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Sammy accidentally makes a deadly mistake, but all clues point to her nemesis Heather. As Sammy struggles with her conscience, she helps an ailing senior citizen in her fight against urban renewal. Sammy's also dealing with her feelings for Casey, Heather's brother, who she's attending the Farewell Dance with on a "non-date."

## **Sammy Keyes And the Dead Giveaway Details**

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## **From Reader Review Sammy Keyes And the Dead Giveaway for online ebook**

### **Gerda Leek says**

for middle school girls

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### **Anna says**

I haven't read these books since I was in middle school and I almost forgot about them. These were my favorite books growing up, and honestly they may be pretty high up there still, even now that I'm in my 20's. The fantastic thing about these books is you can read them at any age and they are still well written, entertaining, and thoroughly enjoyable. I missed Sammy Keyes and I'm gonna read through the series until the very end, because growing up she was my idol, and kind of still is today. I will always love these books and of course the writing is phenomenal. I honestly recommend this series to anyone of any age who likes a good mystery and quirky antics.

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### **Gwen says**

I love all the books in this series, but this one is my favorite. Why? Because it's a 13 year-old girl kicking butt and taking names! This does have some romance, but the main story is the mystery. Sammy Keyes doesn't ask for trouble, but it seems to follow her, and she doesn't mind getting her hands dirty to solve a good mystery! Wendelin Van Draanen does an amazing job of tying together a 13 year-old girl's life, complete with 13 year-old girl problems and a suspenseful, intense mystery. I suggest for guys and girls, and I think you'll love it!

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### **Catrina Sada says**

I loved how this one dealt with sammys personal morals, as well as domestic abuse. No one in this one was really as they seemed. It was a true mystery, and even when one mystery was over, when you thought all the mysteries were over, a mystery that had been right under your nose the entire book was solved. The dance was also so great in this one. Sammy and Casey really are perfect together. The conclusion of sammys school year fit the past 9 books very well, and showed character development. This one has been one of my favorites.

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### **Rachel Kulik says**

It was okay, not as good as the others, I didn't really enjoy how the big mystery seemed so easily solved, there wasn't a huge following of clues and the ending..well no one could have figured that out and it wasn't particularly shocking. Sure it dealt with some tough subjects for youth literature but I have come to expect so

much more out of Sammy. Hopefully the rest of the series delivers. Also...where the hell is my own Casey Acosta? I give up.

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### **Patrick says**

The tone was better on this one, but the mystery, clues, and case-cracking were the least coherent of the series so far. It was like the 2 separate parts to solve of the main mystery detracted from each other so that neither was well-explained or extremely compelling. Some lies from one of the red herring characters were never explained.

A different protagonist/narrator than Sammy would have scored 2 stars for this mystery. However, Sammy's experience with guilt and confession was well-written and enjoyable. The date and slight preachiness about kids changing the world at the end were less good.

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### **Bryan Ma says**

The hundreds of pages it took Sammy to figure out "whodunnit" clearly contradicts the title of this book.

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### **Allen Beasley says**

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You would like this book if you liked a lesson always being learned in the end. I dont like the book tho. But still read it you probable will have a different opinion

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### **Aleisha Zolman says**

such a cute one, I really enjoyed the friendship dynamic between marissa and sammy. and the boys, now that i mention it. recommend it to everyone!

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### **Moussa Niang says**

I like this book because it talks about confession of themselves and teaches us a lesson of lying. For example Sammy lies about killing the bird Tango and was hiding in the closet. Another example of lying is when she got images of birds telling her she did a wrong thing(p.93).

You would like this book if you liked a lesson always being learned in the end. Confessions and crime investigations. It is really exciting to read about a young girl who gets involved in problems that does not involve her. She would make a great detective and a dog trainer. One challenge I had with the book is the way it is told because a person is talking in one sentence and another just cuts off the sentence and starts

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talking and you don't know who is talking. A theme I learned and Sammy learned is that lying can hurt you and others if you don't tell them or yourself the truth.

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### **Reeny says**

I started this series when I was 9 years old. At age 20 I've outgrown a lot of things I used to read (ex: the Meg Cabot books I picked up in 6th grade), but for some reason not Sammy Keyes. It's distinctly Children's Lit and not YA, but it is still quite well written (It also contains some quite adult themes--I mean teenagers with meth labs? Pregnant teenagers looking for a way out of gangs? Homeless teens?) Sammy is mature, sharp and witty as always. This particular installment was more of a coming of age tale for Sammy than an intense mystery, but I enjoyed it and look forward to reading the next one.

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### **Cinnapatty says**

Sammy learns a huge lesson about lies and how they make you feel inside. Wow. This is a great book to teach about that!

Interesting plot. It is the end of her 7th grade year. Lots going on in this book. One tangent I totally was scratching my head saying "Huh?". I wasn't expecting THAT at all and it was handled so casually it didn't seem very credible. That all goes down at the end of the book and I won't spoil it, even though it kind of spoiled things for me, but overall, a good read.

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### **Cheriee Weichel says**

Sammy wrestles with her conscience, helps an elderly lady, deals with corrupt politicians, goes on her first 'date' and finds parts of a dead body. She sure lives an interesting life.

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### **Cat says**

Sammy Keyes is awesome. Only read this book if you're a fan of strong, smart, independent teen girls. If not, well. That's something to work on.

Here, Sammy faces the end of seventh grade, finishing up the school year with more conflict from resident mean girl Heather Acosta. That (and a stressful school dance) comes while Sammy is solving the mystery surrounding Hooper Street, a neighborhood about to be seized through eminent domain and razed into a new rec center.

This offers a lesson in good moral centers, offers some unexpected twists, and has the endearing, snarky voice that is Sammy Keyes. Rock on.

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### **Sara says**

[ domestic abuse (hide spoiler)]

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