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Abbie says

Gah!!! Something is wrong with me! I didn't like this at all.

Juhina says

I am very disappointed in Little White Lies. Have you seen the ratings on goodreads? I am definitely in the minority when it comes to how I rate and feel about Little White Lies. Bottom line, I disliked it and thought half of what went on in the book to be completely ridiculous. It is a mystery contemporary but all I got was full on romance until the last 100 pages or so. Lou starts university, which is only mentioned very briefly at the beginning. Don't you think a university student would spend the majority of their time at university? that wasn't the case for Lou. Also, she has a 'best friend' who she literally met two weeks ago. Wow, they sure jump to best friend status fast. Then we've got the Christian infatuation (which is justified later one). However, I just couldn't get into his character especially since I knew something was up with him (and predicted 100% correctly). It was too much of a soap opera for me. When finally, I actually gasp at a revelation, immediately taints that fantastic twist by the most cliché plot line ever. I know I am being vague but I can't spoil anything. Which is why 90% of my frustration can only be told in coded sentences.

As for the characters, the only person I actually liked was Kenny. He was typical rich kid but I found him really endearing and wanted more scenes with him.. plus he's a hacker, how cool is that? unfortunately I can't say the same about the other flat characters, including Lou. A last thing I disliked is the use of heavy hinting. It was done in such a n obvious way that I would have preferred the revelation to happen early on. I was rolling my eyes thinking if the author thinks the readers are that clueless to not guess everything from the beginning. I just really wasn't impressed. I only recommend it to fans of light mysteries and heavy romance readers (if you can get over the clichés).

SJH (A Dream of Books) says

UK author Katie Dale's second novel is equally as strong and compelling as her first. It throws up difficult questions about love and loyalty which got me to question what I would do in the same situation.

Lou is starting a new life at university when she meets Christian. He seems very secretive and doesn't like to talk about himself. She seems determined to get to the bottom of who he really is but when the truth is unravelled whose side will she be on? The story follows the two of them as their lives literally collide with explosive and shocking results.

The first half of the book introduces the main characters - Lou and the gorgeous but mysterious Christian. The second half takes everything you thought you knew about them and turns it on it's head, with some shocking revelations and lots of surprising twists and turns. Things are no longer black and white and the characters have some interesting choices to make about their futures.

I guessed one of the plot twists from some of the clues which were provided quite early on but another was a

major surprise. I enjoyed that element of the book - that not everything is just laid out for the reader and you're made to work to get to the bottom of things. I always felt like the ground was shifting beneath my feet as, along with Lou, I attempted to solve the puzzle.

'Little White Lies' had an intriguing and gripping plot with an emotional intensity which really hits you head on. I'm looking forward to seeing what subject Katie Dale will turn her hand to next as she seems a very versatile author who isn't afraid of confronting difficult topics.

Sam Xavier says

For me this book was really good because it had all sorts of genres all in one. Action, crime, horror, bit of comedy and a lot more. Also this book really was mindbogglingly, you don't know who to believe???? And so many people are lying, it really is worth reading if you like this type of genre!!!!:)

Kirsty says

Another fantastic read from a UK author who is fast becoming a favourite author of mine. I thoroughly enjoyed every page and can't wait for the author to write more YA novels for me to devour.

Like Katie's previous novel Little White Lies was fast paced and engaging throughout. The storyline twists and turn keeping you getting for the outset and is an emotional roller coaster. I'm deliberately going to keep this review short because I don't want to spoil it for anyone but I will say that I loved it and didn't want to put it down as I wanted to know what happened next. I loved the main character Lou and was fascinated with uncovering her secrets and past and I equally loved Christian and finding out more about him and the reasons why he was equally mysterious.

A brilliant YA which I will be highly recommending far and wide.

Emma says

Little White Lies encompasses a thought provoking thriller with an unusual coming of age story. Fast paced, the tension is maintained throughout in various forms making a compelling read.

