

# Is Writing About All Lust

## THE 7 DEADLY SINS OF WRITING

Sin # 7:

*Lust - When you desire writing success above everything else, including the true reasons you began writing in the first place—the love of writing and reading.*

- David Stewart Warner  
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## Is Writing About All Lust? Navigating the Complexities of Desire in Literature

Is writing about lust inherently problematic? Or can exploring the complexities of desire, even in its rawest forms, be a powerful and legitimate tool for writers? This question, central to understanding the nuances of creative expression, delves into the ethical considerations, artistic merit, and potential pitfalls of centering lust in your writing. This post will explore the various facets of depicting lust in literature, offering insights into responsible storytelling, audience engagement, and the impact of such portrayals on the overall narrative.

### Understanding the Spectrum of Lust in Literature

Lust, in its literary context, transcends simple physical desire. It encompasses a broad range of emotions, from intense longing and passionate infatuation to obsessive craving and destructive obsession. How a writer portrays lust significantly impacts the reader's perception and the overall message conveyed. A shallow portrayal might appear exploitative, while a nuanced depiction can explore the psychological and emotional dimensions of desire, adding depth and complexity to characters and plot.

## **The Ethical Considerations: Avoiding Exploitation and Stereotyping**

One of the biggest challenges in writing about lust is avoiding the pitfalls of exploitation and harmful stereotyping. It's crucial to portray desire with sensitivity and respect, avoiding the objectification or degradation of characters. The writer's responsibility lies in crafting narratives that acknowledge the complexities of human desire without resorting to gratuitous or exploitative depictions. This necessitates careful consideration of power dynamics, consent, and the potential consequences of unchecked lust.

## **The Artistic Merit: Using Lust to Drive Plot and Character Development**

When handled with skill and sensitivity, lust can become a powerful driver of plot and a crucial element in character development. It can reveal hidden vulnerabilities, expose underlying motivations, and create dramatic tension. The internal conflict stemming from desires, both fulfilled and unfulfilled, can profoundly impact a character's choices and ultimately shape their arc. Consider the works of classic authors – the internal struggles and external consequences of unchecked desire are often key plot devices.

## **Different Approaches to Portraying Lust**

The effectiveness of writing about lust heavily relies on the author's approach.

### **Subtlety vs. Explicitness: Finding the Right Balance**

There's a spectrum between implicit suggestion and explicit description. While explicit depictions might be appropriate in certain contexts and genres, subtlety can often be more powerful, allowing the reader to infer the intensity of desire through suggestive language, imagery, and actions. The best approach is dictated by the story's overall tone and target audience.

### **The Importance of Context and Narrative Purpose**

The context in which lust is portrayed is paramount. A scene of passionate embrace within a larger narrative exploring love and commitment can differ vastly from a scene focused solely on the physical act, devoid of emotional depth or narrative purpose. The narrative should justify the inclusion of lust, integrating it seamlessly into the overall story rather than making it a standalone, gratuitous element.

# Avoiding Common Pitfalls

Several pitfalls can undermine the effectiveness of writing about lust.

## Falling into Clichés and Stereotypes

Repetitive tropes and stereotypical portrayals of lust can render the writing predictable and unoriginal. Avoiding clichés requires creative exploration of human desire beyond readily available stereotypes. Instead, focus on creating unique and believable characters whose desires are rooted in their individual experiences and motivations.

## Ignoring the Consequences of Actions

A responsible portrayal of lust necessitates acknowledging the potential consequences of actions driven by desire. This might include exploring themes of betrayal, heartbreak, regret, or even legal repercussions. Ignoring these implications can create a detached and ultimately unconvincing narrative.

# Conclusion: The Power of Responsible Storytelling

Writing about lust presents both opportunities and challenges. By navigating the ethical considerations, understanding the artistic potential, and avoiding common pitfalls, writers can harness the power of desire to create compelling and meaningful narratives. The key lies in responsible storytelling – crafting narratives that explore the complexities of human desire with sensitivity, nuance, and a clear understanding of the impact on the overall story and the audience. The ability to depict lust authentically and responsibly is a testament to a writer's skill and maturity.

## FAQs

1. Is it always necessary to be explicit when writing about lust? No, subtlety can often be more powerful than explicit descriptions. The level of explicitness should be determined by the overall tone and purpose of the writing.
2. How can I avoid objectifying characters when writing about lust? Focus on their inner lives, motivations, and emotional experiences. Show their desires as part of their overall character rather than defining them solely by their physical attributes.

