's so amazing.

I already made a reservation on the third book at the library so now I'm waiting for that one to arrive and then I'll jump into this once again.

Misha Mayhem says

I knew that the Twitter Twins weren't Sutton's murderers, however I felt jipped when I found out they were playing a well-executed prank on her. This book gave more background and insight into Sutton's life, and it sucks that I have to wait six months for the next book!

Good Golly Miss Holly says

Review TBC...

I must commend Sara Shepard for such a winning debut installment in The Lying Game series. Unfortunately, I cannot say the same for Never Have I Ever (Book #2) as it fails to continue the fast-paced action and adventure one hopes for in these types of mystery/romance books.

It continually bothers me to see not only Pretty Little Liars but also The Lying Game series' dragged out over so many installments. I can't seem to understand how these books continue to be so popular when barely any clues and/or suspects are revealed in each sequel. I'm barely three quarters the way through the PLL series and can see myself also losing interest with The Lying Game series if it doesn't perk up a little in the next installment.

A few minor incidents do happen along the way (aka the book isn't a total bore) but most of the happenings in this book have absolutely nothing to do with the final outcome of the mystery as initially believed by the reader.

There were a few minor incidents along the way but just not enough progress made in the mystery of Sutton's death/disappearance. Although we did find time to cross off a few suspects for the time being but I'm sure they will be cast back into the spotlight further down the track.

If my suspicions are correct, Emma should be taking a much closer look at the one trusted ally, Ethan as I believe he would make the perfect culprit. If at error, I'm forced to select Laurel (Sutton's sister) as the lead suspect.

Truthfully, I am still keen to find out how this series plays out so I'll hopefully be won over once again by the next installment Two Truths and a Lie (Feb 7th 2012) where we will delve into Thayer's role in the death of Sutton Mercer.

Oftentimes, I found myself drifting off the page while the author took us down the track of clues that obviously had nothing to do with the case at hand.

We left off with ?

continues the hunt for Sutton's killer. Unbeknowst to her family and friends.

was just a set-up from an alternative story-line and nothing to do with the overall murder at all.

IAt times, I felt like I was reading a modern day Babysitters Club mystery or the like.

Madi (TheBookNerdDiaries) says

3.5

RTC.

Nadine.1911 says

4 Sterne! Das Ende hat nochmal alles rausgerissen.

Buddy says

schon wieder so eine sucht-Serie. :)

Elizabeth says

Definitely a fun read and I'm glad that Emma is different from Sutton. I was definitely on the edge of my seat a good bit. The Twitter Twins were so weird and I still don't feel like ruling them out.

I wish it would stay in 1st person or stay in 3rd person. It's weird when it flips from Sutton observing to just 3rd person.

There are definitely a lot of suspicious characters, but there are also a lot of sweet moments between Emma-as-Sutton and her friends, sister, and dad. I just wish there was a little more depth there? I know it's told that Sutton was the Ice Queen of their community, but the scenes move on so quickly that we don't get too long of a sweet moment or conversation between her and Laurel or her and Mads.

TL;DR - Definitely a fun read, but don't expect much in the way of depth. ;D

Kate ? says

Never Have I Ever, The Lying Game #2

Re-reading this review in Feb 2015 and I've realised this book definitely deserves 5 stars.

I read it back in 2012, and literally still remember most of the book, that is how you know the book was amazing, it leaves such an impact!

Theres so much nostalgia attached to this book for me.

I just remember loving the scene in the forest, and the train tracks memory, ah, loved it!

Jianne says

Never Have I Ever the second installment in **The Lying Game** series is better than its predecessor, *The Lying Game*. That's why I really love this book, especially the so awesome ending!

Never Have I Ever follows where the previous book left off, Emma Paxton continues on pretending to be her dead twin sister, Sutton Mercer. As Emma goes deeper into trying to find Sutton's killer, she realizes that the killer might just turn out to be the one she least expected it to be.

Never Have I Ever in my most honest opinion is much more better than *The Lying Game* perhaps in terms of the mysteries getting darker and it getting more tangled up (in a positive way). I love how Sara Shepard makes you think like "that's the killer" but in end it's not who you think it is and you're still a long way to go!

She absolutely convinced me that I've found the answer, but disappointingly not *yet*.

I love how Emma's character really developed since the last book and I definitely liked her character here more. She's more fierce and more determined to find her sister's killer and she begins to analyze angles and motives in a more critical way, WOW. I see that she tries really hard to adapt to Sutton's lifestyle. I also liked how I finally get a glimpse of Sutton's family life, something to watch out there.

While Sutton's friends, including Lauren for that matter are getting in my nerves. They love *and* hate her, well which seems a bit fake to me. You can't really love and hate your friends. I mean sure, they have their bad traits and you don't like it but you don't *hate* them in the point that you just slap whatever they did to you in your face. I know Sutton's not really an angel here so there's a reason to hate her but there's also a lot of "fakeness" going on.