Told in first person narrative from Lou's perspective. Truths and lies are woven through the narrative with such skill making the reader question every aspect. Red herrings abound adding not only to the tension but also make you question the characters motives, relationships and interactions. In all honesty, I struggled with Lou initially, she is very judgmental, her opinion is easily swayed and she only views the world in black and white. In other words she has little perspective and her actions reflect this, at times causing a lot of frustration to the reader. This does, however, make her a very realistic teenager, for anyone that works with this age range you will understand why I say this.

Past events impacting the current situation are woven in snippets through the narrative aiding the mystery/thriller aspect of the story. As you are well aware by now, it's the relationship/romance within the

story that sways it for me (yes I'm shallow), I loved Christian, how he had to mature rapidly due to the situation he found himself in. I couldn't reconcile certain revelations with him but understood how they shaped into the character we see in the book.

Events, friends and relationships all mix together with an action packed story-line, the main focus for me, was the character development via the events rather than the mystery/thriller itself. Lou especially had to take a long, hard look at herself and her believe system as the story progresses. Maturing with each revelation, forced to confront her assumptions and alter her perspective. Bringing into play the coming of age element I mentioned earlier.

This book is going down a storm in the school library where pupils are reading it in one sitting. Always a good sign ;)

Katie says

Little White Lies incorporated everything awesome about suspense novels and everything action packed about young adult novels and combined them to make one awesome story. Suspense is hard for young adult but Katie Dale managed to craft a wonderful story that kept me guessing until the very end.

If you follow me on Twitter or Goodreads, you might have seen some status updates about the main character. She annoyed me for a good portion of the book. Her actions made no sense to me and I couldn't understand why she wouldn't just give up. She practically stalked this guy Christian and every time he turned her down for a date she would not take the hint. It actually got to be a bit stalkerish (that's totally a word.) I was quite upset with how she was acting and I just wanted to slap some sense into her. My feelings towards Lou changed about halfway through the book though. Christian wasn't the only one with secrets and once Lou's started to come out, her behavior started to make a little more sense. I can't say too much without giving things away but just trust me that her behavior won't annoy you so much once you get to a certain point. In fact, you'll probably start to like her a lot, just like I did.

The cast of characters in Little White Lies were a strong mix of personalities. Lou was a little shy, quiet, smart, but with a great sense of humor. She was a bit awkward which only made me love her more. Her best friend, Vix, was her exact opposite. She was outgoing, a little crazy, and pretty much the perfect balance for Lou. Kenny was funny but there was just something about him that I didn't love. He always seemed a bit sketchy. As for Christian, he was a hard person to get a read on. He was very mysterious and sometimes a little rude. I could understand why Lou was a bit attracted to him but I didn't get her obsession. He seemed like any other guy just with a few more secrets than most.

The mystery is truly what kept me reading. It was hinted at early on in the story but I really had no clue how things would play out. I couldn't, for the life of me, figure out how everything was going to tie together. Katie Dale did a great job with that aspect of the story. Even if I could figure out one thing I'd be completely clueless about something else.

Overall, Little White Lies really is perfect for fans of suspense. I look forward to reading more from Katie Dale.

Amy says

****Minor spoilers throughout****

I don't know whether to love or hate this book...

Lou is starting university at Sheffield, she meets a attractive guy at a coffee shop and practically stalks him while dealing with an unknown tragedy in her family. Christian (the attractive guy) acts oddly, not leaving his house after dark, keeping Lou at a distance and hanging out with old people. Lou and her friend Vic are dying to know why Christian is acting so suspicious and make it their mission to find out.

This book is written in the first person, Lou acts oblivious to the facts around her even though she knows what is going on all along. Half way through these facts are revealed but I think it would have worked much better if we knew Lou's real thoughts from the get go.

Also, some parts of the plot didn't make any sense. For example, Christian's web of lies particularly focusing on evidence. I feel like this whole situation could have been avoided if he was just honest in the first place and handed over Poppy's belongings. The fact that Poppy's closest relatives didn't know she used a video website was baffling and the fact that the evidence they needed was exactly where it needed to be when they needed it was ridiculous.