3. What are some examples of successful portrayals of lust in literature? Explore works by authors who handle the topic with nuance and complexity; analyzing their techniques can provide valuable insights.
4. How can I ensure my portrayal of lust is appropriate for my target audience? Consider the age range and sensitivity of your readers and adjust your writing style and level of explicitness accordingly.
5. What are the potential legal ramifications of writing explicitly about lust? Be mindful of obscenity laws and ensure your work complies with legal standards regarding the depiction of sexual content. When in doubt, seek legal counsel.

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**is writing about all lust: Lore and Lust** Karla Nikole, 2020-08-31 Queer and gay vampire romance series set in modern-day society (England, Italy and Japan). Slow burn, multi-cultural friends-to-lovers romance where love is love, no questions asked. Mature content.

**is writing about all lust: Lust & Wonder** Augusten Burroughs, 2016-03-29 The instant New York Times bestseller *Lust*: 1. intense sexual desire or appetite 2. a passionate or overmastering desire or craving 3. ardent enthusiasm; zest; relish. *Wonder*: 1. something strange and surprising; a cause of surprise, astonishment, or admiration 2. the emotion excited by what is strange and surprising; a feeling of surprised or puzzled interest, sometimes tinged with admiration 3. a miraculous deed or event; remarkable phenomenon From the beloved #1 New York Times bestselling author comes an intimate look at the driving forces in one man's life. With Augusten's unique and singular observations and his own unabashed way of detailing both the horrific and the humorous, *Lust and Wonder* is a hilariously frank memoir that his legions of fans have been waiting for. His story began in *Running with Scissors*, endured through *Dry*, and continues with this memoir, the capstone to the life of Augusten Burroughs. Funny, sweet, alarming, and ultimately, moving and tender, *Lust & Wonder* is an experience of a book that will resonate with anyone who has loved and lost and loved again.

**is writing about all lust: Wanderlost** Jen Malone, 2016-05-31 Not all those who wander are lost, but Aubree Sadler most definitely is on this novel's whirlwind trip through Europe. A romantic and charming YA debut perfect for fans of Stephanie Perkins and Jenny Han. Aubree can't think of a better place to be than in perfectly boring Ohio, and she's ready for a relaxing summer. But when her older sister, Elizabeth, gets into real trouble, Aubree is talked into taking over Elizabeth's summer job, leading a group of senior citizens on a bus tour through Europe. Aubree doesn't even make it to the first stop in Amsterdam before their perfect plan unravels, leaving her with no phone, no carefully prepared binder full of helpful facts, and an unexpected guest: the tour company owner's son, Sam. Considering she's pretending to be Elizabeth, she absolutely shouldn't fall for him, but she can't help it, especially with the most romantic European cities as the backdrop for their love story. But her relationship with Sam is threatening to ruin her relationship with her sister, and she feels like she's letting both of them down. Aubree knows this trip may show her who she really is—she just hopes she likes where she ends up.

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**is writing about all lust: Why I Don't Write** Susan Minot, 2020-08-04 A superb collection of short fiction—her first in thirty years and spanning many geographies—from the critically acclaimed author of *Monkeys*, *Evening*, and *Thirty Girls*. A NEW YORK TIMES NOTABLE BOOK. A writer dryly catalogs the myriad reasons she cannot write; an artist bicycles through a protest encampment in lower Manhattan and ruminates on an elusive lover; an old woman on her deathbed calls out for a man other than her husband; a hapless fifteen-year-old boy finds himself in sexual peril; two young people in the 1990s fall helplessly in love, then bicker just as helplessly, tortured by jealousy and mistrust. In each of these stories Minot explores the difficult geometry of human relations, the lure of love and physical desire, and the lifelong quest for meaning and connection. Her characters are all searching for truth, in feeling and in action, as societal norms are upended and justice and coherence flounder. Urgent and immediate, precisely observed, deeply felt, and gorgeously written, the stories in *Why I Don't Write* showcase an author at the top of her form.

