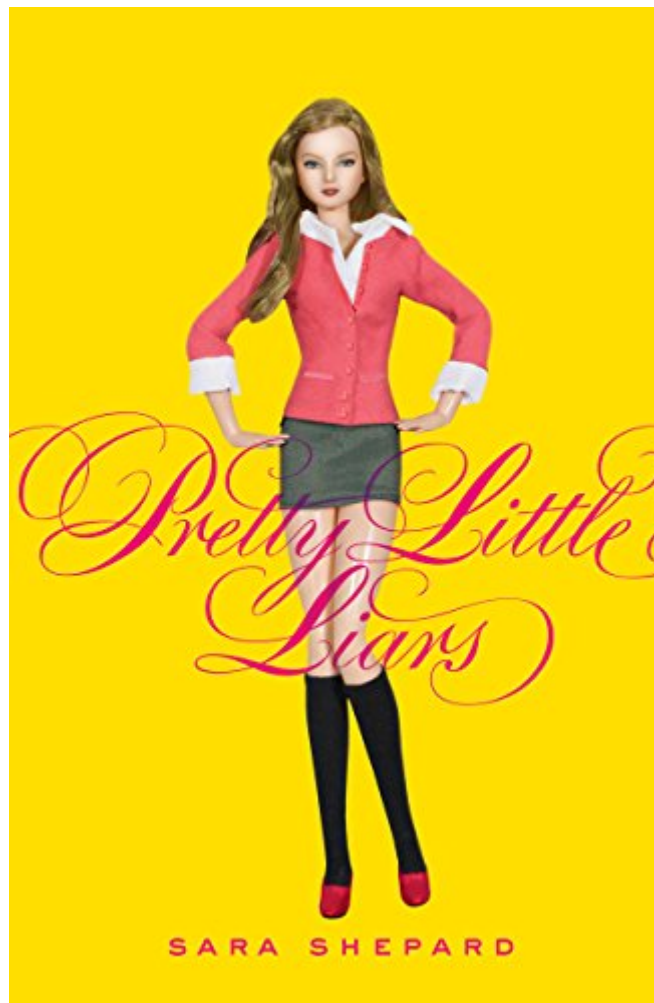


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Pretty Little Liars



Synopsis

#1 New York Times bestselling series The first book in the #1 New York Times bestselling series that inspired the hit ABC Family TV show *Pretty Little Liars*. In ultra-trendy Rosewood, Pennsylvania, four beautiful girls are hiding very ugly secrets. High school juniors Spencer, Hanna, Aria, and Emily have grown apart since their best friend Alison DiLaurentis went missing three years ago. But now someone is sending them anonymous notes, threatening to reveal their darkest secrets. There's only one person who knows that much about them, but Ali's gone . . . isn't she? Full of unexpected twists and shocking revelations, this is the first book in New York Times bestselling author Sara Shepard's compelling *Pretty Little Liars* series.

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Customer Reviews

When I go on the search for a new book to read, I will probably read a small excerpt from quite a few before one feels right. That is how my experience has been with this particular series since the books started being released. It has never felt like the right time to begin it...until now, that is. After watching a recent interview of one of the girls who stars in the show, I finally decided to begin the

first book. And I am glad that it was finally time to read it. First of all let me just say that this book pleasantly surprised me. Sometimes in a young adult book there can be an almost degrading juvenile nature to the story. It is almost like when an adult dumbs down a conversation when speaking to a small child. The sentences are oversimplified and it feels like the author doesn't respect the reader's intelligence enough to complicate things a bit. However, in this book, it had that high school feel without making it too simple. I greatly appreciate that. Now for the characters... I must say that my favorite one right now is A. While he or she is the main antagonist throughout the series, in this book I kind of felt like the girls deserved what taunting they did get. They were terrible in junior high and did some things for which they should definitely be remorseful. But I get that sometimes this taunting will go too far, and in a way it already has, and while I don't really condone that, A is still kind of an awesome character. I mean, I like the main girls, but A just has that aura of mystery I absolutely love. I am definitely going to be reading the rest of the series. I just have to know what other secrets and enemies lie in these girls' pasts. And I'm kind of curious to see what else A has in store.