I did like Lou and Christian even though there was a case of instalove. Christian just seemed like a lovely guy who genuinely wanted to move on with his life and be good to people. Lou was a determined and conniving character who kept her cards close to her chest. Vic was loyal and helped Lou out when it really mattered, I liked that.

Overall the story was very weak but there were good characters that kept you on your toes. I just wish the storyline was solid and made more logical sense.

Anatea Oroz says

This review is also posted on my blog, [Anatea's Bookshelf](#).

Finally, a mystery book is done right! *Little White Lies* was everything I hoped it would be, and even more. I wouldn't say for myself that I'm a fan of mystery books, but I think it's mostly because so very few of them manage to really keep you guessing throughout the whole book. *Little White Lies* did exactly that.

When Lou starts college, she's not like every other freshman, she has a new identity and she's constantly living in fear that someone might recognize her and reveal her true identity. Then, she meets Christian, a guy who's even more reluctant to share things about his life than she is. This, of course, peaks her curiosity and she's determined to find out more about him. But who is lying to whom? And what happens when everyone has their own secrets and things just get more and more confusing. A tangled web of *Little White Lies*.

This book may be a mystery, but it is also so much more. A roller coaster of emotions. There is so much lies and secrets, guilt and judgment, innocence and forgiveness. And love. Even when the truth was told, there were so much lies around that it was hard to decide who is telling the truth and who is trying to keep their

head alive and free. Those were the moments when the trust was of great importance. Deciding whom to trust was crucial.

Because of all those things, this book was full of adrenaline, fast paced and there are twists and turns on every other page. It was hard to put it down when the time for sleep came. The mystery will keep you guessing and wanting more. You'll be trying to figure it out, but it'll be hard to work with what little information you have and without knowing if it's the truth or just one of the lies. *Katie Dale* really has a gift for creating a mystery perfect in every sense.

For me, the characters are the weakest point of this book. I'm not saying I had a problem with any of the characters, I actually liked them, but I don't think they were memorable. If you ask me in a few months time, I don't think I'm going to remember who Lou or Christian were, much less Vix or Kenny.

This being said, *Little White Lies* is a perfect read for any mystery lover. And even those who don't find themselves in the last sentence, if you give this book a try, you may end up liking it just like I did. You never know until you read something.

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Adele says

Well, let me just start off by saying how un-stereo-typical this book is. *Little White Lies* kept my on my toes! I wrote out two predictions, two very well thought out predictions, AND THEY BOTH WEREN'T TRUE!! There are so many twists and turns in this story. Once I thought I was going to predict something, the story went in an opposite way. And this plot-twisting book still kept me engaged! I wasn't ever bored reading this book.

While reading, I was so absorbed into Lou's character... it was like I was actually seeing this book through Lou's eyes. That normally doesn't happen to me. At least, not often. So when Lou had her doubt's they became mine too. I didn't know who to trust in this story, because I got so caught up in it.

THAT ENDING! One of the best endings I've read in a long, long time. The ending... the ending left me so, so happy. I am so happy for the characters, its ridiculous. I actually threw the book on the ground and squealed.

Don't get me wrong though. *Little White Lies* is a serious book. The scenes are quick but the author gives touches on police violence, and racist police. And drunks. So there are some particularly rough scenes, and this book actually gave me a small panic attack. (Don't worry, it was over in a minute)

[EDIT]: Upon looking back on this story, I cant decide if *Little White Lies* is a New Adult book (because they are 19) or if this is a Young Adult book. I'm on the fence about that...

Donna {Book Passion for Life} says

I had two of *Katie Dale's* books sitting on my shelf waiting to be read and I honestly didn't know which one

to start. As you can see *White Little Lies* won over *Someone Else's Life* but I'm wondering if that was a good choice because *White Little Lies* didn't wow me as much as I was hoping for.

