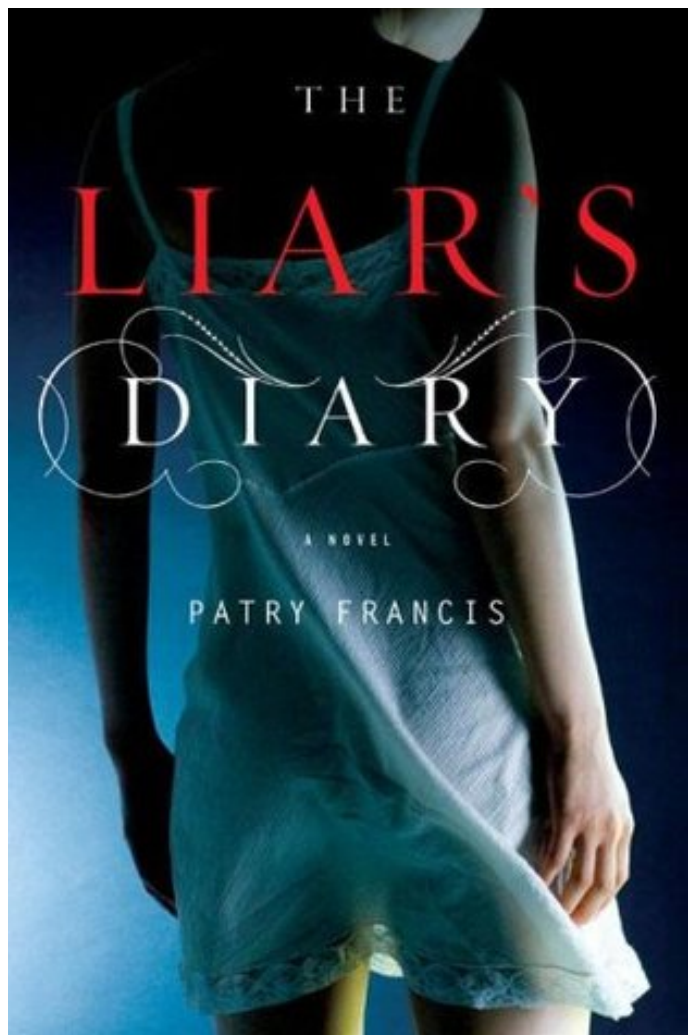

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The Liar's Diary



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Description

An accomplished poet with a keen eye for detail and the written word, Patry Francis has written a riveting debut novel that will thrill fans of Jodi Picoult and Sue Miller.

Answering the question of *What is more powerful: family or friendship?* this debut novel unforgettably shows how far one woman would go to protect either.

They couldn't be more different, but they form a friendship that will alter both their fates. When Ali Mather blows into town, breaking all the rules and breaking hearts (despite the fact that she is pushing forty), she also makes a mark on an unlikely family. Almost against her will, Jeanne Cross feels drawn to this strangely vibrant woman, a fascination that begins to infect Jeanne's perfect husband as well as their teenaged son.

At the heart of the friendship between Ali and Jeanne are deep-seated emotional needs, vulnerabilities they have each been recording in their diaries. Ali also senses another kind of vulnerability; she believes someone has been entering her house when she is not at home—and not with the usual intentions. What this burglar wants is nothing less than a piece of Ali's soul.

When a murderer strikes and Jeanne's son is arrested, we learn that the key to the crime lies in the diaries of two very different women . . . but only one of them is telling the truth.

A chilling tour of troubled minds, *The Liar's Diary* signals the launch of an immensely talented new novelist who knows just how to keep her readers guessing.

Insightful reviews

Christy: This book is amazing. The ending floored me, for sure. I would absolutely recommend this to each and every fan of Jodi Picoult. Definitely one of my favorite novels! :)

Myfanwy: You better set yourself aside a good chunk of time when you pick up *The Liar's Diary* (the stunning debut novel by Patry Francis) because I can tell you from personal experience that once you start reading, you're not going to want to stop until you've finished.

On the surface, this is a book about the seemingly perfect Cross family, living their slightly flawed lives out in the suburbs (the only flaw appears to be the superficial flaw of the son who is overweight) and the woman, the unwanted element, who enters their lives--Ali Mather. Below, the surface, however, this is a book about betrayal; it's about secrets and lies and years of abuse and denial and how all of these things if not uncovered and dealt with in some healthy way, can lead to disaster, which in this case, they most certainly do.

It is also about Jeanne Cross's awakening and her realization that she has been stuffing down her emotions for close to 20 years. As is typically the case with such repression, when the pressure cooker reaches its limit--it explodes.

Most heartbreaking of all, this book about errant mothers, abusive fathers, and lost children. And while there are certainly villains (Gavin Cross being the most obvious choice for villain, but Ali being cast as one as well from time to time), these villains are also human beings, who are damaged and hurting and acting out in the only way they know how.

I will not (because I don't want to ruin it for you) go into details of the plot (there are many surprises in store, though!), but I will say without hesitation that if you don't pick up this book and read it, you're going to be missing out.

Lesley: Wow! A disturbing tale of a family locked in secrets.

Beverly: simply because i do know a ton of writers, and that i prefer to help their efforts, I usually purchase books which aren't relatively my very own specific style or taste. I by no means remorse it simply because all of us want all of the help we will be able to get during this business...but each as soon as in awhile, i am getting this tremendous shock in a package deal that i do not particularly count on to like. simply one of these present is Patry Francis's "The Liar's Diary" that is touted as a "seductive mental thriller" and a homicide mystery. (not my cup of tea) Except! Except! IT IS!! This cleanly written, suspense-laden little gem had me up part the evening and not able to place it down all day today. it is simply twisty and turny, SO good written, and when you comprehend you are "doing" a homicide mystery, you get loads personality examine and professional writing that you just get the misplaced within the artwork of it, and hold turning these pages as quick as you can! Wonderful!! had an excellent learn with this publication and may suggest it to a person who thinks they do not deal with this actual genre. And it is a needs to for these of you who just like the head-scratching who dunnits! What a present. Thank you, Patry!!

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Heidi: this is often an excellent, suffocatingly tight mystery. i may hardly ever placed it down! The characters are complicated and believable. i didn't see the finishing coming. in the event you wish to be stored in suspense, i like to recommend this book. (It's a heartbreaking story, yet there's a glimmer of hope, and that is all i will say approximately that.)

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