

Book: One of Us is Lying review by Frances JAN 2025

This book is an exciting murder mystery having four different highschool students as the main suspects. The four suspects Nate a troublemaker, Addy the popular girl, Browyn the nerd, Cooper the joke as they all witnessed a student named Simon suspiciously died. Simon is known for having an app which tells everyone in the school's secrets. The four suspects have secrets that they definitely don't want Simon to post about their secrets on his app. So one of the four suspects is lying... I would definitely recommend this book to teenagers. Since the characters are in Highschool like many teenage readers can relate to everyday topics while struggling with school/relationships and secrets that don't want to come to the public. It is one of the most suspenseful books I have ever read. I love how the book has different perspectives through the four suspects as they are all extremely different. It really goes into the character development as us as readers can see how each character struggles through their classmates death, their secrets going out to the public, and the feeling like an outsider as not only does the school know the characters are suspected for murder but the whole state. It shows every character's stories and grips the reader like you're really there watching this thriller play out in real life. For example my favorite character is Addy. I personally think she had the most character development in the book. She starts as a girl who changes her personality for others and bites her tongue when something is wrong. She ends with not caring what people think about her and speaks up for what she believes. This shows a very powerful message that you don't need to be what people want you to be. Even though Addy was popular in the beginning and ended less popular, in the beginning she was not who she was meant to be. This book also has multiple plot twists that make you can't put down the book. Plot twists from the murder and including the characters just living their lives. One of my favorite parts of the book is how it isn't a cliché murder mystery. It's not a book where you guess it right away and have to continue the long book. Where this book, yet pretty short, keeps you second guessing yourself with the murderer. It also has a lot of drama while being a thriller. Also, being a murder mystery they are very funny. It made me laugh out loud multiple times which I always love in books. I'm going to be honest it takes me a long time to find books that I can really get into but this book, but this book took me only a week to read. I couldn't put it down in the last 100 pages and it had one of the most satisfying endings I've read. If you love murder mysteries with more than just the murder mystery twist you will definitely love this book! It is such an incredible book.