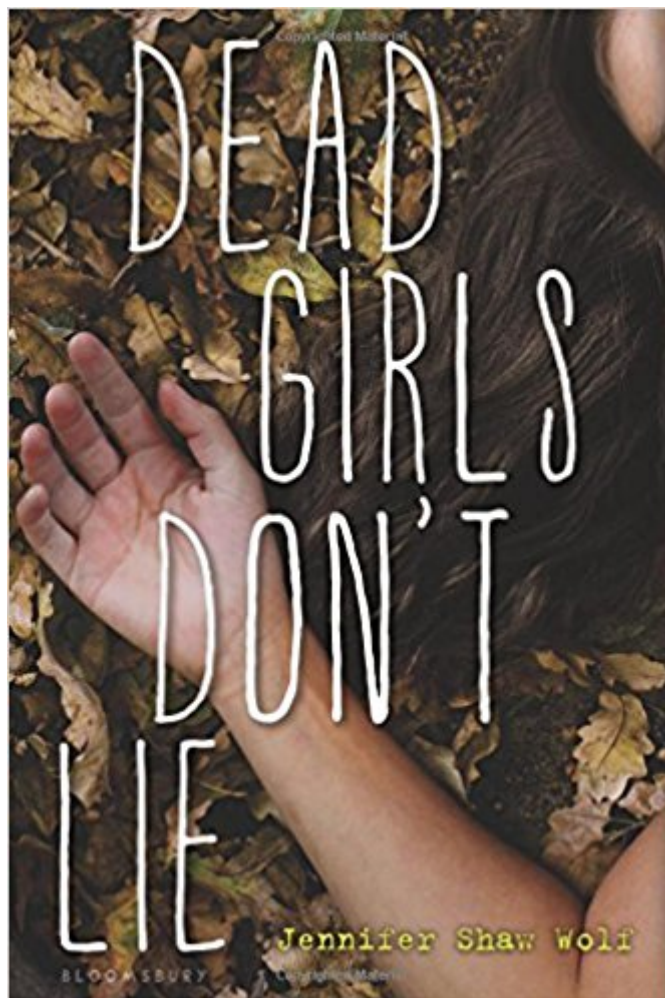


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Dead Girls Don't Lie



Synopsis

Jaycee and Rachel were best friends. But that was before. Before that terrible night at the old house. Before Rachel shut Jaycee out. Before Jaycee chose Skyler over Rachel. Then Rachel is found dead. The police blame a growing gang problem in their small town, but Jaycee is sure it has to do with that night at the old house. Rachel's text is the first clue—starting Jaycee on a search that leads to a shocking secret. Rachel's death was no random crime, and Jaycee must figure out who to trust before she can expose the truth. Jennifer Shaw Wolf keeps readers on their toes in another dark, romantic story of murder and secrets.

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Gr 7 Up-Rachel and Jaycee are inseparable until Rachel starts changing everything from her look to hanging out with a suspicious crowd, and churchgoing good girl Jaycee is quickly pushed out. They haven't spoken in nearly a year, so Jaycee ignores the frantic text she gets one night from Rachel, instructing Jaycee to meet her, and instead focuses on the kiss she's sharing with handsome but awkward Skyler Cross. That same night Rachel is found dead, and what unfolds in this follow-up to *Breaking Beautiful* (Walker, 2012) is a fast-paced and complex mystery that brings up questions of race and the sometimes obsessive and dangerous nature of first love. Jaycee is left with only a series of clues in the form of encrypted texts and hidden messages to help her unravel the story of Rachel's murder. Skyler offers his help, while his brothers seem interested in stopping her from digging deeper. Local cops chalk the crime up to the presence of several ex-gang members in the small town, but Jaycee soon realizes that even the police have something to hide. Despite

increasing threats to her safety, Jaycee is determined to pursue the investigation. The book is written in simple language that will appeal to a variety of readers, from devotees of Sara Shepard's "Pretty Little Liars" books (HarperCollins) to those with a penchant for more serious titles, such as Lauren Myracle's *Shine* (Abrams, 2011). The steady pacing and exciting conclusion make this one hard to put down. --Joanna Sondheim, Columbia Grammar & Preparatory School, New York City (c) Copyright 2013. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Shy, gawky Jaycee and beautiful Rachel have been best friends since their blood pact in fourth grade. But high school brings an abrupt end to their friendship when Rachel starts hanging out with gangbangers. Then Rachel is murdered. Filled with remorse over an unopened text from Rachel and desperate to understand what happened, Jaycee is cautiously intrigued when Eduardo, an intense, young man "Hispanic like Rachel" brings her a posthumous message from her friend. It warns Jaycee to only trust "E." But who is E? Eduardo, the former gangbanger? Eric, the town sheriff? Or Evan, the handsome older brother of Jaycee's boyfriend? As Jaycee becomes more determined to find out the truth behind Rachel's death, she is threatened by dangerous forces on both sides of the law. Wolf has constructed a harrowing suspense story that, despite a few improbabilities, will keep readers enthralled to the very end. Written in the same gripping style as the books of the ever-popular Lois Duncan, this is for teens looking for a good mystery. Grades 7-10. --Diane Colson --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

This was a suspenseful YA read. I got this for my daughter but after watching how engrossed she became in the story I ended up listening to it myself and I found myself not being able to put it down.

Jaycee's best friend, Rachel, is murdered just moments after she fails to respond to a text for help, leaving behind a message to trust only E, not the police, not the FBI. While authorities blame Mexican gang violence for Rachel's death, Jaycee sets out to solve the crime herself, reluctantly accepting help from Eduardo and not so reluctantly accepting help from a cute guy named Skyler. I wanted to like this YA mystery because the premise was just so interesting. Unfortunately, the stereotypes, overt and covert racism, all good or all bad characters, and lack of interesting plot made enjoying this book impossible. Narrator Jaycee, the good Christian white girl judged everyone based on her prejudices, even while seeming to be appalled by the overt racist actions and words of

others. All the characters were stereotypes from the strict Christian father to the migrant workers to the cops who weren't as smart as she was. The writing was full of telling, rather than showing the plot unfold. The ending, while surprising, lacked any payoff for me. File this under disappointing.

My daughter just loved this book. She read the whole thing in one day. Thanks for entertaining my girl!

Fast paced thriller. Although some clues were predictable, I was not expecting the twist at the end

I love this book so much. It's so drama filled and keeps me on the edge of my seat! I have to admit I read it in 4 days... I'm 12...

This book was intriguing and very interesting but I couldn't help but feel that Emily had something bigger and badder to hide. I kept thinking throughout that this would be told but to my dismay, it did not. All in all, it kept me in suspense but in the end, I was very disappointed to see there was nothing there.

Excellent condition. I couldn't put the book down and read it whenever I had free time

I loved how captivating the story was and how quickly I couldn't put it down. It was so unpredictable and I really appreciate that! I also liked how she tied in a different culture and addressed issues of discrimination. I think every YA could benefit from those lessons in the book, even though they were subtle. One thing I appreciate as a parent is being able to recommend the book to my children knowing that there isn't inappropriate romance scenes. She tastefully handles the romance in the book. The end was surprising and tender. I loved the last chapter!

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