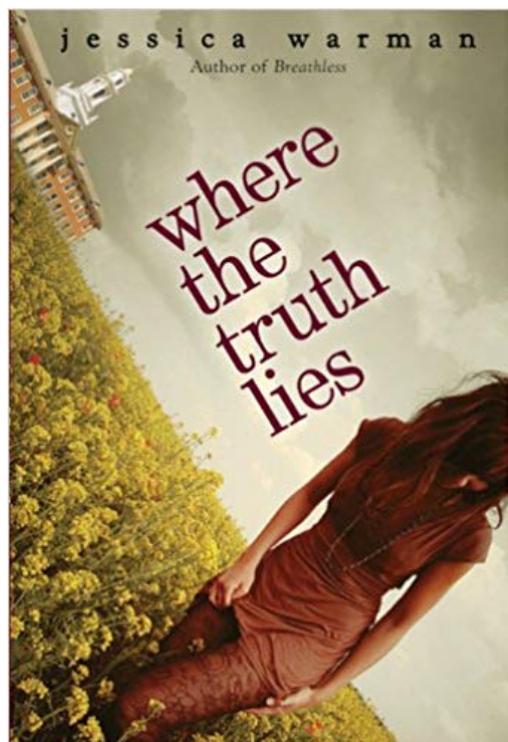


## Where the Truth Lies *by* Jessica Warman



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On the surface, Emily Meckler leads the perfect life. She has three best friends, two loving parents, and the ideal setup at the Connecticut prep school where her father is the headmaster. Then the enigmatic Del Sugar enters her life, and Emily is immediately swept away—but her passionate relationship with Del is just the first of many things that aren't quite what they seem in Emily's life. As the lies she's been told start to unravel, Emily must set out to discover the truth, a journey that will lead her to question everything she thought she knew.



## Reviews of the **Where the Truth Lies** *by* Jessica Warman

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Where the Truth Lies by Jessica Warman is about a girl who is the daughter of the principal who started a prep school she attends. As the principal's daughter, of course, she holds a good reputation. However, things in her life start to change when a new and mysterious boy is admitted to

the boarding school half way into the school year. She is determined to find out and be with him even though her parents forbade her to. Does she listen to her heart or to the parents who sheltered her for so long?

I really enjoyed this book and the main character, Emily Meckler. You can say she is a typical teenager with a "story" about her past and present. Something about this character really draws me in. I think it is because of the "stories" she has.

As the principal's daughter, you would think she could get away with everything, but she does not. Her father says she will be treated how everyone else is treated--the fair way. I guess, in a sense that she does get away with everything. She sneaks out after curfew and found several times, but she is not punished for it. It goes for everyone else because the prep school she attends is expensive and the school depends on the tuition and contributions to the school to keep the school running smoothly.

You can say Emily was a perfect girl with a perfect life and nothing could happen. However, it does because of Del Sugar, a new boy that is admitted into the school. He is mysterious and with a past, which makes many of their peers interested in him and scared of him all at the same time. THINGS CHANGE when Emily starts to befriend him.

Everyone has some kind of secret right? Whether it's from their past or present life, it's still a secret they want to keep a secret.

I really love Emily ever since I have started this book and I loved this even more when Del was introduced. I really like the relationship between Emily and Del. They seem to have so much in common when they get to know each other more. I really like the "stories" they have about their past and the "story" they have together. It is so heart-warming and surprising all at the same time. They are my two favorite characters out of this whole book.

I really couldn't put this book down. The characters are so vivid and lively. I feel like they are apart of the real world. I'm sure some people may even relate to these characters, but I do not relate to them. Wonderful book! I really enjoyed it!

I keep using the word "story" because I do not want to spoil this book. :(  
Gathris  
Grade: C

I loved/hated WHERE THE TRUTH LIES; it grabbed me and wouldn't let go. Compulsively readable, this contemporary YA novel takes a lot of artistic license and required me to put stop rolling my eyes and concentrate on my Kindle. I finished reading in a day.

The writing: Jessica Warren writes beautifully using the perfect mixture of dialogue, plot and description. She made me love and root for Emily, the narrator. I discovered her reading BETWEEN and scooped up a few of her books for \$1.99 on Amazon.

The characters: Narrator Emily, daughter of the headmaster at an exclusive boarding school, thinks she has the perfect life, except for the nightmares of fire or water that keep wake her up screaming. Her parents are great and she rooms with her three best friends, all daughters of the rich and famous. She's annoyingly naive when she meets the new kid with a bad-boy reputation, Del. As the story progresses, she grows somewhat and develops a few more layers. I never felt like she became more insightful. Still, she was likable and easy to root for. Many of the minor characters are much

more interesting with compelling backstories that make Emily seem bland in comparison. The manner in which some of the students felt a little too touchy feely, but I've never been to boarding school; without their families, they might be in need of closeness and affection. My favorite character was Renee, her friend from across the hall. Least favorite, the school psychologist, the worst therapist in literature, who was probably actually a psychiatrist since she was prescribing meds.

The plot: I loved the story's premise, but I would have focused on making scenarios more realistic. An example is that Emily routinely uses a rope ladder to climb out of a second story window to meet her boyfriend at night. When she's caught, the only consequence is her father's disappointment. Most of the other examples would be too spoilerish. With several characters, mysteries of their backgrounds or actions are just left hanging, like why the girl who never came back to mysteriously vanished and isn't traceable on social media or by phone. The most unrealistic, unanswered question is how was Del able to get so much private information. I hated that only two people had consequences for the rule breaking and illegal actions, particularly the adults.

I have much more to say, but don't want to give away any secrets.

THEMES: boarding school, first loves, teen pregnancy, friendships, adoption, trauma, divorce, secrets and lies.

If you're looking for a great beach read, or a snowed in read, WHERE THE TRUTH LIES is the kind of book you can read in a day, or at a slower pace. If you don't care about realistic scenarios and just want a good story, you'll probably enjoy this book. If you get distracted by thoughts of "this could never happen", you might be extremely frustrated.

Felolv

I absolutely adored this book. I believe every teen should read it. It was so good! It kept my attention the whole entire time! Excellent story. I could go on and on about this book but I won't. Must Read!!!! :)

Anarus

A poignant tale about a girl trying to be good, and trying to hold onto the importance of truth, Warman's WHERE THE TRUTH LIES perfectly depicts teen struggles between holding onto what her parents want her to be and the person she wants to become. Add family secrets to the mix, and this talented writer will pull at your heart strings.

Deodorant for your language

I wasn't impressed with the book, it is an OK story but just not what I usually read.

Probably a good read for someone much younger than me. (I'm in my 60's)

Silvermaster

I loved the story line. It took me a while to get into the book. But when I got half way though the book I couldn't put it down.

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