Okay, so I've been meaning to read this book for a few years. I'd be lying if I said I said I didn't skim a little. It had nothing to do with seeing the tv series first because I didn't. Not until after I read the first book did I watch the first season. And I was seriously on the fence. It felt like there was long, drawn out drama for no apparent reason. There were so many characters, and of course the author did a good job describing them, but oh my goodness it was overwhelming. Instead of switching minds, I'd have liked to know a little bit of the plot. It took the whole book to figure anything out, and even then there was little satisfaction. That being said, this was *Pretty Little Liars*. Sara Shepard draws you in in a way that makes you want to keep reading. The books progress and everything unfolds. If you're looking for quick answers, you won't find it here. If you're looking for a soap opera, this is your book.

I know that they say that the movie is always worse than the novel; however, I don't know if it's because I am such a big fan of PPL, but the series is so much better than the way it was written here. There has been a lot taken out, especially some of the more explicit scenes. Typically, if I didn't like the show so much, I would have stopped reading this novel only a few chapters in.

Although my name says "Jimmy" I am the wife, haha. I absolutely LOVE ABC's *Pretty Little Liars* and after being caught up on the show, I decided to try out the book and WOW! They may have some differences especially what they look like in the book versus what they look like in the show,

but overall the book is just as good as the show! Anyone who is "on the wall" about starting to read the series or not needs to just give in and read it! Being the first book it did not have as much action as the rest will, but that is of course because the first book is letting everyone get all the information needed to make sense of everything. Starting the second book now! Very excited!!

At A Glance Genre: Young Adult; Mystery Love Triangle/Insta Love?: Very little Cliff Hanger: Yes! Rating: 4 stars Score Sheet Cover: 6/10 Plot: 8/10 Characters: 8/10 World Building: 5/10 Flow: 9/10 Series Congruity: n/a Total: 7/10; 4 Stars. In Depth Best Part: Hanna wrecking her exes car! Worst Part: Spencer's parents, they're dense af. Overall Feels: This book is for sure my guilty little pleasure, i usually go for disaster books, but sometimes i love to read something with girl drama! Conculsion Continuing the Series: yes! Recommending: Yes! To anyone who likes a good mytery but not a super serious one. Misc.: There are some triggers in this book; eating disorder, self harm.

The first time I'd heard of the Pretty Little Liars, I was watching a YouTube video; a makeup tutorial (no laughing please). And the girl in the video said before she started the tutorial she was "so excited she just got the 4th book of the Pretty Little Liars" for her Kindle. And she stated how good the books were. Now this wasn't coming for a little teenie bopper, this is from a makeup artist adult. So of course being a book nerd I had to look it up. I'm so glad I did. First thing caught my eye was the rating and then a I read the description. I was so excited to get this book and read it, it was something so new from what I normaly read. I ate this book up in 2 sittings. It's a classic who-did-it type of story that keeps you turning page after page until you get to the end just to find you, you still don't know who killed Ali or is Ali really dead. I had to tell everyone about this book and how good it was, the next night, I bought the 2nd book. I've now started 4th book in the series, I've bought Season one of the TV show and my husband and myself are hooked. We can't wait until Season 2 is available to buy, and I'll be getting the next book, and the next book, and the next. This writer is really good, don't think this is just some cheesy gossipy girl highschool drama teen book. Oh no! This is excellent for anyone looking for a page turning mystery that keeps you hooked. I'm eager to try the Lying Game by this same author and am hoping for the same kind of power this series has over me.

Better and different than the show! Keeps you hooked and wanting to continue reading! A must read for any PLL lover!

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