

LoveReading4kids Reader reviews of All My Secrets by Sophie McKenzie

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Abby Davie, age 13

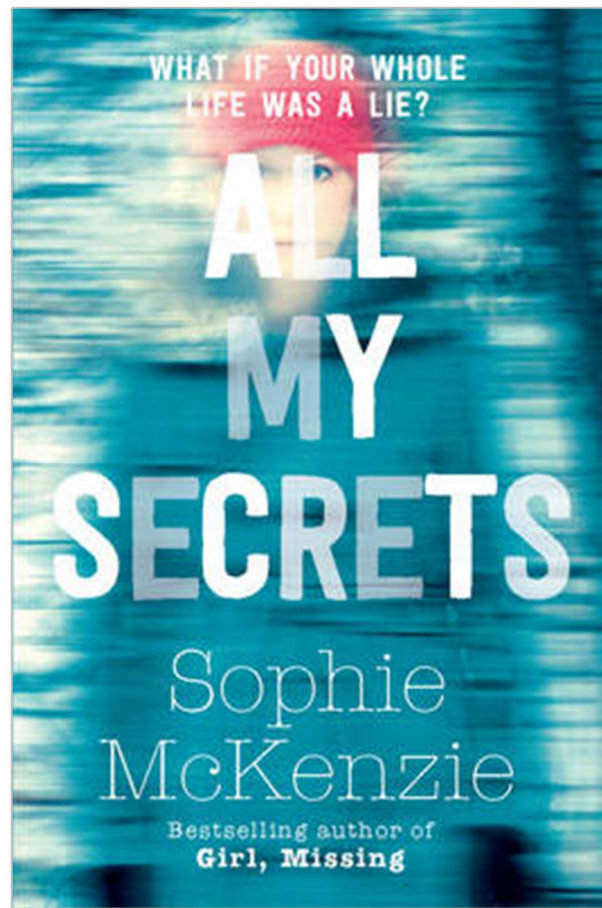
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Sophie McKenzie's new book- 'All My Secrets' - has surprised no-one by being phenomenal, as always!

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When Evie discovers her life is a lie, her whole world turns upside down. Evie then becomes obsessed in finding her true identity and discovering her past, and when she gets sent to a remote and mysterious island named Lightsea with a group of other teens, she unveils more than she has bargained for...

'All My Secrets' is brimming with lies, adventures, mysteries, laughs and anything else you could possibly desire from a book. It will tempt even the most cautious of readers. It is another tantalizing tale from McKenzie and will delight old fans whilst capturing the imaginations of new ones. 'All My Secrets' will have you hooked from the first page; you won't even be able to consider putting it down!



Francesca Hughes, age 13

Original, haunting, memorable. *A must-read for Summer 2015.*

Sophie McKenzie is known for her award-winning vivid novels and her latest work will not disappoint.

Before reading this book I had never read any Sophie McKenzie. Even though the mention of her name emitted praise. Mystery novels are not usually my thing. But, I was intrigued by the blurb so I picked it up. Well I had high expectation and this book definitely met them.

*I loved this book as I found the main protagonist relatable as I've uncovered things about my family's past and history, as many people do in their teenage years. **There were few major plot twists that I didn't expect.** I really liked this aspect as I hate a predictable book. I loved the depth of the characters and how unusual the friendship dynamic were (fiction wise)*

I thought it was clever how McKenzie weaved subtle romance into the plot. Without drowning the mystery element in slushy romantic scenes like most young-adult authors do.

*I hope McKenzie writes a sequel about Evie, Pepper, Anna, Josh and Kit possibly solving another mystery, as I found the characters too interesting to let go after 294 pages. **I will definitely be exploring the mystery genre more after reading this wonderful book.***

Celeste Phelan, age 13

An exciting and mysterious read which cannot be put down.

Evie lives a comfortable and ordinary life but then she inherits £10 million pounds which turns her world upside down. As she struggles on her journey to the truth about her mother she finds herself on the remote island of Lightsea with fellow teens. However, as her time at the island progresses strange happenings start to occur, but who is responsible and what do they know about Evie's secret? Her desperation for answers leads her towards a series of revelations which threaten everything she has, including her life.

Evie is a relatively ordinary girl who is very determined and stubborn. This makes her pursuit of answers a lot more believable.

My favourite part was when Evie first starts seeing the ghost of her mother because it was really exciting and mysterious. Also when she first met the other

teens on Lightsea (Josh, Samuel, Anna, Pepper and Kit) I found this part really believable and relatable because Evie experienced many of the fears and worries of starting somewhere new.

Also the book was written in the first person which helped me to relate to her problems and fears.

I thought this book was fantastic as I couldn't put it down. I would recommend this book to 11+ readers and I would definitely read another book by Sophie McKenzie.

Alicia Fullelove, age 13

I loved this book and never wanted to stop reading it.

