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Living with a sexy-as-sin roommate in a luxury penthouse should be a fantasy brought to life, right?

Not when it's Carter Flynn--my teenage crush--who hates my guts.

When I'm in town for a once in a lifetime dance camp, my living arrangements fall through at the last second.

I have no other option but to crash with my childhood family friend...turned millionaire athlete.

He still hasn't forgiven me for the lie I told him years ago that shattered his heart.

But underneath it all, there are shades of the same boy I used to know, before his heart turned to stone.

I can tell myself all I want that I hate him, too. But deep in my heart, I know I've never wanted anyone more in my life.

When you're playing the lying game, the most dangerous lies are the lies you tell yourself.

The Lying Game is Book 1 of The Game Duet. It is an enemies to lovers, steamy contemporary romance.

Book 2, The End Game, is coming in September.

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# **From Reader Review The Lying Game for online ebook**

## **Dora Koutsoukou says**

This was a book I did not enjoy at all due to the characters' immaturity and so childish behaviour.

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## **Julie's Book Land Reviews says**

If you're looking for a hate to love read, this is for you. If you love angsty books, then this is for you. If you just love hot romance in general then you definitely need to pick this book up when it releases and trust me, it's so worth one clicking.

And lastly, I want to say to Mickey Miller this is the BEST work of your writing career. Keep up the great work and I seriously cannot wait to read what happens to Carter and Lacy in the final book of this awesome duology....

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## **Naturallyme says**

Good! I hate I have to wait on second book!!

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## **Karen says**

If it were a complete book....I felt I was dropped in the middle of a book....It could of worked but what character development was sketchy. He didn't even have to be a basketball player!? Just got the two star review for the cover. Thank you.

The cover fooled me into reading a second time. It's still a 2.

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## **Tammy says**

I have to admit, I don't usually give a book 5 stars if I don't do the "ugly cry" while reading, but this book was THAT good, and I didn't feel right only giving it 4. With that said, this story had everything I look for in a book-angst, humor, frustration, anger, mind-blowing steamy hot sex and the love/hate that Carter & Lacy have towards each other was beyond crazy! One of my favorite lines is when Carter says, "Don't let the ghosts of the past kill your dreams of the future." Which is very true. I was up reading past 2am because I HAD to finish the book and now I HAVE to have The End Game ASAP!!! I very highly recommend this book, you don't want to pass this up, I promise you!! With the hundreds of books I have on my TBR list, I'm very happy I read this one!! Enjoy!!

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## **Tracy \*To the point Reviews\* says**

Ok

I started a review and it jumped pages and I lost everything I had written. This one will be short.

The reason the hero hates heroine? Stupid.

The reason they play these dumb games with each other? Dishonest!

The reason he is an asshole in general? Not good enough.

The reason heroine stays around? Aside from good sex and big shlong? No clue. He kept being mean to her.

Cliffhanger mystery? Interesting. She finally tries to grow a backbone. Wonder if book 2 will redeem this asshole.

The is a 2.5 read with a sneak peak into book 2 laced with punctuation errors.

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## **Tre Talbot says**

The Lying Game was a nice blend of not just friends to lovers but ALSO enemies to lovers. Cater and Lacy have this push and pull that they're constantly playing and I actually was smirking more often than not with their banter. When you add Lance and Joseph into the mix things only get better and I love the story that much more. There's a mystery that builds more in the center of the book and just took off from there that I didn't want to put my kindle down. I'm happy with the way this story concluded for the time being, it keeps us wanting to know more. It's not a HEA because we're far from done. What does the future hold for everyone? We must wait and see. This is my unbiased and voluntary review.

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## **Virginia says**

I love this enemies to lovers duet! It's fast paced and a lot of fun. I was hooked!! Full review to come. An arc was provided for an honest review.

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## **Shelly Reynolds says**

"I hate you, Carter."

"I hate you too. But, I'm also done resisting you."

Who doesn't love a good enemies to lovers story -or in this case a friends-to-lovers-to-enemies-to lovers story! Mickey brings us a story full of love, hate, secrets, and steam!

