

THIS IS WHY WE LIED by Karin Slaughter

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My latest book recommendation is '*This is Why We Lied*' by Karin Slaughter. It is a gripping murder mystery, set in a remote mountain-side lodge.

THE PLOTLINE

Sara and Will are spending their honeymoon at the remote McAlpine Family Lodge, a five-mile hike from the car park through rocky terrain. Wanting to preserve their privacy, they decide to lie about their professions: they both work for the Georgia Bureau of Investigation (GBI). Will is a special agent, while Sara is a doctor and medical examiner. Unfortunately, far from the romantic time Will had planned for his new bride, their stay is interrupted by a brutal murder at the camp, blowing their cover wide open.

Forced to take control of the investigation until the local police arrive, Will begins to question the other guests. However, not everyone is pleased to discover he is a police officer and react to the news with hostility. Determined to find the killer, Will ignores their protestations and continues with his interrogations, but the more he learns about each of them, the more it becomes apparent they all have something to hide. With tensions rising amongst the guests and the owners of the lodge, Will soon realises that murder is not the only crime to have been committed here, and that his investigation is about to open a whole can of worms.

MY REVIEW

'*This is Why We Lied*' is a cleverly written web of intrigue and suspense which I can thoroughly recommend. Nothing is as it seems, and nobody is beyond suspicion. The story centres around the McAlpine family who run a holiday lodge, offering a series of different adventure activities, ranging from fishing in the nearby lake to hiking in the forest. At first it appears to be the ideal getaway destination. However, behind the welcoming hospitality of the hosts there lies a divided family with enough secrets to last a lifetime.

The story starts with the murder of a family member. Whereas this is a mystery by itself, it's not until, by alternating between the past and the present, that a complex den of iniquity is exposed. '*This is Why We Lied*' is a gripping rollercoaster of emotions and egos and the ending is a total surprise.

THE AUTHOR

Karin Slaughter is the author of more than 20 instant *New York Times* bestselling novels, including the Edgar–nominated ‘*Cop Town*’ and standalone novels ‘*The Good Daughter*’, ‘*Pretty Girls*’, and ‘*Girl, Forgotten*’. She is published in 120 countries with more than 40 million copies sold across the globe. ‘*Pieces of Her*’ is a No.1 *Netflix* original series starring Toni Collette. ‘*The Will Trent Series*’ is on *ABC* (and streaming on *Hulu* in the US, and *Disney+* internationally). ‘*The Good Daughter*’ and ‘*False Witness*’ are in development for film/tv. Slaughter is the founder of the Save the Libraries project—a nonprofit organization established to support libraries and library programming. A native of Georgia, she lives in Atlanta.

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