The story follows a teenage girl called Lou, who has just started at a new school in order to escape something that happened in her past. Lou is hiding secrets from all the people around her and she's happy to continue doing so. It's not until she meets Christian, whom she is determined to get to know, that we see that Christian is hiding something too. As Christian and Lou start to spend more time together, it's clear that their secrets are somehow tied to one another but, can Lou really trust him?

I enjoyed *White Little Lies*, I did. It had an interesting plot that was surrounded by so many different secrets that it was difficult to unravel the lies that were being told. It was hard to work out whom to trust through-out the story. I think Katie Dale did a good job with that because it wasn't easy to work out the truth. I just found the story too long to hold my complete attention. During the story there were moments that really weren't significant and it was then that I easily could have put the book down and read something else.

The story has an interesting set of characters but some I didn't really connect to and the main person being Lou. That's a big issue for me seems as the story is told by her point of view. I couldn't sympathize with the lies that Lou told, I couldn't understand half of them and it's not until the end of the story that we truly see how many lies she's told or even the things that she's done (which I won't say any more about). I just didn't like her all that much.

As much as I wanted to like Lou, I liked Christian more. He's the only one from the story that I sympathized with and was rooting for. I felt like he got the short end of the stick through-out most of the story. He's the reason I kept reading and I did want to see if he and Lou got a happy ending even though I didn't like her all that much.

In all, this may not have been a favourite read for me this year but it's one I'm glad I've read. I know many people will enjoy it – so go read it and see for yourselves – but for me, it was a little underwhelming.

Thank you to Simon & Schuster for giving me the opportunity to review this book, in exchange for an honest review.

Evie says

Little White Lies is a thought provoking story of guilt and innocence, prejudice and judgment. It's a moving and insightful tale that makes you stop and wonder about things like the justice system and how bullet-proof it really is, or how seemingly unimportant decisions can turn into real pivotal points of our lives, altering our fates in unpredictable ways. It's also a story of lies and regret, and - ultimately - of trust, love and forgiveness.

This book is about Lou (not her real name), who assumes a new identity and moves from London to Sheffield, trying to escape her tragic past. There she meets Christian, who also moved there not long ago. These two connect right away and they seem perfect for each other - almost destined to be together - but Christian is obviously keeping secrets. He's always busy and running off somewhere, never stays for a drink after work and doesn't want to go on a date with Lou for reasons only known to himself. Is he hiding something? And what about Lou? What is her reason for running away and starting a new life? There's so much more to these two than you could ever imagine... They both have secrets and they both are lying.. The

question is: why?

Every now and then, I like a book thoroughly grounded in reality, one that isn't too far fetched or completely unlikely. Little White Lies has a very believable plot. The characters are on the realistic side and it's easy to get absorbed in their stories, easy to care about the outcome. I liked Lou and Christian, as well as Kenny and Vix (the side-kicks), I even liked Gran (Lou's grandma) even though we didn't see a whole lot of her. They didn't exactly sweep me of my feet and I didn't lose any sleep wondering what will happen to them, but I did care about them and thought they were well developed.

I am a big fan of Katie Dale's writing style. She's really great at writing books that are heartfelt and meaningful, filled with powerful messages, thought-provoking themes and a whole spectrum of feelings. Little White Lies isn't especially fast-paced or action-packed, but neither was Katie's previous book, Someone Else's Life. They're both rather mellow contemporaries that explore some difficult themes (Someone Else's Life is, among another things, about Huntington's disease). I really enjoyed reading both and I think fans of Katie McGarry and K.A. Tucker will have a really good time with them, too. Especially with Little White Lies.

Overall, Little White Lies is a good book - well plotted, captivating and meaningful. It shines a new light on some important things, like police investigations that aren't thorough enough to uncover the truth (at least the WHOLE truth), lying about the evidence and vigilantism. This was quite a fascinating read and I'm now even more excited for Katie Dale's next book!

Maddie says

Can we all just take a couple of seconds, a minute maybe do dwell on the fact that this book is fan-fucking-tastic!!!! Oh MY Jesus!!!! I LOVE THIS BOOK AND I WANT TO LIVE IN IT AND MARRY CHRISITIAN BECAUSE HE IS HOT AND NICE AND DAWWWWWWWW AND PLAES PLEASE READ IT

I LITERALLYOVE IT SO MUCH

Like read this description!!! Read it. Read IT!!! READ IT!!!.