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**is writing about all lust: Lust** Charlotte Featherstone, 2012-05-15 Of old, humans and Faeries have dwelt side by side in parallel realms. Only the canniest mortals recognize the alluring creatures that often walk—and lie—among them. The Fae of the Seelie Court cherish an ancient quarrel with their Dark counterparts: a curse born of anger and deceit. The Unseelie Court will perish unless one of its princes can win a woman's love—honestly, without coercion...and love her wholly in return. To halt the demise of his people, Prince Thane, the embodiment of Lust, infiltrates the Georgian court to seduce his mortal inverse. Noblewoman Chastity Lennox is purity incarnate—a prize worth winning. But Thane's quest is more challenging than he dreamed. No one has ever been able to resist his erotic charms. Chastity's resolve is maddening...and intriguing. It makes him want her all the more. But how to seduce one who seems above temptation? Discover her greatest weakness and become the essence of her deepest, most forbidden desires....

**is writing about all lust: All That Is** James Salter, 2013-04-02 An extraordinary literary event,

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**is writing about all lust: If We Were Villains** M. L. Rio, 2017-04-11 “Much like Donna Tartt’s *The Secret History*, M. L. Rio’s sparkling debut is a richly layered story of love, friendship, and obsession...will keep you riveted through its final, electrifying moments.” —Cynthia D’Aprix Sweeney, New York Times bestselling author of *The Nest Nerdily* (and winningly) in love with Shakespeare...Readable, smart.” —New York Times Book Review On the day Oliver Marks is released from jail, the man who put him there is waiting at the door. Detective Colborne wants to know the truth, and after ten years, Oliver is finally ready to tell it. A decade ago: Oliver is one of seven young Shakespearean actors at Dellecher Classical Conservatory, a place of keen ambition and fierce competition. In this secluded world of firelight and leather-bound books, Oliver and his friends play the same roles onstage and off: hero, villain, tyrant, temptress, ingénue, extras. But in their fourth and final year, good-natured rivalries turn ugly, and on opening night real violence invades the students’ world of make-believe. In the morning, the fourth-years find themselves facing their very own tragedy, and their greatest acting challenge yet: convincing the police, each other, and themselves that they are innocent. *If We Were Villains* was named one of *Bustle’s* Best Thriller Novels of the Year, and *Mystery Scene* says, A well-written and gripping ode to the stage...A fascinating, unorthodox take on rivalry, friendship, and truth.

**is writing about all lust: Writing and Seeing** Rui Manuel G. de Carvalho Homem, Maria de Fátima Lambert, 2006 The essays in this volume are informed by a variety of theoretical assumptions and of critical methodologies, but they all share an interest in the intersections of word and image in a variety of media. This unifying rationale secures the present collection’s central position in the current critical context, defined as it predominantly is by ways of reading that are based on a relational nexus. The intertextual, the intermedial, the intersemiotic are indeed foregrounded and combined in these essays, conceptually as much as in the critical practices favoured by the various contributions. Studies of literature in its relation to pictorial genres enjoy a relative prominence in the volume - but the range of media and of approaches considered is broad enough to include photography, film, video, television, comic strips, animated film, public art, material culture. The backgrounds of contributors are likewise diverse - culturally, academically, linguistically. The volume combines contributions by prominent scholars and critics with essays by younger scholars, from a variety of backgrounds. The resulting plurality of perspective is indeed a source of new insights into the relations between writing and seeing, and it contributes to making this collection an exciting new contribution to word and image studies.

**is writing about all lust: More Book Lust** Nancy Pearl, 2009-09-29 Whether you’re searching for the perfect read for yourself or for a friend, *More Book Lust* offer eclectic recommendations unlike those in any other reading guide available. In this followup to the bestselling *Book Lust*, popular librarian, Nancy Pearl, offers a fresh collection of 1,000 reading recommendations in more than 120 thematic, intelligent and wholly entertaining reading lists. For the friend wanting to leave her job: *Living Your Dream* offers good armchair dreaming books about people who have left stodgy jobs to do what they love. Are you a budding chef? *Fiction For Foodies* includes books that sneak in a recipe or two along with a tantalizing plot. For the James Bond wannabe: *Crime is a Globetrotter* features crime novels set in various locations around the world such as Tibet, Sweden, and Sicily. In

the book's introduction, Pearl jokes, "If we were at a twelve-step meeting together, I would have to stand up and say, 'Hi, I'm Nancy P., and I'm a readaholic.'" Booklist magazine plays off this obsession while echoing a sentiment of Nancy Pearl's fans everywhere: "A self-confessed 'readaholic,' Pearl lets us benefit from her addiction. May she never seek recovery." Indeed.

