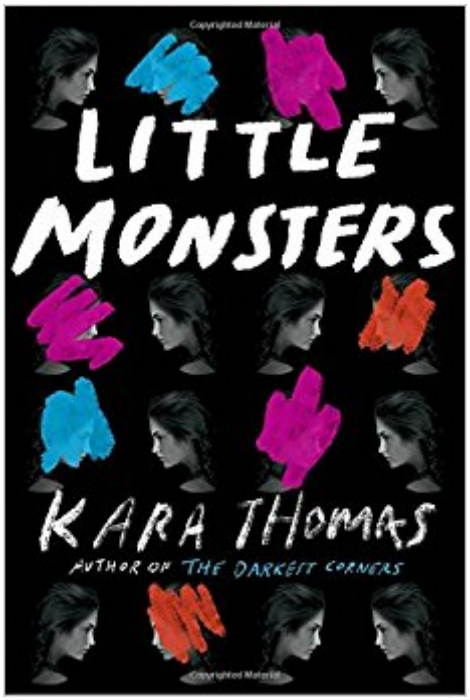
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Synopsis

For fans of Pretty Little Liars,Ã Â Little MonstersÃ Â is a new psychological thriller, from the author of The Darkest Corners, about appearances versus reality and the power of manipulation amongst teenage girls.Ã Â Ã Â Â Kacey is the new girl in Broken Falls. When she moved in with her father, she stepped into a brand-new life. A life with a stepbrother, a stepmother, and strangest of all, an adoring younger half sister. Ã Â Ã Â Â KaceyÃ¢â ¬â„¢s new life is eerily charming compared with the wild highs and lows of the old one she lived with her volatile mother. And everyone is so nice in Broken FallsÃ¢â ¬â •sheÃ¢â ¬â„¢s even been welcomed into a tight new circle of friends. Bailey and Jade invite her to do everything with them.Ã Â Ã Â Â Which is why itÃ¢â ¬â„¢s so odd when they start acting distant. And when they donÃ¢â ¬â„¢t invite her to the biggest party of the year, it doesn't exactly feel like an accident.Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Â But Kacey will never be able to ask, because Bailey never makes it home from that party. Suddenly, Broken Falls doesnÃ¢â ¬â„¢t seem so welcoming after allÃ¢â ¬â •especially once everyone starts looking to the new girl for answers.Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Â Kacey is about to learn some very important lessons: Sometimes appearances can be deceiving. Sometimes when youÃ¢â ¬â„¢re the new girl, you shouldnÃ¢â ¬â„¢t trust anyone.Praise for Little Monsters:"Thomas creates a disturbing portrait of how bad news and gossip can curdle when mixed together."-Oprah.com"An eerie and masterly psychological thriller...[that] culminates in a shocking and disturbing ending. Thomas expertly captures the pointed nuances and the fickle, manipulative bonds of adolescent girlsÃ¢â ¬â„¢ friendships."-SLJ"Taut and suspenseful...this gritty page-turner will easily hook a broad range of readers"-Booklist"An intense psychological thriller that all but ensures the lights will be left on between dusk and dawn."-Publishers Weekly"A twisted story of obsession and manipulation, Little Monsters captivated me right up to its surprising conclusionÃ¢â ¬â •and left me wondering how well I really know my friends."-Chelsea Sedoti, author ofÃ Â The Hundred Lies of Lizzie Lovett

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Ã¢â ¬Å“Thomas carefully crafts the suspense, leaving present-tense narrator TessaÃ¢â ¬â •and readersÃ¢â ¬â •to doubt even those she loves the mostÃ¢â ¬Â¦An unsettling story of loss, lies, and violence lurking in the shadows of a small town.Ã¢â ¬Â•Ã Â Ã¢â ¬â •Kirkus Reviews, Starred ReviewÃ¢Ëœâ | "On the heels of Making a Murderer and The Jinx comes a psychological thriller strongly rooted in the true-crimeÃ Â tradition...Expertly plotted with plenty of twists and turnsÃ¢â ¬â •never mind a truly shockingÃ Â conclusionÃ¢â ¬â •this gritty thriller is sure to find a wide audience among teens and adults alike. EquallyÃ Â concerned with a quest for the truth and the powerful motivation of guilt, this compelling novel wonÃ¢â ¬â„¢tÃ Â linger on the shelf."Ã Â Ã¢â ¬â •Booklist, Starred reviewÃ¢Ëœâ | "ThomasÃ Â keeps it real with a jaded heroine from the have-nots societal segment who holds onto her humanity, and a frank illustration of failure in the justice system. Hand this one to older teens who love dark mysteries or fans of Netflix's Making a Murderer."Ã¢â ¬â •Shelf Awareness, Starred review "Clearly drawnÃ¢â ¬Â¦[and] alive until the twisty end."Ã¢â ¬â •Bulletin Ã Â "Strong character development and thrilling revealsÃ¢â ¬Â¦this novel is a sure bet."Ã¢â ¬â •SLJ

