

***Never Lie* by Freida McFadden**

Discussion questions from freidamcfadden.com

1. Were you surprised somebody was hiding out in the house? Who did you think was going to be? Who do you suspect rehung Adrienne's portrait? Why might they do that?
2. *Never Lie* relies on Tricia and Ethan being snowed in by the blizzard. Can you think of any other situations that could have isolated them in a similar way? How much did the snow storm and the cold add to the atmosphere for you when reading?
3. The use of the patient session tapes adds a 'found footage' element. Did knowing these were tape recordings of patient sessions add a different dimension to the novel to say finding a diary? Did you spot any clues in the choice of tapes that Tricia chose to listen to?
4. There's a strong misdirection pointing to Ethan being EJ. Did you have any other suspicions (right or wrong) as to the identities of the other patients on the tapes?
5. Early on it seems to be setting up a classic isolated creepy house mystery, were you surprised by the development into a darker history of murders thriller?
6. Were you surprised when it was revealed that Adrienne was dead and had been killed years earlier?
7. Tricia has a very strong ulterior motive, revealed with one of the biggest twists. How did you feel having your perception of the main character twisted from her presenting herself as a nervous wife to finding out she's a multiple killer? Was there anything in Tricia's character or behavior early on that made you suspect her true motives? Did you like Tricia in the beginning? Did you still like her as a character once the truth is uncovered?