**is writing about all lust:** *Something Leather* Alasdair Gray, 1990

**is writing about all lust: *The Book of Longings*** Sue Monk Kidd, 2020-04-21 "An extraordinary novel . . . a triumph of insight and storytelling." —Associated Press "A true masterpiece." —Glennon Doyle, author of *Untamed* An extraordinary story set in the first century about a woman who finds her voice and her destiny, from the celebrated number one New York Times bestselling author of *The Secret Life of Bees* and *The Invention of Wings* In her mesmerizing fourth work of fiction, Sue Monk Kidd takes an audacious approach to history and brings her acclaimed narrative gifts to imagine the story of a young woman named Ana. Raised in a wealthy family with ties to the ruler of Galilee, she is rebellious and ambitious, with a brilliant mind and a daring spirit. She engages in furtive scholarly pursuits and writes narratives about neglected and silenced women. Ana is expected to marry an older widower, a prospect that horrifies her. An encounter with eighteen-year-old Jesus changes everything. Their marriage evolves with love and conflict, humor and pathos in Nazareth, where Ana makes a home with Jesus, his brothers, and their mother, Mary. Ana's pent-up longings intensify amid the turbulent resistance to Rome's occupation of Israel, partially led by her brother, Judas. She is sustained by her fearless aunt Yaltha, who harbors a compelling secret. When Ana commits a brazen act that puts her in peril, she flees to Alexandria, where startling revelations and greater dangers unfold, and she finds refuge in unexpected surroundings. Ana determines her fate during a stunning convergence of events considered among the most impactful in human history. Grounded in meticulous research and written with a reverential approach to Jesus's life that focuses on his humanity, *The Book of Longings* is an inspiring, unforgettable account of one woman's bold struggle to realize the passion and potential inside her, while living in a time, place and culture devised to silence her. It is a triumph of storytelling both timely and timeless, from a masterful writer at the height of her powers.

**is writing about all lust: *The End Of Alice*** A.M. Homes, 2012-10-23 From the 2013 Orange Prize-winning author of *May We Be Forgiven*. Only a work of such searing, meticulously controlled brilliance could provoke such a wide range of visceral responses. Here is the incredible story of an imprisoned pedophile who is drawn into an erotically charged correspondence with a nineteen-year-old suburban coed. As the two reveal—and revel in—their obsessive desires, Homes creates in *The End of Alice* a novel that is part romance, part horror story, at once unnerving and seductive.

**is writing about all lust:** *Book Lust Journal* , 2005-01-01

**is writing about all lust: *The Art of Writing Love Songs*** Pamela Phillips Oland, 2003-05-01 Finally—the first songwriting guide to the most popular music genre in history! Written by a professional songwriter, *The Art of Writing Love Songs* provides inspiration to anyone seeking to write captivating songs about the most enduring musical subject of all. Readers will discover how to express their feelings in lyrics, master a wide scope of emotions and moods, choose an appropriate musical style, and craft beautiful songs that will woo any audience. This user-friendly guide presents technical information with precision, yet wrapped in a conversational, personal tone that's entertaining and easy to read. Packed with references to favorite hit songs, this must-have guide enables songwriters and musicians to understand and express love in a whole new way.

**is writing about all lust: *1982, Janine*** Alasdair Gray, 2019-02-05 Alasdair Gray's unforgettable second novel. Introduced by Will Self

**is writing about all lust: *Sex Is Not the Problem (Lust Is)*** Joshua Harris, 2009-01-21 Lust isn't just a guy problem – it's a human problem. And unless we honestly confront it, lust will destroy our relationships and our lives. Joshua Harris, author of the runaway bestseller *I Kissed Dating Goodbye*, calls a generation bombarded with images of sexual sin back to the freedom and joy of holiness. This PG-rated book – straightforward without being graphic – speaks to those entrenched in lust or just

