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When her FBI agent father is framed for murder, Kylene is forced to move in with her grandfather, back to the small town that turned its back on her, and the boy who betrayed her.

All Ky cares about is clearing her father's name, but someone won't let her forget the photo scandal that drove her away two years ago. As the threats gain momentum, Ky finds an unlikely ally in the rookie FBI agent sent to keep an eye on her.

Determined to expose the town's hidden skeletons, Ky unwittingly thrusts herself into a much bigger plot. They thought she'd forgive and forget. They're about to learn they messed with the wrong girl.

## **Dare You to Lie: A Novel Details**

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## From Reader Review Dare You to Lie: A Novel for online ebook

### Laura Thalassa says

OMG, I got a \*physical\* copy of this one!!!! I need to post a pretty picture of it!!! Also, this is next up on my TBR!!! Can't freaking wait--Amber is kinda sorta who I want to be when I grow up ...

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### Candyce Kirk says

4.5 stars

Dare You to Lie is definitely a book for fans of Veronica Mars, Pretty Little Liars and Riverdale. I loved the dark and mysterious vibe this book gave us. This book is actionpacked and just when you think you may know who is behind everything, it turns out to be just a bit different.

Kylene hasn't had an easy time. Her father is in prison, her mother left her to go live with her new boyfriend and she's back at the school where there are too many bad memories. Kylene is convinced her father is innocent and will do anything she can to find proof.

Dare You to Lie is a definitely a book I couldn't out down. I felt so bad for her with the photo scandal. No person should have to go through what Kylene does. Especially when the kids that were responsible got off without any punishment. I do think that's something we still see in society. Girls get blamed when things like this happen.

I loved all the twists and turns in this book. I kept trying to figure out who was playing with Kylene and I was surprised. I love that there is so much more to this story than just her father's case and the photo scandal. Everything seems connected on a whole other level. I don't want to say too much though, because this is a book you really need to experience yourself.

I knew it was a good book for me when I really wanted to slap some of these characters. I really needed them to be punished or that someone would notice what they were doing. If an author can make me feel things like that, they're definitely doing something right.

I think my favorite thing about this book are Kylene's friends. Tabby and Garrett are amazing! Kylene's grandfather is one of the characters I love as well. Even though Kylene had a lot of enemies, she had plenty of people in her corner as well.

I can't wait for the next book and see how everything plays out! Dare You to Lie is the perfect read for the dark and rainy nights that we will be seeing in our near future.

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### Courtney says

I had the opportunity to read this book as a beta reader and see the transformation of this book go from "I am loving the whole idea of this book" to "holy shit, you really nailed YA Mystery with the whole Veronica Mars vibe." I did read the final version of this book and even book a physical copy because I love it so much.

The only way to describe this book and not give anything away is saying it is a great blend of Veronica Mars and Riverdale . If you are a huge fan of Veronica Mars, then you will love this book. It has all the mystery and suspense along with the "take no shit" attitude and some very hilarious moments with other characters and you get one hell of an amazing story.

Kylene is kick-ass heroine who decides she is not going to sit back and just take her father's guilty sentence lightly. She knows that truth but needs to somehow prove it. But she has her own hands full starting back at the school she left because of her own problems there.

This book moves at a fast pace with a lot of moving parts and I love it. There is no slow down and you find yourself getting caught up in the witty and snarky comments from Kylene as well as her friends. I loved every single bit of this book and can't wait for the next book to release.

This is Amber's first dive into an genre outside of her normal writing and she delivers a page turner. If you love YA, mystery or just a great book that will keep you glued to the pages, this book is for you.

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## **Melliane says**

4.5/5

Mon avis en Français

My English review

I did not know about the author but I was curious to discover the novel and I must say that I was really pleased to have the opportunity to read it because I loved it!

Ky is back in the city she left with her parents two years ago. But here she has no choice. Her father is in prison for a crime that she is sure he did not commit and she is determined to prove it even if she is the only one to do it! But coming home also means facing what she fled until then. They all hope that she will not try to dig in the past, to try to understand what happened that night but it's not knowing Ky. Because if she did not want to investigate things after this debacle, this time, our heroine is determined to find out who humiliated her and especially to show that she is not the liar they make her look like.

I loved Ky! She is a determined girl who does not hesitate to confront her problems, even if it is sometimes not the best way to cope. It will attract more problems than she thought and she will be part of a story that exceeds her completely. I was really captivated by the author's ideas and I was eager to find out exactly what was happening and who the culprit of the pictures was. And how to resist Garrett and Taby, her two friends? I loved them too! However, it is a bit more difficult to decide on Dawson and A.J.

This novel allows us to discover a first part of Ky's story, but it also allows us to glimpse many tracks for the future and especially with respect to her father and I can not wait to discover all that!

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## **Amy Bartol says**

A blackout. Lies. The Six. Friends turned enemies. A miscarriage of justice. Lives ruined. Secrets dark and

diabolical.

Nothing's what it seems.

Dust off your telephoto lens and brush up on your Muay Thai maneuvers because DARE YOU TO LIE's all-out, good-girl-turned-mad, in-your-face-suspense-thriller is a conspiracy that will taunt you at every turn to solve its mystery—and my advice: Trust no one.

