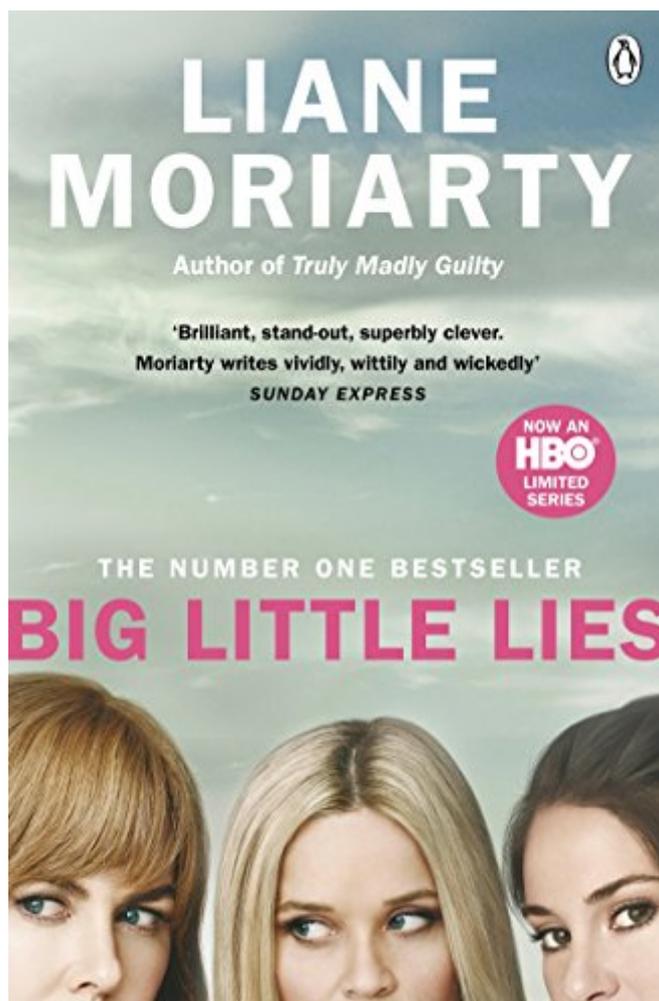


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Big Little Lies: Now An HBO Limited Series



Synopsis

** The number one bestseller *Big Little Lies* is now a HBO series starring Nicole Kidman, Reese Witherspoon, Alexander Skarsgård and Shailene Woodley ***'Let me ask you a question. Would you like a series that has everything? Good. Because it is, emphatically, HERE' The Guardian'Depth, class and a sense of humour' The Times'Artful and arch, a compelling and sad satire' Vanity Fair ---Perfect family, perfect house, perfect life; Jane, Madeline and Celeste have it all . . . or do they? They are about to find out just how easy it is for one little lie to spiral out of control. From the author of *Truly Madly Guilty* and *The Husband's Secret* comes a novel about the dangerous little lies we tell ourselves just to survive. Jane hasn't lived anywhere for longer than six months since her son was born five years ago. She keeps moving in an attempt to escape her past. Now the idyllic coastal town of Pirriwee has pulled her to its shores and Jane feels as if she finally belongs. She finds friends in the feisty Madeline and the incredibly beautiful Celeste, two women with seemingly perfect lives - and their own secrets. But at the start of a new term, an incident involving the children of all three women occurs in the playground, causing a rift between them and other parents. Minor at first but escalating fast, until the whispers and rumours become vicious and spiteful, and the truths blur into lies. It was always going to end in tears, but no one thought it would end in murder . . . Don't want *Big Little Lies* to end? Then why not order Liane Moriarty's new hit, *Truly Madly Guilty* Praise for Liane Moriarty: 'Brilliant, stand-out, superbly clever. Moriarty writes vividly, wittily and wickedly' Sunday Express 'A nuanced psychological study of the elements of motherly and matrimonial behaviour' The Sunday Times 'Blame and guilt, forgiveness and retribution, love and betrayal. A tense page-turning story . . . a great read' Mail on Sunday 'Staggeringly brilliant . . . literally unputdownable' Sophie Hannah 'Blending romance, comedy and mystery, this is a wonderful book - full of brains, guts and heart' Sunday Mirror 'Tolls a warning bell about the big little lies we tell to survive' Washington Post 'A fantastically nimble writer, so sure-footed that the book leaps between dark and light seamlessly' Entertainment Weekly

