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1. General information
	1. The title of the book that we have read is “We were liars”.
	2. The author of the book is Emily Jenkins, who mostly uses the pen name e. Lockhart. She does that because of her father who called her always E.

She is a fulltime American writer of children’s picture books, young adult novels and also adult fiction. She is the author of 10 novels including, “We were liars.

Her first novel was “The boyfriend list” published by Random House Dell in 2005. There are three sequels of it, “The Boy Book, The Treasure Map Of Boys, Real Live Boyfriends”.

Emily is born on September 13 in New York City. And is now 53 years old.

She grew up in Cambridge, MA and Seattle, WA. She went to college at Vassar and graduate in Colombia. And now she lives in New York City. She has a doctorate in English literature with a focus on 19th century British novel and the history of British book illustration.

She doesn’t like to talk about her family so I don’t know anything about her family.

1.3) The genres of the book are young- adult fiction and psychological thriller.

1.4) The book has 250 pages, but at the end is the 53 page bonus content.

1.5) It was first published in 2014.

1.6) The book is written from Cadence Sinclair Eastman point of view.

5.

*Cadence:*

Cadence is the main character and the book is also written from her perspective. Cadence Eastman Sinclair is 17 years old. Before her accident she had blond hair and she was very athletic, but after the accident she dyed her hair black. She is an only child and lives just with her mother, because her father divorced Cady’s (her nickname) mother when she was 13. Everyone in her family is important in the story. She thinks about everything and makes her own decisions.

Everything she did was right because it was all a hallucination and she couldn’t do anything wrong about that.

But one thing was real and that was the fire in the house, causing the dead of Johnny, Mirren and Gat and it was also the reason of her head injury. She could have done that differently because why should you make a fire and let the whole house burn down?

And I think that’s everything I think she could do differently.

7.

Letter to the author

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18th February, 2021

Dear Ms Lockhart,

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I have a suggestion for the end of the story, because it’s not clear at the end what happened to Cadence. So I had to look it up on the internet and I would rather have read it.

So I would suggest to make clear at the end what happened to Cadence, for example: were her friends ghosts or hallucinations?

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*My full name is Cadence Sinclair Eastman.*

*I suffer migraines. I do not suffer fools.*

*I like a twist of meaning.*

*I endure.*

So you can’t get anything out of this, well “I like a twist of meaning” is interesting but it is not clear either.

So instead of that you can do something like:

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In this way it is very obvious what happened, and maybe you can do it a less obvious.. But so you get the book and you haven’t look it up on the internet.

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Kind regards,

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*Anouk:*

8.1) I borrowed this book from a friend, so I had to wait for her to finish the book. I have read the book in about one or two weeks, but I didn’t read it every day. So it took me very long to read the whole book. On Wednesday I have read very long so I could finish the book.

I read the book before I went to bed. And I read it in my bed because that is very comfortable. I couldn’t read anywhere else because of Covid-19 and I also couldn’t read downstairs because my whole family is there and all the libraries are closed.

*Anouk:*

8.2) I can’t really relate to the main character in all ways, because she had a traumatic accident where she lost her memory. And she couldn’t remember anything of her accident at all and I have never experienced something like that. So I can’t relate to the main character in that specific way. But she has a very personal view on life and I do have that to, but not as personal as Cadence has. That is one thing we have in common.

A difference between Cadence and me is that when she has pain she stops with the things she is doing and she lies down for a minute or something. And I don’t do that, I just keep going with the things I’m busy with. Which is not a very good thing to do, it is better the way cadence do. So in that way I don’t have anything in common with her.

*Anouk:*

8.3) Yes, I did like the book. When I started reading the book I had no idea what it was about, but I knew my friends liked it. Normally I only read romantic books, and this is absolutely no romantic book but I really liked it.

At the beginning it was a little boring, because the only thing you find out is that she is on the island and that she is suffering from migraines. But later in the story it got better and less boring because of the action.

You read the book like she had really experienced it all, but she imagined everything. So it is at the end a little vague because then you read that the liars (her friends) are dead.

At the first page you see map of the island and at the second page the Sinclair family tree. I thought that was a very nice aspect of the book just like the bonus content at the end. I really enjoyed reading it.

One of the saddest thing I have read is that Gat made a swing for Cadence and later it turned out that he was dead so he couldn’t make the swing at all. So she made it by herself or imagined the swing. And I think that is very sad because she thought that Gat made it just for her.

*Anouk:*

8.4) Yes, I would recommend “We were liars” to my fellow students and friends or family, because this book it is a really nice book and it make you think about some things and make you realise that life is beautiful. And especially that you need to enjoy life.

There are very much beautiful and sweet things in this story and even though it was imaginary you just love the people you love and do nice things for them.

For example when Gat made a swing for Cadence because he loves her and he wants to express that.

I also would recommend it because there is a very nice plot twist and because of that there is very much excitement in the story and it is everything but boring.

And the last thing, it’s a very simple book, so I mean it’s easy to read because there are no

very difficult words or expressions. And the meaning of the sentences are sometimes a little hard to understand but that doesn’t really matter.

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