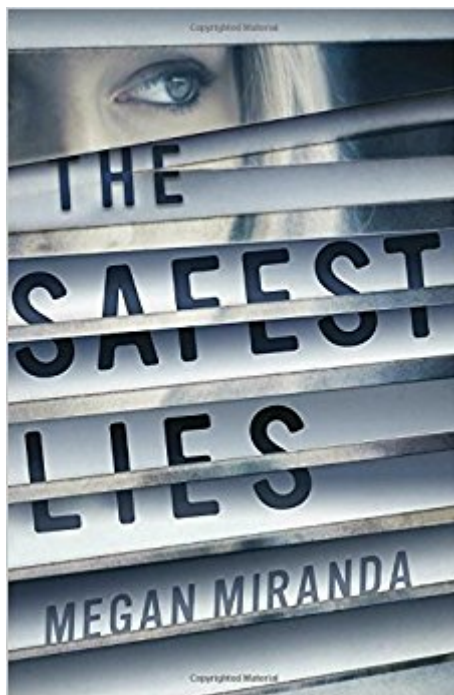


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The Safest Lies



Synopsis

From the New York Times bestselling author of *All the Missing Girls* and *The Perfect Stranger* comes a captivating psychological thriller about a girl who must face her darkest fears—but can she outrun the past? Kelsey has lived most of her life in a shadow of suspicion, raised to see danger everywhere. Her mother hasn't set foot outside their front door in seventeen years, since she escaped from her kidnappers with nothing but her attacker's baby growing inside her—Kelsey. Kelsey knows she's supposed to keep a low profile and stay off the grid for their protection, but that plan is shattered when her dramatic car accident and rescue by volunteer firefighter and classmate Ryan Baker sparks media coverage. A few days later, she arrives home to find her mother missing. Now, to have a chance at a future, Kelsey will have to face her darkest fears. Because someone is coming for her. And the truth about the past may end up being the most dangerous thing of all. "[A] fast-paced, suspenseful treat." —PW, starred "Positively movie-ready." —Kirkus — "Will blow readers' minds." —SLJ Praise for Megan Miranda's *All the Missing Girls*: "This thriller's all of your fav page-turners (think: *Luckiest Girl Alive*, *The Girl on the Train*, *Gone Girl*) rolled into one." —TheSkimm "Fast-paced and frightening." —Refinery29 "[The] perfect read for thriller fans." —Bustle.com

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Gr 7+ "10" Kelsey awakens dangling upside down from her seat belt, her car having careened through the guard rail. She is pretty sure a car forced her off the road, but the police find no sign of another vehicle. Kelsey has good reason to be fearful. Her mother was abducted at age 17, held for

over a year, and then escaped, pregnant. Kelsey's mother lives in constant fear of being pursued by her captors. Their house is a fortress, which she has never left, and Kelsey has been homeschooled until now. Only a visit from the state's child services department has forced her mother to allow the teen to have a minimal amount of freedom—she can attend the local high school. An insightful bit of research on mice epigenetics referenced by her mother's therapist reveals that a parent's fears can be passed to second-generation children through DNA, even though they have not experienced the same traumas. Is it actual danger that lurks around every corner, or is Kelsey just manifesting her mother's ingrained phobias? YA suspense at its very best: this psychological thriller will blow readers' minds. VERDICT A fantastic choice for reluctant readers, this page-turner will be a hit with fans of Eliot Schreier's *The Deadly Sister*. —Leah Krippner, Harlem High School, Machesney Park, IL --This text refers to the Audio CD edition.

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This is a young reader and I didn't realize it when I bought it, but it was pretty darn good. Some of the thought processes were a little off the mark, but I believe that's because it's for a young reader. I really enjoyed and it kept me interested. Fast read!

The book had potential but was just too predictable and childish for me.

This book puts you on edge and keeps you there until the end. Definitely a great read! After this and *All the Missing Girls*, I'm becoming a huge fan of Megan Miranda!

I love Megan Miranda's books. This was well-written with interesting characters and a good, flowing

story.

Loved it!

Excellent, creepy but good

The Safest Lies is an awesome read!! I would definitely recommend this book and any of Megan Miranda's books. I've read two thus far and am about to start another.

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