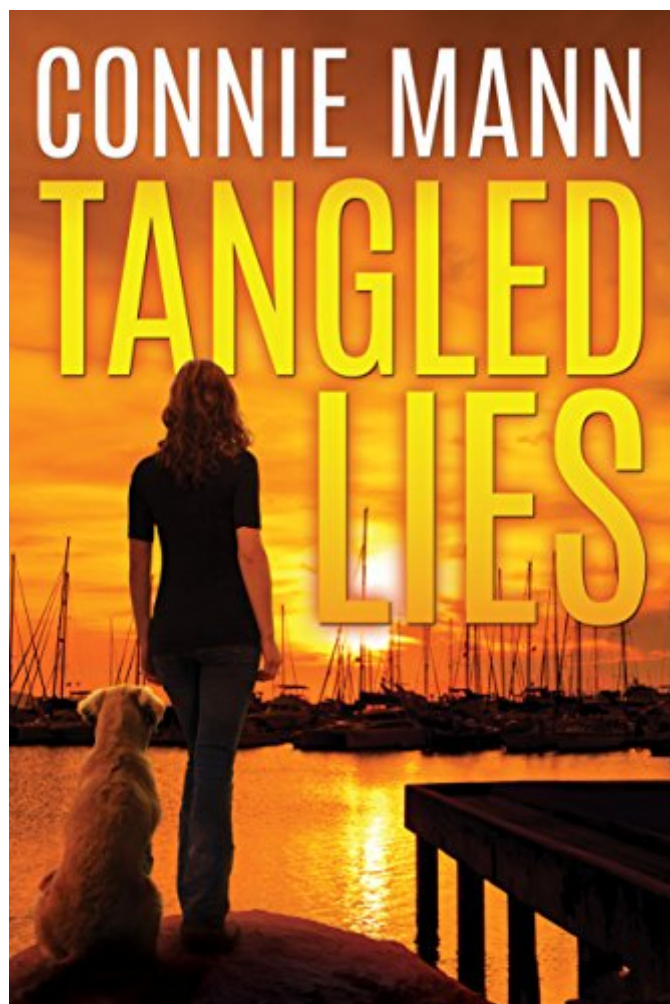


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Tangled Lies



Synopsis

Orphaned as a child in Russia, boat captain Sasha Petrov has spent most of her life adrift, anchored by only her loving foster family. So when they beg her to return to the family marina in Safe Harbor, Florida, for Mama Rosa's sixtieth birthday, Sasha complies, hoping to put the past behind her. But Mama Rosa has other plans: she wants her three foster daughters to find Tony, the biological son who disappeared twenty years earlier. Sasha agrees to try, but that's easier said than done when bad boy Jesse Claybourne shows up, reigniting an old attraction. Back in Safe Harbor on a quest of his own, Jesse gets tangled up in Sasha's search, and soon the two are close to uncovering an old town secret that some will stop at nothing to protect. When Sasha's dog and Jesse are attacked, they realize the past is hiding something more sinister than they ever imagined. Can they expose the truth without destroying Sasha's family and breaking each other's hearts, or are they sailing against the wind?

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Customer Reviews

It is clear from the other reviews that Connie Mann's second novel Tangled Lies is a riveting

page-turner. I agree, and can say the same for her first book *Angel Falls*. If you're not cognizant of turning pages, you know you're captive of a good story! What really pulled me into Sasha and Jesse's story is how real they felt to me. From their fears and desires, trying to rectify their broken pasts, to their knowledge of boating and meteorology. You can't call the two a team, seeing as they don't know who to trust, but they're both on a quest for justice and the stakes are high with lives at risk. At the mention of a missing toddler, though it happened twenty years in the past, I was hooked! (I'm a sucker for loyal dogs, as well!) I don't often read suspense novels, for sheer lack of time to become so engaged in a story. But whenever I carve out the time to read Mann's books in one big gulp, it's truly cathartic. I recommend treating yourself, like a weekend escape, to *Tangled Lies*!

