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Editorial Review

From School Library Journal

Gr 9 Up—Set at Hamilton High like Keplinger's previous works, this novel features Sonny Ardmore, a habitual liar who makes up outrageous stories to cover for her dismal family situation. Her father is in prison, and her mother is never around. Sonny and Amy Rush—younger sister of Wes from *The Duff* (Little, Brown, 2010)—are close friends, and Sonny even moves unofficially into Amy's house. When arrogant prep-school new boy Ryder gets a crush on Amy and emails her asking for a date, Sonny inadvertently strings him along online, typing outrageous responses while pretending to be Amy. Eventually Sonny begins to talk about serious concerns with Ryder and realizes that she actually likes him. The protagonist, who is accustomed to lying her way out of everything, concocts a ridiculous plot in which sweet-natured Amy pretends to be completely irrational, thereby smoothing the way for Ryder to fall for Sonny instead. Unsurprisingly, the teen's deceptions catch up with her. Sonny is a realistic and very human character, and even though she is a liar, her motivations are all too believable. One of the strong points of the book is the emphasis on female friendship; Sonny's relationship with Amy is just as, if not more, important than her budding romance with Ryder. This will appeal to readers who enjoyed Sarah Dessen's *Lock and Key* (Viking, 2008) and are on the lookout for titles with a feminist bent. VERDICT A must-purchase for libraries where Keplinger's other titles have been popular.—Kathleen E. Gruver, Burlington County Library, Westampton, NJ

Review

Praise for *The DUFF*

"[A] well-written, irreverent, and heartfelt debut." —*Publishers Weekly*

"A complex, enemies-with-benefits relationship that the YA market has never seen before ... Her snarky teen speak, true-to-life characterizations, and rollicking sense of humor never cease in her debut." —*Kirkus Reviews*

"What's best here is Bianca's brazen voice. Even when confused, she is truer to herself than most." —*Booklist*

Praise for *Lying Out Loud*

"Keplinger creates vivid, believable characters that are full of spunk and joie de vivre . . . Fierce, fresh, total fun." —*Kirkus Reviews*

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About the Author

Kody Keplinger grew up in a small Kentucky town. During her senior year of high school she wrote her debut novel, *The DUFF*, which is a *New York Times* bestseller, a *USA Today* bestseller, a YALSA Top Ten Quick Pick for Reluctant Readers and a *Romantic Times* Top Pick. It has since been adapted into a major motion picture. Kody is also the author of *Lying Out Loud*, a companion to *The DUFF*; *Shut Out*; and *A Midsummer's Nightmare*, as well as the middle-grade novel, *The Swift Boys & Me*. Kody currently lives in New York City and writes full-time. You can visit her online at www.kodykeplinger.com.

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