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If it didn't have so much cussing then I would have given it 5 stars. I enjoyed the author's writing style and the way the plot progress throughout.I REALLY would like to see this as a movie in the near future.

Great book. Captured my interest from the start and never let go. Well-developed characters and a chilling story. Very chilling story. Definitely worth the read.

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After running away from her mother and several subsequent foster homes, Kacey is sent to Broken Falls, Wisconsin, to live with her father, a man she has never met, and his family. Accepted by her stepmother Ashley and her stepbrother Andrew, Kacey eventually gains the acceptance and love of her half-sister Lauren; her father remains distant and aloof. When two girls, Bailey and Jade, include Kacey in their close friendship , she begins to feel her life may become more like that she has always desired. Following a midnight escapade in which the three and Lauren conduct a sÃƒÂ©ance at an old barn where a mass murder was committed, the girls' relationship begins to unravel. Bailey's disappearance, following a party, further complicates Jade and Kacey's relationship as it also does with Kacey's family. While the search for Bailey and investigation into her disappearance continues, multiple suspects are questioned and released until the concluding chapters reveal Bailey's fate.Kacey narrates the majority of "Little Monsters

Kacey has been living with her mother, but their relationship is troubled and sometimes violent. After social workers judge that it is beyond help, she is sent to live with the father she never knew in Broken Falls, Wisconsin. She is welcomed into a ready-made family, and suddenly she has not only a father, but a step-brother, a half-sister, and perhaps the worldÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s nicest stepmother. She even has a new group of friends, as best friends Jade and Bailey bring her into their circle. They do everything together until suddenly the text Kacey expects to receive never arrives, and soon after Bailey is missing too. Why wasnÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢t Kacey invited to the biggest party of the year? Did something happen there that explains BaileyÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s absence? Where is Bailey anyway? Is someone Kacey knows responsible for her disappearance? Who can she trust ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â œ and who can the reader?The author does a masterful job with just about every aspect of this novel. The characters are all well developed and interesting. The relationships of Kacey and her family and friends and the dynamics of high school are spot on, from the texting to the insecurities resulting from perceived judgments and slights. The story is told primarily from KaceyÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s point of view, but as the novel progresses we read more and more excerpts from BaileyÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s diary. The combination both moves the story forward and helps to explain the nuances of their relationship.And then thereÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s the plot. What a roller coaster ride this book is! I am generally excellent at figuring out who done it, but not this time. I did eventually get it right, but so late in the story as to almost not matter. The author does a fabulous job balancing red herrings and playing with unreliable narrators, and she kept me happily turning the pages as fast as I could. I couldnÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢t put it down. The ending is a tad rushed, but this did nothing to spoil the novel for me. This is easily one of the best young adult

mysteries lÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢ve read.

Little Monsters is an excellent, fast paced thriller that will keep readers turning the pages late into the night as the author skillfully weaves a mystery that is filled with suspense. This is a truly creepy read that takes the typical "mean girls" tale and turns it upside down, flips it around and leaves you wondering just what the heck happened. I picked this up solely because I enjoyed the author's first book so much. This second effort didn't disappoint.The superb pacing really makes this story sing, and helps create an atmosphere of dread that is palpable from the first chapter and only gets bigger throughout the story. The dialogue is authentic, the relationships chilling and the plot delivers more than it's share of surprises. A must read for any teen or adult looking for an intelligent, suspenseful thriller. It's a story that showcases the tenuous nature of teen relationship and the importance of family. Don't miss this one.

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