Kylene Danners didn't return to Jasperville, Ohio searching for her happily ever after. She came back to right a wrong—two wrongs—one that will set her father free from an unjust prison sentence, and the other to clear her name as the town liar. If that means burying The Six a few feet under with their deceit, so be it. But a place like theirs and people like this don't surrender secrets without a fight. Uncovering the truth will prove to be an epic battle to the death—one that few people will see coming.

Amber Lynn Natusch's brilliant and fast-paced storytelling shines through in her strong, good-girl-turned-raw heroine, Kylene Danners. This is no after-school-special; it's authentic, cunning, and fraught with the kind of devastating, real-life events that will hammer dents in anyone's veneer. Natusch weaves in sharp-witted dialog for her well-developed characters, creating everything from behind-the-hand giggling to full-out barking laughter as I turned the pages. Read this book the way it was meant to be read: consumed in one sitting. Once you do, you'll be clamoring for more.

If you're a Marshmellow (a fan of Veronica Mars), add this to your TBR shelf. You'll love it.

\*I received an ebook ARC for review. I loved the ebook so much, I pre-ordered the hardcover with my own cash.

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## **Melanie (TBR and Beyond) says**

***"NEXT TIME WILL BE WORSE"***

**Trigger Warning: Sexual assault (not graphic), slut shaming, domestic violence, bullying**

*Thank you to Amber Lynn Natusch for giving me this copy for my honest review.*

Where are all my Marshmallows fan at? If you are a fan of that sassy, loveable trouble-maker *Veronica Mars* then you're going to love Ky Danners.

This book is marketed as a cross between *Veronica Mars* and *Riverdale* and that sounds about right. *Dare You to Lie* basically plays out like the first season of Mars and I was still withdrawing from the series, so this book was just the hit I needed. Our main protagonist, Ky Danners, is a spunky, sarcastic bundle of trouble and I loved her. The book starts out with Ky's father for a crime she claims he didn't commit and she's moving back to her hometown to try and move just that.

The main storyline in this book is Ky trying to find out who took topless photos and shared them with the entire school when she lived her last. There are six suspects and she is determined to find out who was really responsible. All the characters do get some development and some stay fairly in the background on purpose - I assume for the next book. I loved Ky's friendship with her best friend Garret and I loved the romance that is hinted at in this book with someone I will not name. I don't want to ruin any of the surprises in this one. The romance is barely there in this one though and the actual mystery does take 100% priority. The friendships

are great, the villains are frustrating and you'll want to throw them off a balcony and many of the citizens in this town are shady as hell.

I thought the story was fast-paced, clever and had some fun twists and turns. I didn't figure it all out, which is always nice and I was surprised by a couple of the reveals at the end. I'm really pumped for the second book - the author assured me that it's even better than this one and has a lot more going on! Check it out if you want a fun, cozy mystery to add to your fall/winter reads.

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## **Kristi Housman Confessions of a YA Reader says**

Sassy, snarky, sarcastic characters! This was such a fun book for me.

Trigger/content warnings for sexual assault and physical abuse.

Kylene's father was recently convicted of murder and her mother left. So Ky has to move back to her home town and live with her grandpa (who I loved). Her family left a couple years earlier after Ky had naked pictures taken at a party and leaked online. The suspects were all football players and they were protected instead of her. One was also her ex boyfriend.

Ky falls back into her normal friendship with Garrett easily. She didn't really talk to him when she was gone and it really broke him. But he's a great guy and willing to let it go. They also become friends with the new girl from Canada, Tabby. The friendship between these three really made the story for me. They were all so sarcastic and funny, but the love was obvious. Tabby fit right in with them.

Kylene still wants to prove who took those photos of her and she also wants to find a way to prove that her dad is innocent. She's smart, but she also can't keep quiet and it makes her a target. Some of the football players start threatening her. She gets followed, harassed, and her house is broken into. Things start to get scary for her as she weaves through so many things that all seem connected.

I don't want to get into the story too much because it's best to go in without knowing anything major. Ky has to figure out who she can trust and realizes how big these threats really are. The pacing is great and it's so easy to like most of the characters in the book. Besides the main three, I really liked Gramps, her dad's old partner, and Meg. Agent Dawson grew on me and I ended up liking AJ a lot, too. There were also plenty of people to hate.

I gave this book 5 stars and I cannot wait until I can read the next book. Thank you to Tor Teen for sending me a copy for review. Also thank you to Amber for helping me get a copy.

## **Samm | Sassenach the Book Wizard says**

The marshmallow in me is tingling with excitement and nostalgia. Veronica--I mean Kylene is my dream character in contemporaries but OMG I hate the author so much right now! I need more! Come on!

I'm fairly certain I thought everyone was guilty at one point or another's throughout the book and got to keep falling in love with Veronica Mars--i mean Kylene.

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## **PinkAmy loves ☹️; books📖, cats🐱; and naps🛌; says**

4.5 STARS

Kylene reluctantly returns to her hometown after her FBI father is imprisoned for a crime he didn't commit. Her goal is to prove his innocence. Still reeling from naked photos from freshman year, Kylene is repeatedly confronted by bullies, though she gives as good as she takes. With the help of some friends, Kylene investigates what really happened the night she was photographed. Things are about to get dangerous.