The book 'All My Secrets' by Sophie McKenzie is a great book. As Evie finds herself in numerous situations as a life she through was normal turns to chaos. **Sophie McKenzie uses lots of different emotions and all the way through the book it grabs your attention and makes you want to read on** to see how all the pieces of the puzzle fit together. Just when you start to think that everything fits together another situation comes along and confuses you and makes you change your mind. I loved this book and never wanted to stop reading it.

Juliet Martin, age 12

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In my point of view, the best character is the main character, Evie as she gets into a gargantuan mystery about what happened to her birth mum after finding out about her ten million pound inheritance from her actual mother. However, she had to solve this mystery on a desolate island, along with a small group of other teens and a few secret-keeping workers which wouldn't give anything away. Exciting, tension-seeking and thrilling, the setting description also adds to the tense, but amazing effect created.

I would definitely rate this book 5 stars as no matter which part of the book that I was at, it left me on the end of my seat in suspense, not being able to

wait to find out the next happening. I think that this extraordinary book is suitable for nine to fifteen year old readers.

Aimee Sweet

When Evie Brown inherits £10 million pounds from a mystery person, she is gob smacked. Who would give her this much money and why? But when she is told that her whole childhood and the people closest to her was a lie, she is transported to the eerie Lightsea Island by her parents and her Uncle Gavin. Lightsea Island was meant to be a place for teenagers to take their minds off their problems at home. But during the meditation lessons, while she is cleaning the kitchens, she can't help feeling suspicious. What is that flash of red and black that she keeps on seeing in the window? Is someone watching her? Could it be the person who gave her the large amount of money? Should Evie listen to her gut feeling, or what people keep on saying: It's just the trick of the lights...

I really liked this book! I liked all of the characters, especially Josh and Pepper (great name, by the way!), and how they worked together to get what they wanted. Personally, I think they all acted a bit younger than their actual age, so I think they should've been fourteen instead of sixteen. Despite this, I got quite attached to a few of the characters, which made me even more gripped as I wanted to see how they would turn out. There are a lot of twists and it's very fast paced (I finished it in a day!). I would recommend it to girls and boys who like a bit of romance and adventure, around 12-15 years old. The publisher is Simon and Schuster, and I would rate this book a four star.

To sum up in three words, this book is: captivating, unique, unpredictable. A must read.

Edel Waugh

*This is the story about a young girl called Evie, she is just a regular girl with a mum and a dad and twin siblings, but her life takes a drastic turn when a solicitor shows up at her door telling her she has inherited ten million pounds by a family member she never knew she had. She quickly finds out her family hid her connection to this person all her life and this fills her with anger and sets her on a quest to know more about this person who is leaving her so wealthy. The more she digs around the harder it becomes to know who to trust especially where money is involved and the new friends she meets may be the only ones to help her solve the mystery. **I really enjoyed this story, creepy and full of***

twists it's one of those books you read in one sitting!

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Kaitlyn Chadwick

*Evie inherits a huge sum of money but also by this means finds out that her mother is not her birth mother. She is really mad at her parents because they have kept this secret from her all her life. To get her to calm down they send her to a teenage retreat on an island, where she meets 5 other troubled teens, two of which are boys that fancy her. She becomes convinced that her mother's ghost is trying to communicate with her, and starts to believe her mother was murdered. **I wasn't really convinced by this book**; it seemed obvious that there wasn't a ghost and that someone was trying to kill her for her money. I also was a bit annoyed at the continuity error, where she takes her pumps off to swim to the boat, but then has them on once they reach land and have to walk through broken glass.*

Destiny Maraj, age 13

This novel was absolutely amazing, I really loved it! The plot was so devious and cunning and I really didn't expect the outcome. I also loved the subtle love story which was incorporated. I adored reading 'All My Secrets'!

Lauren Coffman, age 15

Evie Brown is fifteen, a normal teenager with a normal family, when one day she finds out she has been left 10million pounds in a trust fund, and is suddenly meeting family members she never knew existed, breaking ties with her parents who never told her the truth, and eventually ending up on an island, on a course for troubled teens, all because of one secret. Though she now thinks she knows who she can trust, is she right, or are there more secrets and lies hidden on this island? Who can she really trust?

*I've always loved Sophie McKenzie's books, so was thrilled when this one came through the door, and it didn't disappoint. **It was mysterious, thrilling and completely unpredictable, and therefore very exciting, yet still has lots of romance to balance it out. I would highly recommend it.***

Louise Allan

McKenzie's tale, twists and turns and is beautifully written with lovely descriptive text. You are quickly drawn in to Evie's adventure and the need to find out the truth that had been buried for so long! Thumbs up!

Finding out you've just inherited £10 million should be every young person's dream shouldn't it? However, the news for Evie opens up some dark family secrets. Evie finds her life turned upside down and as she begins her quest to find the truth she meets lots of new people...however are all of them as trustworthy as they seem?

Sophie Bridges, age 12

I think 'All My Secrets' by Sophie McKenzie is a really nice book to read and is not too difficult to understand. I really like the front cover of this book as it made me very inquisitive. I found this book very relaxing and enjoyable to read, I would read a book by this author again.