Carter Flynn is on top of the world. A multi-million dollar pro basketball contract, a ballers penthouse apartment, and a different woman warming his bed each night. But, his world is about to get tipped on its axis when SHE shows up. Playing the "Lying Game" with this woman for the sake of the friendship of their mothers has been exhausting, and now she's in town and needs a place to stay. He can't stand her. The lie she

never told him made sure of that. This is going to be the longest eight weeks of his life. As much as he hates her he can't help but notice those curves, those lips, and the way his body betrays him everytime she's near. Can his head ever forgive her so that his heart can get to what he really wants- a forever with Lacy? Can he finally face the demons of his past and be able to let her in? Or will he lose her all over again?

Lacy Benson has no choice. After being dumped by her boyfriend half way through her trip to stay with him, her only option is the one person she hates. Carter. He's never forgiven her for keeping that secret. They've pretended to like each other in front of their mothers, but this isn't going to be easy. Eight weeks living with the man that hates her, that she hates just as much, and his sexy grin, those delicious abs, and the small hint of the man she used to know. She doesn't want to want him this much. When lines are crossed, the one between love and hate becomes extremely blurred.

This was a great read by Mr. Miller! I loved the banter between these two - the verbal challenges, the quick comebacks, and the way they push each other's buttons - both the good ones and the bad ones! And of course, there's the steam!! I am really holding out hope that there are men as "skilled" as Carter out there! Holy Hannah is this one hot!! It is book one of a series, and not a standalone, so expect some unresolved issues at the end. Can't wait for book two!!

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## **BookAddict says**

This book could be titled 'When Mickey Miller Worlds Collide,' bringing a little of the Blackwell series and a touch of the Ballers series into another hot, hilarious, heartfelt read from an author who has quickly earned a spot at the top of my must-read authors. As much as I've come to enjoy and anticipate his writing, each new book offers delightfully unexpected surprises as his work continues to improve and keep me on my toes.

This is the first book in a two book duet so there is a cliffhanger, with the romance and other issues being left unfinished, but the second book will be available next month so we won't have to wait long. Carter Flynn is a basketball player from the small town of Blackwell who made it big and now lives in Chicago, playing for the Chicago Wolverines. When the girl he grew up with and dated his senior year needs a place to stay, their mothers, who are best friends, decide Lacy should stay with Carter in the spare bedroom of his penthouse. The only problem is Carter felt betrayed by a secret Lacy kept all those years ago and he's never gotten over it. Sure, they pretend to like each other for their mothers' sake, but theirs is a pure, unadulterated mutual hate, because Lacy had her heart broken too.

There were a lot of terrific things about this book and just one thing I took exception with. The storyline is fast paced and engaging and the characters are complex, believable and likeable. I was tickled to see the ever-present yet elusive pineapple make a bold appearance in this book, leaving a memorable impression in its cameo role. The early copy I read sucked me in and wouldn't let go, to the point I stayed up most of the night reading it straight through.

My issue is with one scene that required a lot of trust between Carter and Lacy and I didn't feel their trust in each other had built to the necessary degree. Aside from the fact that some of the physical execution would have required a contortionist to make it believable, in a situation that invariably involves emotion, Lacy's feelings of anger, panic, irritation and rage left me feeling uneasy, leaving Carter to look like an even bigger jerk and making Lacy look weak. What could have been a beautiful, pivotal exchange came across as a

power play with little care, tenderness or compassion. There's a fine line between an erotic encounter and porn lit, and it's the emotional component that differentiates them.

Lacy was a wonderful character who grabs onto one last chance to pursue her dancing career. I loved her authenticity and the way she stood up to Carter, something he wasn't at all used to from women. I really wanted to despise the cold, heartless, cocky, arrogant Carter, but no matter how much I kicked, screamed or resisted I found myself falling a little in love with this occasionally sweet, somewhat damaged, endearing jerk. He still has a ways to go, so I expect great things from him in book two. Lance was a terrific secondary character who added a lot of humor, providing the best ever faux sexy times scene that I couldn't stop laughing about. All in all, I enjoyed the book, loved the characters and definitely want more, so I'll be eagerly be awaiting the conclusion of Carter and Lacy's story.

