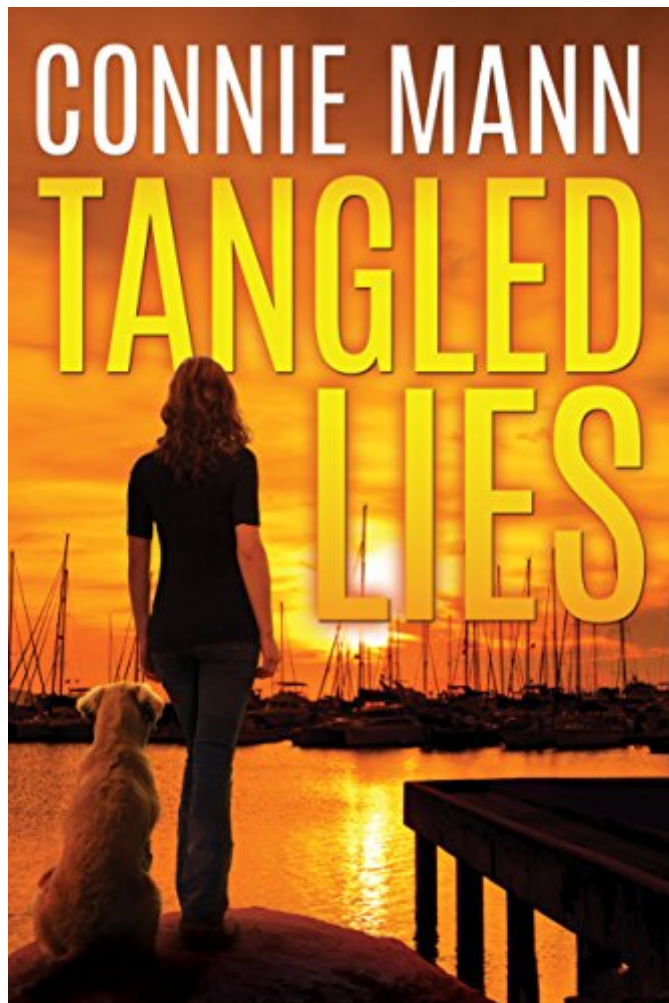


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Tangled Lies



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

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 for review purposes.

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!

Tangled Lies is a fabulous story! It has everything I love in a novel: a suspenseful plot with lots of twists and a surprise in the end, a sweet tension-filled romance, and a well-developed cast of characters. Plus it has some really cool factors: the setting is a marina in Florida, the heroine is a boat captain, and the hero races a vintage boat. I'm sure you'll root for Sasha & Jesse like I did. You won't be disappointed!

Sasha Petrov returns to Safe Harbor, Florida for her foster mother's sixth birthday and finds her family in the middle of *Tangled Lies* that started twenty-three years earlier when Tony, the three-year-old son of Sal and Rosa her foster parents disappeared from his front yard. At the request of Rosa, her foster mother, Sasha sets out to find out what happened to Tony and along the way she finds that the quiet town of Safe Harbor is full of *Tangled Lies*. Jesse Claybourne, a man with a criminal record returns to town with a fancy racing boat to get ready for a big race in nearby

Clearwater. Between Sasha and Jesse romance rekindles, shot are fired, arrows shot and missiles launched to stop the quest to find out what happened to Tony and to stop Jesse from entering the race. *Tangled Lies* is fast paced, full of surprises, a fun romance and I enjoyed it from beginning to end. I want to thank Connie Mann, author and Goodreads First Reads Giveaways for the kindle edition that I won in the Giveaway of *Tangled Lies*.

Sasha Petrov, a nomadic boat captain, returns to her foster parents, only to learn that Mama Rosa is fighting cancer. Unable to deny her ailing mother's one request, Sasha promises to find out what happened to Mama Rosa and Pop's baby—a 23-year-old mystery that citizens of Safe Harbor, Florida, will do anything to keep hidden. Jesse Claybourne, Sasha's high school crush, has recently come back to town with secrets of his own. He's got his eye on winning a boat race and his sights on Sasha too. Soon, he's helping Sasha solve the cold case, only Jesse has enemies of his own. I rooted for these two flawed characters to find a happily ever after. Connie Mann has done a masterful job creating a cast of compelling characters—including Bella, a dog nobody can resist. The setting of fictional Safe Harbor, Florida, feels like a sleepy little town you might visit. The scenes on the open water had me right there on board. The tangled plot of increasing danger and sizzling romance kept me turning pages. This book is a great summer read!

An enjoyable romantic suspense/mystery. I was drawn in immediately by the writing, mystery and intriguing characters. The way all of the crazy and seemingly unrelated mysterious events came together was amazing. What I didn't care for was the rhetorical questions Jesse or Sascha asked themselves during inner monologues. Personally, I found it slightly annoying, but it was easily overlooked when viewing the story overall. I received an ecopy of *Tangled Lies* from the publisher in a Goodreads giveaway. In the spirit of the giveaway, a review is suggested, but not required.

Love a great story! Where all the characters have distinct personalities as well as relatable qualities and flaws! In addition to the drama revealed in history of the individual characters, I loved the descriptions of the Florida waters and way of life that provided some relief for the inner tensions, and added to the unraveling of the mystery. (I don't want to give anything away!) The dilemma we all face when "keeping secrets" and the long term impacts of keeping them, challenged my own thoughts on this issue. It's really great when a book can keep your attention on multiple levels—mystery,

adventure, and ethical dilemmas. What a story!

The story never slows down. I will read it again in a few months as I finished it in one morning. I gave it 5 due to clean love, strong suspense, moved the story along without boring details, and what a twist at the ending. Thanks for such a great rainy day treat!!

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