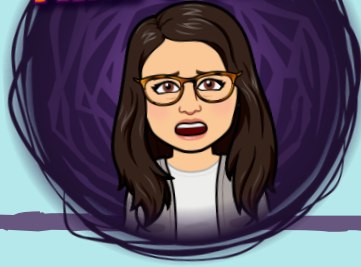


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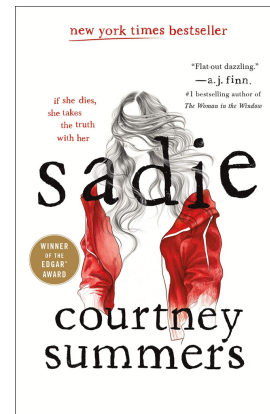


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True Crime Novels

Have you ever watched a crime documentary and wished you could just get answers directly from the people involved? That's the idea behind this novel. Chapters switch between transcripts of an investigative podcast called *The Girls* and the POV of missing girl Sadie. Hear the journalist piece together the facts, then cut to Sadie's actual inner thoughts. I highly recommend the audiobook version for the full experience.

Be warned, this is NOT a light read and it is not for everybody. Sadie has disappeared to avenge her younger sister's murder and she herself has experienced terrible trauma, including sexual abuse. You might be wondering why anyone would choose to read something so bleak. Tough stories like this one can expand our empathy or help us process our own experiences. They can also start conversations about painful realities—and maybe change those realities for the better over time.



Sadie
by Courtney
Summers

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by Karen M.
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The protagonist, Ellery, is a true crime fanatic obsessed with solving the mystery of her aunt's disappearance decades ago at Homecoming. Just five years ago, another teen girl was murdered, and now there are threats that it will happen again at this year's Homecoming. Will Ellery uncover the truth in time? *Dun dun duuuunn. . .*

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