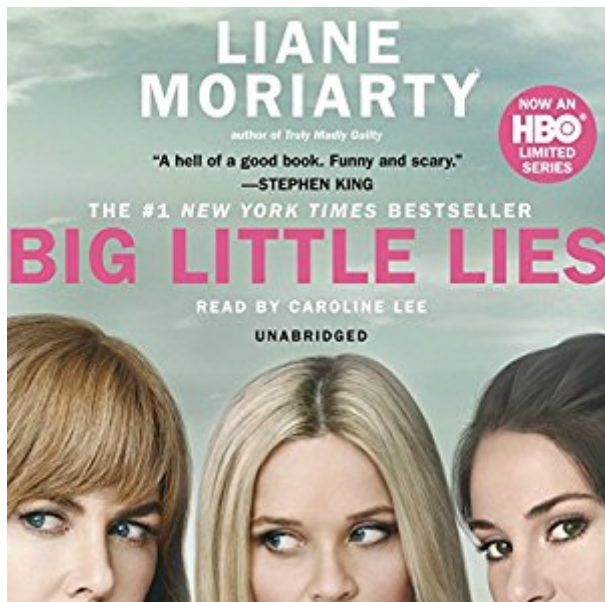




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Big Little Lies



Synopsis

Coming July 29, 2014, the new novel from Liane Moriarty, number-one New York Times best-selling author of *The Husband's Secret*. "What a wonderful writer - smart, wise, funny." (Anne Lamott)

Pirriwee Public's annual school Trivia Night has ended in a shocking riot. One parent is dead. The school principal is horrified. As police investigate what appears to have been a tragic accident, signs begin to indicate that this devastating death might have been cold-blooded murder. In this thought-provoking novel, number-one New York Times best-selling author Liane Moriarty deftly explores the reality of parenting and playground politics, ex-husbands and ex-wives, and fractured families. And in her pitch-perfect way, she shows us the truth about what really goes on behind closed suburban doors.

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Customer Reviews

I've been watching the HBO series and thoroughly enjoying it. So when a friend mentioned that it was adapted from a book by an Australian author (and the setting changed from a ritzy Sydney North Shore suburb to Monterey) I couldn't resist buying it. **WARNING:** if you're watching the series and don't want the end spoiled, don't buy the book. The series has followed along pretty faithfully so far, with one or two smallish changes (the theater production isn't an issue in the book, for example). *Big Little Lies* is beautifully written, with a rising air of tension throughout the book as we get closer and closer to the murder foreshadowed from the beginning. I won't spoil who the victim is for you, but suffice it to say I was a little surprised. I'd already figured out who the real perpetrator of the playground bullying probably was - it's always nice when you guess SOMETHING right - but

there were definitely a few shocks in the last quarter of the book that I didn't see coming. It's an excellent book and well worth reading. That said, if you haven't watched the HBO series, get on that right away. It's incredible; Nicole Kidman and Reese Witherspoon are compelling as a pair of 'yummy mummies' who on the surface appear to have the perfect life, but beneath the surface things are far from the polished facade they portray. Alexander Skarsgard steals every scene he appears in as the poised, rich, handsome husband with violent tendencies behind closed doors. Big Little Lies is a compelling story on the screen or on the page. HIGHLY recommended.

I rarely write reviews, but I have to for this book. It is just too good. It is not a mystery. You know someone dies. It is not a crime novel. It is a novel about women and people. There are three main characters, all mothers with kindergarten children in the same school. They are all so different, but so vividly portrayed in all their goodness and their flaws. You wish you knew them. The scene where the death actually occurs is so wonderfully written that I had to read it twice. Sounds odd, doesn't it, but you will understand when you read it. The book is so clever and so witty. The characters are so interesting. I am going to watch the tv show but I don't know how it can measure up to the book! Read this book!

Revealing book , great storyline! This is my 2nd time to read it and after HBO made it a mini series thought I'd read it again. I wish that HBO would have stuck more to the characters and stories in the book. I liked Madeline in the book and was disappointed in her character on the mini series. Overall a must read and as always Moriarty does an awesome job of everyday lives and the stories they tell.

One really gets to know the main characters in this book. Both people and plot meld well together. It's no wonder it has remained on the "NYTimes" bestseller list for current weeks. It is a page turner, for certain. Interesting to watch the kindergarteners grow up, especially since they are dealing with lies and truths, too. The title is appropriate.

This book is even better than the series! You will not want to put it down. Much more detailed than the series. And let me say the series was WOW! So you HAVE to get this book for sure. Buy from this seller because the shipping was fast and the product came safe and sound. I would definitely recommend to buy or to purchase as a gift.

Another author I've not read before. Unusual story telling pattern, kind of a quirky/jerky flow. Not sure

I care for the style. HOWEVER, the characterizations are exceptionally good and the story intriguing, and held my full attention. One doesn't have to be pushed or hit to be bullied. Being ignored, left out, can also be debilitating, making a person feel unworthy, that there is something wrong with them. Passive aggression can be equally damaging. I really enjoyed the story and characters. I highly recommend this book for EVERY parent with school age children, even if their only in day care.

This is the third book I've read by Liane Moriarty, and I think it might be my favorite. I found all the characters to be so real, and interesting, and I cared about all of them - usually in a book with multiple arcs, you end up wanting to skip through one of them to keep following the ones you really care about, but all of these were equally engrossing. The twist at the end was perfect, and I'm almost sorry I've finished it! I highly recommend this book.

Domestic abuse, bullying, & family interactions. This book has it all. Read this for a book club. I had a problem trying to figure out who was killed, & how it would all wrap up. The back & forth between police interviews & happening before the death was a bit disconcerting, but I finally finished the book.

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