Kylene, sarcastic and ready for a fight, unlike most YA characters. Her strong sense of justice never waivers; the corruption she encounters only makes her more determined. Unafraid to get physical, she fights the boys responsible for her humiliation. I wasn't comfortable with the guys getting physical with her.

DARE YOU TO LIE is nonstop action and intrigue. Any number of suspects could have been responsible for what happened to Kylene freshman year, changing my theories frequently. Amber Lynn Natusch kept the tension-filled pace moving along nicely. She gave Kylene a smart, witty voice and the characters great dialogue and banter.

I can't wait for the second book of DARE YOU TO LIE TO BE RELEASED.

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## **Felicia Mathews (Bookishly Slytherclaw) says**

I received an ARC of Dare You to Lie through Netgalley. All thoughts are my own.

Mystery books are not my typical genre so I was initially worried I wasn't going to enjoy this story, but I'm so glad I gave it a chance because I absolutely love it.

Kylene is such a badass character! I'm obsessed with her and her wit and sarcasm. The characters in Dare You to Lie felt so real and it made me never want to stop reading even though I forced myself to go through it slowly since it's not a genre I typically read.

I'm really excited that this is the start of a series because there is so much going on in this book and I need more!

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## Rachel E. Carter says

Veronica Mars fans, this book is for you. For anyone who wanted a YA mystery/thriller where the protagonist (gasp!) actually trains to be kickass and spouts feisty dialogue without sounding forced/cliche, this is for you. For anyone who wanted a YA romance to actually build with tension over the series instead of proclamations of love or instalike in the first book, this is for you. Not only was this book amazing, but Amber builds to a climactic finish promising even more conspiracies and potential romance to come. I loved this book so much that I had to go out and preorder a signed hardcover in addition to my ARC!

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## Shelley says

\*Source\* Publisher/NetGalley

\*Genre\* Young Adult / Thriller

\*Rating\* 3.5-4

\*Thoughts\*

Dare You to Lie, by author Amber Lynn Natusch, is the first installment in the authors Hometown Antihero series. Kylene Danner's is your protagonist for this series. Ky didn't return to her former hometown of Jasperville, Ohio searching for her happily ever after. She came back so that she could right a few wrongs that have been done to herself and to her father FBI Detective Bruce Danners. The second part won't be so easy as she believes. Especially in a town filled with secrets.

\*Full Review @ Gizmos Reviews\*

<http://gizmosreviews.blogspot.com/201...>

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## Carlene Inspired says

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Lawyer isn't Ky's career goal, but she's prepared to be a teen version of when in order to track down the truth behind her father's imprisonment. She just has to deal with the bullies and the bad memories following her around upon her return to her old high school. They all know about her dad, but they all also know about that night that produced the photos that chased her out of town. It doesn't help that her dad's old partner as put a babysitter on her, a handsome FBI agent with zero trust in her last name. What starts as investigating what happened with her dad turns into investigating the past, knowing she must uncover what happened to her first before she can focus on the next, if she can make it out alive.

I know I'm not the first to say it, but this was just like watching Veronica Mars. Ky is a tough girl with a sassy attitude and the ability to throw a mean punch if she has to. What starts as a single investigation turns into a multi-faceted story about a small town with dark secrets kept quiet by deep pockets. Of course, she's still only in high school, but somehow she knows the ropes. She's got contacts in the FBI, a father that's passed his determination onto her, and two of the best friends around. What happened to her during her freshman year is a story we've all heard, the kind we'd never wish on anyone, and her outcome is just as dire as those we hear on the news. Rich, popular jocks getting away with assault, a girl left embarrassed and with

a tarnished reputation, but Ky just uses that as fuel. She fights the system, manages to do her homework, and despite the danger at every turn continues to face fear head on to uncover the truth and protect it from happening to others.

While Dare You to Lie is definitely a young adult story, the story is one that is relatable and interesting to read for readers of all ages. If you like suspense, characters with tenacity, and mysteries you can't predict, this one's for you. I didn't know it was a series when I started it, but I'm here for it now and definitely eagerly awaiting the next. While one crime is solved in Dare You to Lie, there's certainly more to be revealed. Plus, I really like Detective Dawson and want to see his character in a positive light, please give me that Amber Lynn Natusch! Full of moving parts, a fast-paced storyline, and gripping prose, Dare You to Lie is a fantastic new release in the YA-Suspense genre.

ARC provided.

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### **Caden Armstrong says**

IF YOU ARE A FAN OF VERONICA MARS THEN YOU MUST READ THIS AMAZING THRILLER NOVEL!

I loved this story and its complex story and characters! I cannot wait for the sequel!

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### **Mischa Thrace says**

If you like badass girls who take zero shit, plots chock full of scandal and snark, and a friendship worthy of Buffy/Willow/Xander (without the supernatural baddies), then you're going to ADORE this book. DARE YOU TO LIE is a furiously fast-paced introduction to what better become a series!

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