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Like honey, if that doesn't draw you in then I don't know what you are doing with your life but you need to alter the choices you be making because daaaaaaang!!!! Was I shocked. Like Literally.....MIND BLOWN OVER HERE!!!

I actually read it about a week or two ago and now even after all that time I still get this ridiculously goofy smile on my face thinking about everything that went down. And it was SUCH a refreshing read for the summer.

So Imma just tell you a story so sit down get some popcorn let's go. LEt Us gO!

I was in the library and I kept walking around the YA section (which is ever growing thank GoD!!) anyways I kept walking past this one and I loved...LOVED the side of it. You know those books with the spines and you are just like... I gotta... I gotta...I GOTTA HAVE IT Literally me when I finally gave up resisting getting more than 7 books in one trip. So I grabbed it and I read the description and usually I get a pretty good feel for what the haps are in the book and what I'm gon be reading here folks.

But no. No....because Fucking Katie Dale decided to be like ,LOL. Imma troll everyone and make their freaking head explode like 30 times in the span of 369pages. It'll be great. Readers will love it.

LOL.#trollface' and then with that being said she blew up the idea I had for this book.

And oh the back of the book. You know how on some books it has like a snip it of the book and gives you like...a feel for it...or whatever...Well the back of this book... **laughs maniacly*

IT SCREWED MY HEAD OVER SIDE WAYS

Christian flicks off the TV and I freeze. I've only made it to the edge of the sofa. The revelations hangs in air between us. No more secrets. No more fake identity. the truth is out there for the world to see. My heart hammers painfully, panic rushing in my veins as I look around desperately, feeling trapped, helpless, and unbelievably stupid.

*What was I **thinking**??*

HAHAHHAAAAH

WHAT YOU THINK YOU JUST READ IS NOT WHAT YOU JUST READ BITCHES. YO THINK IT'S GONNA BE SOME THING LIKE I HID MY IDENTITY BECAUSE MY PAST IS HORRIBLE AND I KILLED SOMEONE. HAHAHHAAAAHAAAAH NO

NO

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NOT HAPPENING LOVELIES THAT AINT GON FLY TODAY

YO BE THINKING YOU KNOW WHATS GON GO DOWN AND THAT AINT FUCKING TRUE

Ok...let's get down to business *pops every bone in my body to prepare for this typing thats about to come*
Let's go.

Okay so we meet Lou. Lovely, screwed up Lou. You first meet Lou when she is hacking/stealing/doing something illegal and you don't know what it truly is until later on in the book. And that was cool. The prologue was like...4 pages. But that ...psh, if that didn't get you curious then idk what's wrong with you. Anyways. Lous is this sassy bad ass heroine who i think is terrified of what she is doing because of who it involves. (more on that later)

Anyways so we follow Lou throughout the entire novel, 369 pages of just pure twist and turns.

Then in the First chapter we meet Vix...Vix is friend goals tbh. Like I would only be Lou just to have Vix as a friend. Because god that girl was amazing. And in the first chapter we also meet 'Mr. McHotty' or Christian as they later find out. Ad he is just amazing and I literally can't cope that this guy is not real. I want to meet the inspiration for this character. Because mmmm...he is amazing.

And then we have Kenny. And dear lord help me because Vinny (Vix and Kenny) is The Ship. Okay, like....dawwwwwwww ^-^

I can't just too adorable for words.

Okay moving past characters we have the plot and OMFG IT WAS GREAT!!! Literally action at every turn and sassy remarks 24/7 (if i remember correctly it has been a while since i read this)

And the fucking twists and turns everywhееerrrrreeee it was great. I'd go over the spoilers with you and stuff but that would take forever to type out

but screw imma do it anyways

THEY WERE AMAZING AND IF I GO INTO DETAIL I WILL BUST INTO JOYOUS TEARS SO I WONT AND IM JUST GONNA SKIM OVER THESE LIGHTLY.

