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About the author:

Karen M. McManus is a #1 New York Times and international bestselling author of young adult thrillers. Her books include the One of Us Is Lying series, which has been turned into a television show on Peacock and Netflix, as well as the standalone novels *Two Can Keep a Secret*, *The Cousins*, *You'll Be the Death of Me*, and *Nothing More to Tell*. Karen's critically acclaimed, award-winning work has been translated into more than 40 languages.

Source: Author's website: (<https://www.karenmcmanus.com/>)

About this book:

Pay close attention and you might solve this:

On Monday afternoon, five students at Bayview High walk into detention:

Bronwyn, the brain, is Yale-bound and never breaks a rule

Addy, the beauty, is the picture-perfect homecoming princess

Nate, the criminal, is already on probation for dealing

Cooper, the athlete, is the all-star baseball pitcher

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And Simon, the outcast, is the creator of Bayview High's notorious gossip app

Only, Simon never makes it out of that classroom alive. And according to investigators, his death wasn't an accident. He died on a Monday. But that Tuesday, he'd planned to post juicy reveals about all four of his high-profile classmates. Now, all four of them are suspects in his murder. Are they guilty? Or are they the perfect patsies for a killer who's still on the loose?

They all have a motive. They all have something to hide. They all have a history with Simon. And one of them is definitely lying.

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Discussion Questions:

1. What did you enjoy about this book?
2. What have you read that is similar to this book?
3. What are some of the major themes of this book?
4. What do you think the author was trying to accomplish with this novel?
5. Who was your favorite character? What did you appreciate about him/her?
6. Think about one of the minor characters in the story. Why did the author include him/her?

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7. Is the setting of the story important to the book? In what ways?
8. Are you satisfied with the ending? Why or why not?
9. Have you ever experienced anything similar to the action of this novel?
10. Did you find this book a quick read? Why or why not?
11. What were your concerns about this book?
12. What scene do you remember best? Why do you think that is?
13. If this book was made into a movie, who would you cast in the title roles?
14. If the book you are discussing has chapter titles, take a second look. Why do you think the author selected those titles? Are they hints to what's going to come in the chapter? Are there any that didn't make sense?

Source: Multnomah County Library (<https://multcolib.org/talk-it-book-groups-kids>)