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Until now.

Last night, one of the bad guys caught up.

Last night, someone followed Sammy up the fire escape and pushed her from the third story.

Now she’s in the hospital, out cold. And her friends are left with the questions Sammy’s always been so good at answering: Why? How? But most of all . . . WHO?

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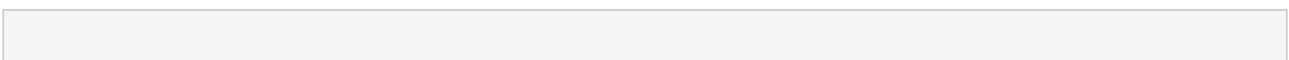
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Editorial Review

From School Library Journal

Gr 5–8—Sammy Keyes has faced her share of criminals—murderers, thieves, a meth dealer, a gang leader, and so many more—but it's here, in the final book of the series, that she may have met her match. That's right: this one opens with an author's note explaining that something happened to Sammy. Something bad. *Kiss Goodbye* isn't told from Sammy's perspective, unlike the rest of the series, but Van Draanen's narrative keeps pages turning. Readers soon learn that the middle-schooler is in a coma after being thrown three stories from the fire escape of the seniors-only building that, for the entire series, she illegally lived in with her Grams. Who would have it out for the skateboard-riding sleuth? She's bested many a foe, any one of whom might want revenge, and it's up to the Santa Martina community, from the formerly cantankerous Officer Borsch to her loyal friends old and new, to solve this one. Longtime fans will especially appreciate the references to past books and characters reflecting on their own lives and Sammy's impact. Van Draanen presents a fitting tribute to Sammy, who is as much a heroine for always staying true to herself and striving to do the right thing as she is for any crimes she solved. Series regulars will want to lace up their high-tops and jump right in.—Amanda Mastrull, *Library Journal*

Review

[Praise for the Sammy Keyes series:](#)

“Van Draanen offers such an explosive combination of high-stakes sleuthing, hilarity, and breathlessly paced action that it’s impossible to turn the pages fast enough.” —*Kirkus Reviews*

“There’s no stopping Sammy.”—*Publishers Weekly*

“An intelligent, gutsy, flawed, and utterly likable heroine.”—*Booklist*

“Move over, Nancy Drew—a new sleuth is on the scene.”—*Girls’ Life*

“Think a combination of Carl Hiaasen’s *Flush* and Janet Evanovich’s Stephanie Plum books and you’ll be right on target.” —*School Library Journal*

“A high-quality, high-amp mystery series.” —*The Horn Book*

“This funny, clever series is NOT for kids only. I challenge the most seasoned mystery reader to guess ‘who done it.’” —*Cozies, Capers, and Crimes*

“Sammy Keyes comes armed with attitude.” —*Orlando Sentinel*

“Sammy doesn’t find mysteries to solve—they find her.” —*Arizona Republic*

“Humor, romance and adventure; this story is an absolute blast.” —*Chicago Tribune*

“If you haven’t met Sammy Keyes yet, now is the time.” —*Children’s Literature*

About the Author

WENDELIN VAN DRAANEN was a classroom teacher for many years before becoming a full-time writer.

The books in the Sammy Keyes mystery series have been embraced by critics and readers alike, with *Sammy Keyes and the Hotel Thief* receiving the Edgar Allan Poe Award for best children's mystery. Wendelin is also the author of many award-winning novels, including *Flipped*, *The Running Dream*, *Runaway*, *Confessions of a Serial Kisser*, *Swear to Howdy*, *The Secret Life of Lincoln Jones*, and *Wild Bird*. You can find her online at WendelinVanDraanen.com and [@WendelinVanD](https://www.facebook.com/WendelinVanD), and you can follow Sammy Keyes on Facebook.

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