flirting with temptation. Honestly sharing his own struggles, Harris exposes lust's tactics and helps readers create a personal plan for fighting back. Men and women will find hope in God's grace and learn the secrets to lasting change. Neither sex nor sexuality is our enemy. We need to rescue our sexuality from lust so we can experience it as God intended. Bestselling author Joshua Harris shows you how lust deceives you. Specific and honest without being graphic, this book—for both men and women—will guide you in creating a custom plan for fighting lust and celebrating purity. Praise for *Sex Is Not the Problem (Lust Is)* “For your joy and Christ’s honor, I commend this book to you. It is realistic, practical, and hope-giving.” -John Piper, pastor of Bethlehem Baptist Church, Minneapolis “A beautiful blend of grace and truth. Joshua Harris raises high standards of holiness while carefully avoiding legalism. I highly recommend it.” -Randy Alcorn, bestselling author of *The Treasure Principle* and *The Purity Principle* “I am very encouraged that my longtime friend Josh Harris has written a book about lust. May God use this book to keep many from allowing their minds to become ‘the devil’s playground.’” -Rebecca St. James, singer/songwriter *Story Behind the Book* “I was preparing a message on lust when I realized that the book I wanted to consult hadn’t been written. That book would make it clear that only Jesus Christ can free us from the hopeless treadmill of shame and guilt that so many well-intentioned people end up on. It would instill a love for holiness and a hatred for sin without dragging the reader’s imagination through the gutter. And it would be for both men and women, because I’ve learned that lust isn’t just a guy problem—it’s a human problem.” -Joshua Harris

**is writing about all lust:** Lust Killer Ann Rule, 2022-05-03 To his neighbors, Jerry Brudo was a gentle man whose mild manner contrasted with his awesome physical strength. To his employers, Jerry was a fine worker. To his wife, he was a good husband. And to the Oregon police, Jerry Brudo was the most hideously twisted killer they had ever unmasked.

**is writing about all lust:** Lore and Lust Book Three Karla Nikole, 2021-10 Queer and gay vampire romance series set in contemporary Japan and England.

**is writing about all lust:** Devils, Lusts and Strange Desires Richard Bradford, 2021-01-21 NOMINATED FOR THE H.R.F. KEATING AWARD, 2022. 'My New Year's Eve Toast: to all the devils, lusts, passions, greeds, envies, loves, hates, strange desires, enemies ghostly and real, the army of memories, with which I do battle – may they never give me peace' – Patricia Highsmith (New Year's Eve, 1947). Made famous by the great success of her psychological thrillers, *The Talented Mr Ripley* and *Strangers on a Train*, Patricia Highsmith is renowned as one of the most influential and celebrated modern writers. However, there has never been a clear picture of the woman behind the books. The relationship between Highsmith's lesbianism, her fraught personality – by parts self-destructive and malicious – and her fiction, has been largely ignored by biographers in the past. As an openly homosexual writer, she wrote the seminal lesbian love story *Carol* for which she would be venerated, in modern times, as a radical exponent of the LGBTQ+ community. Alas, her status as an LGBTQ+ icon is undermined by her excessive cruelty towards and exploitation of her friends and many lovers. In this biography, Richard Bradford brings his sharp and incisive style to one of the greatest and most controversial writers of the twentieth century. He considers Highsmith's bestsellers in the context of her troubled personal life; her alcoholism, licentious sex life, racism, anti-Semitism, misogyny and abundant self-loathing.

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**is writing about all lust:** Lolita Vladimir Nabokov, 2010-08-24 The most famous and controversial novel from one of the greatest writers of the twentieth century tells the story of Humbert Humbert’s obsessive, devouring, and doomed passion for the nymphet Dolores Haze. The conjunction of a sense of humor with a sense of horror [results in] satire of a very special kind. —The New Yorker Awe and exhilaration—along with heartbreak and mordant wit—abound in *Lolita*, which tells the story of the aging Humbert Humbert's obsession for the nymphet Dolores Haze. *Lolita* is



also the story of a hypercivilized European colliding with the cheerful barbarism of postwar America. Most of all, it is a meditation on love—love as outrage and hallucination, madness and transformation.

**is writing about all lust:** *MEN LET's TALK! Pornography* Fitzhugh G. Houston, 2004 (Available as a book or ebook) An inspirational testimony about the 30-year struggle with addiction to pornography, and how being born again led to eventual deliverance through his relationship with Jesus Christ and the power of the Word of God. For ministry support, see [www.anewdirection.org](http://www.anewdirection.org). For a preview of the book, see [www.menletstalk.org](http://www.menletstalk.org).

**is writing about all lust:** *Somber Lust* Yair Mazor, 2002-02-14 A comprehensive study of Israel's most internationally celebrated writer.