While Ethan and Emma's romance, oh guys don't bother asking. *Smiles* You get what that smile means.

Though Sutton's memories tend to come back to her out of nowhere, I just hope she'll be a bit more useful. And Thayer's character! Man, I so wanna know what role he is going on play here! I'm really excited!

I just have to say that the mysteries are deeper and much harder to put together, I love how Sara Shepard reveals so little yet in the end she'll make you go "I knew that!" I love how she connects everything until the end.

Excited for *Two Truths and A Lie*!

Austin says

This book was definitely a page turner. Even more gripping than the first book!

Things that I liked that were different than in the first book:

- The pacing was much more fast
- There were unexpected twists and turns
- More characters were introduced
- Loved how Sutton's flashbacks provided clues to her suspects
- The writing didn't seem as forced

Once again, Sarah Shepard does not fail to deliver a light but gripping book that will keep teens on the edges of their seats while relating to how real the characters seem.

Many of the characters felt like real teenagers. Not smart, but not dumb. That's how I consider teenagers these days,(including myself.) The development in the characters was at the same level as the first book, but they had much more backstory in this installment.

The way the story was set up created a very well balanced atmosphere. Still a little similar to the first book, but still very intricate in how she portrayed other aspects.

I really like how Sarah Shepard writes. Although it's not detailed,(which I love) it cuts straight to the point while offering the reader perfect imagery on what's going on and flows effortlessly.

There were twists and turns in the plot that had me shocked. Sarah Shepard had me thinking this, than that, and then this, but at the end of the book I thought, WTF?!

She definitely surprised me with the ending. While shocking, I am still not sure if I positively know who Sutton's killer is, which is kind of disappointing. In some bizarre way though, I found myself really enjoying how things were put together. Looking forward for book 3.

Elemental Breakdown:

Story:8/10

Characters:8/10

Writing:8/10

Plot:9/10

Ending:8/10

Score:41/50

Grade:B

Rating:4 Stars

Sara Lynn says

This was excellent.

I love to read mysteries and this was a fast paced page turner.

I have no idea who the killer is, but have one prime suspect in mind.

Looking forward to reading book 3.

Vanessa Bastardo says

I read this book so fast, I didn't even had time to mark it as Currently-Reading, in about four hrs I think, Just like with the First One, Wanna know why? Because it's freacking impossible to put down!! Once again Sara, GREAT WORK!! I love Ethan and Emma, they are sooo cute together!! (so please, try not to break them for Thayer, would you?). Even if Ethan says "Like" way too much... Aaahhg damn, I was so convinced it was the Twitter Twins!! Poor Mads and Thayer!! They should deffinitely tell the cops about their dad!! And I still think mr. Chamberlain had something to do in Sutton's murder... Maybe with an accomplice... I dunno, but thinking about it, he was in Charls house at the sleep-over, he was there when Emma got to Sabino, and why would he have said he was at a business trip? Well, so he could go and kill Sutton without much problem... Besides, Sutton DID stole his daughter's boyfriend, and putted his daughter's life in danger.. I can think of a few reasons why he would like to kill her, and nobody, or at least Emma would ever guess... Why would her best friend's dad want to kill Sutton?... Speaking 'bout Sutton, I dunno why, but I liked her way better this book ;) Looking forward to more Lying Game pranks in "Two Truths and a Lie" can't wait 4 it!! Have you noticed that in 1st book they played "never have I ever" the name of the 2nd book, but in said book the played "two truths and a lie"?

Erika says

Irresistible, dark, twisted, glamorous and oh, so much better than Pretty Little Liars. I am officially obsessed with this series.

Irena says

After finishing the first book in the series I wasn't sure whether I'll continue with the series or not. There are two strong reasons for that:

1. Book number one was so much different from the tv show I actually felt hurt (because I really liked the show and since ABC family pulled that shitty move and cancelled it, books were my only chance to find out how the things would resolve).
2. I spoiled myself and I already know who killed Sutton.

So although **I was entertained while reading this book** I didn't have that reading experience I should have had in order to really involve myself into the story. I couldn't enjoy certain moments because I knew what I didn't suppose to know.

After reading this, you probably think I gave up and will not continue with the series, but I actually will. And there's only one reason for doing so: **Thayer** .
Let's see if I'll swoon over him as I did when watching the show!

Raul says

Another awesome installment in this series. I love the mystery and how you're kept guessing. I don't trust anyone so far!

Anny XD smiles forever!!!! says

I NEED THE NEXT BOOK OUT NOW NOW NOW!!!!

MermaidsReadBooks says

DNF

I'm over it. I feel like maybe I'm too old for this book. If I had read it earlier in life, I might have had the patience to finish it.

I may give it another chance at some point.