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Customer Reviews

I've been watching the HBO series and thoroughly enjoying it. So when a friend mentioned that it was adapted from a book by an Australian author (and the setting changed from a ritzy Sydney North Shore suburb to Monterey) I couldn't resist buying it. **WARNING:** if you're watching the series and don't want the end spoiled, don't buy the book. The series has followed along pretty faithfully so far, with one or two smallish changes (the theater production isn't an issue in the book, for example). *Big Little Lies* is beautifully written, with a rising air of tension throughout the book as we get closer and closer to the murder foreshadowed from the beginning. I won't spoil who the victim is for you, but suffice it to say I was a little surprised. I'd already figured out who the real perpetrator of the playground bullying probably was - it's always nice when you guess SOMETHING right - but there were definitely a few shocks in the last quarter of the book that I didn't see coming. It's an excellent book and well worth reading. That said, if you haven't watched the HBO series, get on that right away. It's incredible; Nicole Kidman and Reese Witherspoon are compelling as a pair of 'yummy mummies' who on the surface appear to have the perfect life, but beneath the surface things are far from the polished facade they portray. Alexander Skarsgard steals every scene he appears in as the poised, rich, handsome husband with violent tendencies behind closed doors. *Big Little Lies* is a compelling story on the screen or on the page. **HIGHLY** recommended.

I rarely write reviews, but I have to for this book. It is just too good. It is not a mystery. You know someone dies. It is not a crime novel. It is a novel about women and people. There are three main characters, all mothers with kindergarten children in the same school. They are all so different, but

so vividly portrayed in all their goodness and their flaws. You wish you knew them. The scene where the death actually occurs is so wonderfully written that I had to read it twice. Sounds odd, doesn't it, but you will understand when you read it. The book is so clever and so witty. The characters are so interesting. I am going to watch the tv show but I don't know how it can measure up to the book!
Read this book!

Revealing book , great storyline! This is my 2nd time to read it and after HBO made it a mini series thought I'd read it again. I wish that HBO would have stuck more to the characters and stories in the book. I liked Madeline in the book and was disappointed in her character on the mini series. Overall a must read and as always Moriarty does an awesome job of everyday lives and the stories they tell.

One really gets to know the main characters in this book. Both people and plot meld well together. It's no wonder it has remained on the "NYTimes" bestseller list for current weeks. It is a page turner, for certain. Interesting to watch the kindergarteners grow up, especially since they are dealing with lies and truths, too. The title is appropriate.

This book is even better than the series! You will not want to put it down. Much more detailed than the series. And let me say the series was WOW! So you HAVE to get this book for sure. Buy from this seller because the shipping was fast and the product came safe and sound. I would definitely recommend to buy or to purchase as a gift.

Another author I've not read before. Unusual story telling pattern, kind of a quirky/jerky flow. Not sure I care for the style. HOWEVER, the characterizations are exceptionally good and the story intriguing, and held my full attention. One doesn't have to be pushed or hit to be bullied. Being ignored, left out, can also be debilitating, making a person feel unworthy, that there is something wrong with them. Passive aggression can be equally damaging. I really enjoyed the story and characters. I highly recommend this book for EVERY parent with school age children, even if their only in day care.

This is the third book I've read by Liane Moriarty, and I think it might be my favorite. I found all the characters to be so real, and interesting, and I cared about all of them - usually in a book with multiple arcs, you end up wanting to skip through one of them to keep following the ones you really care about, but all of these were equally engrossing. The twist at the end was perfect, and I'm

almost sorry I've finished it! I highly recommend this book.

Domestic abuse, bullying, & family interactions. This book has it all. Read this for a book club. I had a problem trying to figure out who was killed, & how it would all wrap up. The back & forth between police interviews & happening before the death was a bit disconcerting, but I finally finished the book.

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