**is writing about all lust:** *Being Lolita* Alisson Wood, 2020-08-04 A dark relationship evolves between a high schooler and her English teacher in this breathtakingly powerful memoir about a young woman who must learn to rewrite her own story. "Have you ever read Lolita?" So begins seventeen-year-old Alisson's metamorphosis from student to lover and then victim. A lonely and vulnerable high school senior, Alisson finds solace only in her writing—and in a young, charismatic English teacher, Mr. North. Mr. North gives Alisson a copy of Lolita to read, telling her it is a beautiful story about love. The book soon becomes the backdrop to a connection that blooms from a simple crush into a forbidden romance. But as Mr. North's hold on her tightens, Alisson is forced to evaluate how much of their narrative is actually a disturbing fiction. In the wake of what becomes a deeply abusive relationship, Alisson is faced again and again with the story of her past, from rereading Lolita in college to working with teenage girls to becoming a professor of creative writing. It is only with that distance and perspective that she understands the ultimate power language has had on her—and how to harness that power to tell her own true story. *Being Lolita* is a stunning coming-of-age memoir that shines a bright light on our shifting perceptions of consent, vulnerability, and power. This is the story of what happens when a young woman realizes her entire narrative must be rewritten—and then takes back the pen to rewrite it.

**is writing about all lust:** *Art and Madness* Anne Roiphe, 2012-03-06 Coming of age on Park Avenue in the 1950s, Anne Roiphe had an adolescence entrenched in privilege, petticoats, and social rules. Young women at the time were expected to give up personal freedom for devotion to home and children. Instead, Roiphe chose Beckett, Proust, Sartre, and Mann as her heroes, and became one of the girls draped across the sofa at parties with George Plimpton, Norman Mailer, and William Styron, sometimes with her young child in tow. For a time she was satisfied to play the muse, but at the age of twenty-seven, divorced and finally freed of the notion that any sacrifice was worth making for art, she began to write. Here, in her clear-sighted, perceptive, and unabashed memoir, Roiphe shares with astonishing honesty the tumultuous adventure of self-discovery that finally led to her redemption.

**is writing about all lust:** *Jon Duan, by the authors of 'The coming k- '.* Samuel Orchart Beeton, 1874

**is writing about all lust:** *The Poetics of Reading* Eitel Friedrich Timm, Kenneth Mendoza, 1993 Situates the act of critical reading in the context of poetic aesthetics. This volume situates the act of critical reading in the context of poetic aesthetics. Running alongside recent post-structuralist theories, the textuality of such matters as literary discourse, history, media, philosophy and religion has emerged as a focal point of debate in the humanities. The essays here examine how questions of the canon, genres, and transformation of texts challenge the present epistemological situation; taking an interdisciplinary approach to textual readings, their methodology is drawn from a range of literary figures and critics, including Lessing, Kafka, Walter Benjamin, and Derrida. The study also addresses the controversial predicament of subjectivity as one of the key terms in current literary and historical scholarship.

**is writing about all lust:** *Writing Worlds* Trevor J. Barnes, James S. Duncan, 2013-12-19 *Writing Worlds* represents the first systematic attempt to apply poststructuralist ideas to landscape representation. Landscape - city, countryside and wilderness - is explored through the discourse of

economics, geopolitics and urban planning, travellers descriptions, propaganda maps, cartography and geometry, poetry and painting. The book aims to deconstruct geographical representation in order to explore the dynamics of power in the way we see the world.

**is writing about all lust: Verity** Colleen Hoover, 2021-10-05 Whose truth is the lie? Stay up all night reading the sensational psychological thriller that has readers obsessed, from the #1 New York Times bestselling author of *Too Late* and *It Ends With Us*. #1 New York Times Bestseller · USA Today Bestseller · Globe and Mail Bestseller · Publishers Weekly Bestseller Lowen Ashleigh is a struggling writer on the brink of financial ruin when she accepts the job offer of a lifetime. Jeremy Crawford, husband of bestselling author Verity Crawford, has hired Lowen to complete the remaining books in a successful series his injured wife is unable to finish. Lowen arrives at the Crawford home, ready to sort through years of Verity's notes and outlines, hoping to find enough material to get her started. What Lowen doesn't expect to uncover in the chaotic office is an unfinished autobiography Verity never intended for anyone to read. Page after page of bone-chilling admissions, including Verity's recollection of the night her family was forever altered. Lowen decides to keep the manuscript hidden from Jeremy, knowing its contents could devastate the already grieving father. But as Lowen's feelings for Jeremy begin to intensify, she recognizes all the ways she could benefit if he were to read his wife's words. After all, no matter how devoted Jeremy is to his injured wife, a truth this horrifying would make it impossible for him to continue loving her.

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