When I read Connie Mann's book, *Angel Falls*, I knew I wanted to read more of her books. And after finishing this one, *Tangled Lies*, I was not disappointed. Sasha Petrov, foster daughter of Sal and Mama Rosa, goes home to Florida after hearing Mama Rosa has cancer and not doing well. She is surprised when she is not welcomed by nearly everyone in town. She also sees that a high school friend, Jesse Claybourne, is back in town and he is also very unwelcome. Mama Rosa gives Sasha a task to do and from then on, being unwelcome is just a drop in the bucket. People want her and Jesse both dead. What is going on? It seems as if the entire town is keeping a secret that folks will kill to keep secret. Connie Mann has created wonderful characters, a great setting and a truly super mystery. Two, actually. I enjoyed every single minute, racing to finish because I just HAD to know the ending of the mystery! I recommend this book and I don't think you'll be disappointed. *I was given a copy of this book via Net Galley in exchange for my honest review, which I have given.

When Sasha Petrov returns home, she finds her foster mom fighting cancer and in need of answers about the son she lost. Reunited with her high school crush, Jesse, who has also returned home, inheriting his late aunt's boat and house, Sasha determines to solve a decades old mystery. Together, they will uncover the truth, but not without risking it all. Connie Mann skillfully weaves a web of secrets, lies, and escalating danger that kept me in a state of anxiety. I simply had to know what was going to happen next. Great pacing, action, and a love story that tugs on the heartstrings, I really wanted these two damaged souls to have a happy ending! And how cool to find a story with a female boat captain!

Review for *Tangled Lies* Connie Mann, author Sasha was orphaned as a child in Russia, then

became a foster child in Florida. She always felt responsible for her family's death. Her anchor was her foster parents, yet she tended to drift away when she grew older. Her love of the sea drove her to get her license as a boat captain. But when her foster mother's sixtieth birthday arrives and she learns she has cancer, she returns home. She doesn't plan to stay in Safe Harbor. Mama has plans for her foster daughters. She wants them to find her son who disappeared at the age of three. Sasha is determined to find the boy after twenty some years. But someone is determined to make her quit looking into the lies of the small town. Jesse returns back to Safe Harbor when his aunt dies and he inherits his aunt's house and belongings. He spent time in prison for something he didn't do. When he returns, he learns people don't want him there. Sasha has always been drawn to bad boy Jesse, and seeing him again drags up all those old feelings. When Sasha's dog, Jesse and Sasha are all attacked, they know there's a secret in the town, and they are determined to learn what it is, unless someone kills them first. This is a wonderfully weaved story with lots of twists and turns, making you want to know what's next. It is a hard book to put down. Will Sasha break Jesse's heart again? Will they be able to expose the truth without destroying Sasha's family? Connie weaves a great story that I recommend you read.

~ Thank goodness I received advanced copy in exchange for an honest review. ~Sasha Petrov lived by the tides, floating wherever the winds took her. As can happen to the best of us, after leaving home in a huff, Sasha avoided going back, trading family entanglements for life on the high seas. With each day that passed, the avoidance just got easier. Luckily, she answered the call home before it was too late. After arriving, guilt plagued her that she hadn't known about her foster mother illness. Without giving away too many spoilers, an impossible task is asked of Sasha and her foster sisters, one that is met with skepticism, obstacles, and downright danger. When even the man she's known most of her life as her father tries to discourage her, the tangled web that Sasha faces intensifies. Enter Jesse. The boy next door that everyone loved turned bad boy ex-con. Or had he? Sparks reignite between he and Sasha and before long, he's tangled up tight. Add a loyal dog, a younger foster sister with an attitude larger than the Gulf of Mexico, and cantankerous boat captains, all getting wrapped up together with lies and secrets over two decades old, and you have all the makings of an intriguing adventure. Connie Mann's books never disappoint – "the depths of her stories keep you hanging on every word until you've reached the very last page. Warning: don't start this book in the evening if you have to work the next day – you will not be able to put it down! I am so happy to recommend this book to anyone wanting a great read.

This book will have your heart racing, anger rising, and emotions jumping through hoops.

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