THE UNCLE KILLED POPPY HOLY FUCK I WAS NOT EXPECTING THAT TBH I THOUGHT IT WAS COMPLETELY DIFFERENT ENDING WAS GONNA HAPPEN. AND LOU WAS PLANNING MEETING THIS GUY THE ENTIRE TIME AND HOLY FUCK EVERYTHING HAD A PURPOSE AND I AM SO HAPYPY WITH THIS BOOK AND HOW IT ENDED AND HOW THEY FELL IN LOVE YAYAYAYAYAY

But seriously 10/10 will forever reccomend. It is a tense action packed ya adult love novel and its great. Please read it so we an dance joyously together.

Jessica says

Holy moly, what did I just read?? I was NOT expecting Little White Lies to go from a cute college romance to an insane story of murder, mystery, and lies that build and build until there's no way of knowing what's true and what's not.

The moment she lays eyes on Christian, Lou can't stop thinking about him. But when she finally gets the chance to talk to him, it's clear that Christian's hiding something. Lou knows nothing about him, but she knows how she feels and she's willing to trust him when he asks her to. So when Christian is in danger and has to flee, Lou insists on going with him. But as Christian's secrets start to unravel, Lou has no idea if she can really trust him or if everything he's ever said to her has been a lie.

Wow. This book. SO GOOD. Haha, okay, let me explain in full sentences now. First off, I really loved how this book was set in England. And in University! I rarely find books that are contemporary, in London, and about college-aged people. I loved how this one started off as an adorable contemporary romance where Lou like Christian and was the only girl Christian showed any interest in after always turning down girls and any interest in a relationship. It was sweet watching them get to know each other and trust each other despite the secrets that both of them are hiding.

The real reason I loved this book, though, was the shocking truth revealed about halfway through the book. I had to reread the page that turned this book upside down about 3 times before I fully believed what I had just read. It was crazy! The blurb says that this book is for fans of Pretty Little Liars, and I definitely agree! There is murder and so many secrets surrounding that incident that you really have no idea who is telling the truth or what even happened until the very end. It's crazy and impossible to put down!

If you're a fan of YA books that have a little romance, a little thrill, and a little mystery, you definitely have to read Little White Lies. A surprise lies behind every corner and you won't be able to stop reading until you figure out the truth and who exactly you can trust. I'm so happy I had the opportunity to read this book because I definitely won't forget it anytime soon!

Serendipity Reviews says

Originally posted on www.serendipityreviews.co.uk

After reading this book, I can see why Katie Dale's writing came so highly recommended to me. This book the tightest plot I've ever read. Nothing is wasted – every conversation, every action and every expression used are essential to the plot of the book. It's one of those books that on finishing reading it, you find yourself wanting to pick to pieces to work out how the author made it so utterly brilliant.

The characters have interesting twists to them. No one is what they seem. Everyone has hidden secrets and excellent masks to hide behind. The author shows that nothing in life can be categorised as black or white. Society has been created from a kaleidoscope of colour. The author has displayed clearly that the human race are far from perfect. Yet these characters are accepting of the flaws of others. They love each other at their best, but are also accepting of each other at their worse.

I loved the friendship between Christian and Lou. They had so much stacked up against them. There is a line in the final chapter that really broke me and had me tears. It was a simple sentence made up of just four words and yet it just summed up the relationship between these two characters and really moved me.

As the story unfolds little by little, you find out snippets about each character that you are surprised to discover. The author keeps you on your toes right till the last page. I couldn't put this book down. I had to find out the truth and searched through the pages for the answers I so desperately needed.

The subject matter of this book is extremely topical and shows intriguing glimpses of issues that have hit the headlines in recent years. Due to the well hidden nature of the plot, I can't divulge any of them in this review.

This is a strong, compelling tale that makes you think. A fast paced, thrilling rollercoaster of emotions. A book I will be shouting about from the rooftops.