\*I reviewed this book freely and voluntarily, having made no commitment to provide a review and receiving no compensation of any kind from any source for this review.

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### **NMmomof4 says**

[like what are the chances his friend is his actual half brother?! I felt like that was stupid if I'm being frank (hide spoiler)]

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### **Eli says**

It's a series. Strike 1. I'm not into series these days. Dragging out a story and writing a short novel instead of a full length book is a useless waste of my reading time. I work and I work endlessly so I read for pleasure. Some books are worth the hours of walking (reading) the journey characters take. This book didn't make the cut for me.

It had one laugh out moment, but to me the writing wasn't the issue like it usually is. It was the main characters. The main character kept complaining she was 26, but she and the main male lead seemed to be 18-year-olds stuck in 26 year old bodies. Every other side character felt dimensional with a full background of history. The plot was there for the side characters and then it felt empty for the main characters.

Everyone praising the book seems to be praising the sex scenes and the few scenes that these two leads have when clarity finally hits their brains. The rest of the time the two of them seemed like a jumbled mess that no one wants to be around. Cough. Beauty guru community. Cough.

Strike 2: the love hate thing wasn't well portrayed because it was border line on bipolar because the damn male character never moved beyond the age of 16. If you read the book you'll know what I mean. However I was stupid to continue reading because I had hope. I HAD HOPE, PEOPLE. That it would get better, but then it didn't. The female lead was redeemed barely at the end when she wouldn't put up with a guy who just wasn't ready for anything real.

Strike 3: this is a series. I'm not interested in series so I won't bother reading book 2 since I feel like it will be a dragged out book when the author could've written like two more chapters, and finished the whole story. It's not hard people, it's just words on a digital page.

Read at your own risk. The sex scenes are okay. Some bondage but it's really the male being an insecure punk boy who can't handle not being in control. Girl. Bye. Next.

I just realized the author was a male lol no wonder this book is a flop and no wonder the characters seems so 2D. There's no real emotion behind this since everything was faked and used trope after trope to evoke something from the reader. You do not need to fake anything when your imagination provides enough creativity to make a character real.

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### **Kerry Williams says**

I have such a love hate relationship with Carter and Lacy. I take turns being mad at each of them, and then loving them at the same time. I loved reading about this love hate relationship between the two. I never knew which one was going to surprise me next. Carter the \*\*\*hole or Lacy the smart\*\*\*. I can't wait to see what is in store for the two as they continue on with their lives in denial of their feelings. Carter and Lacy make me so frustrated with their antics. I know that they will make the best couple once they realize how to make their mixed up personalities work.

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### **Mindy Martinez Borda says**

I was so blown away by this book I am having difficulty putting everything I am feeling after reading it into coherent words.

The Lying Game is a roller-coaster of hate, animosity and ass-holiness with loops of steamy scenes and unresolved issues. Mickey Miller builds this angsty game between the characters so well that even from all the negativity surrounding the characters' relationship and past, hope seems to bloom and expectations and assumptions are made. But as Lacy Benson, Mickey's main female character, says in this book:

"High expectations and making assumptions equal major disappointment."

And boy if you get disappointed. Not because of the story, the powerful characters or the way Mickey builds this story so masterfully. But because by the end of the story, there is nothing else to read and you have to wait for the second and final book to come out.

But THAT is exactly what you need to feel with this story. Because you will be left with the most powerful, cursing inducing cliffhanger in history and a visceral need to know more about the characters. You will physically crave to get answers and know the ending of this unique couple.

I know I have not made this book enough justice with my words but I hope everyone gives this book a chance if you are reading this. You will fall in love with it!

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### **Tianna★loves books★ says**

I call such heroines 'Beggar..No Self respect whatsoever heroine'

First of all she is staying at HIS house free of cost and then she is behaving like a queen and showing him

attitude in HIS house. Wow!

I mean why would a girl go live with a guy who hates her. There should be some self respect.  
Maybe because this book is written by a guy and he thinks this is the way a woman behave...

I don't think I can continue reading this because this is so stupid and both of them are acting like teenagers.

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