

# Books Like *The Inheritance Games*: Twisty Mysteries You Won't Be Able to Put Down

If you were completely hooked by Jennifer Lynn Barnes' *The Inheritance Games* — with its mind-bending riddles, elaborate puzzles, unexpected twists, and a hint of romance — you're not alone. Readers love its blend of mystery, high-stakes drama, and clever storytelling. But what do you read next once you finish the series?

Here's a deep dive into books that capture the spirit of *The Inheritance Games*, along with highlights on why you'll love them — and why they deserve a spot on your must-read list.

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## 1. *One of Us Is Lying* by Karen M. McManus

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Summary



## 1. **One of Us Is Lying** by Karen M. McManus

### **Key Highlights:**

- A murder mystery set in a high school.
- Told from multiple points of view, each character has secrets that keep you guessing.
- Themes of trust, betrayal, and social pressure.



### **Why You Should Read It:**

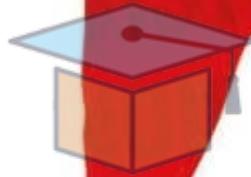
Like *The Inheritance Games*, *One of Us Is Lying* is filled with twists you won't see coming. The layered storytelling and focus on solving a deadly puzzle will appeal to fans who love secrets slowly unraveling through well-crafted clues.

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## **2. A Good Girl's Guide to Murder by Holly Jackson**

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### **Key Highlights:**

- An ambitious teenager investigates a murder that everyone believes is already solved.
- Integrates police interviews, diary entries, and messages for an immersive experience.
- Features smart, determined protagonists and real-world consequences.



### **Why You Should Read It:**

Pip, the main character, mirrors Avery from *The Inheritance Games* with her sharp mind and tenacity. The creative format makes the mystery feel more immediate and gripping, offering that same addictive, can't-stop-reading vibe.

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## 3. **Truly Devious** by Maureen Johnson

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NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR

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### 3. **Truly Devious** by Maureen Johnson

#### **Key Highlights:**

- A prestigious boarding school with a deadly past.
- A dual timeline mystery: past and present crimes intertwine.
- Intelligent puzzles, riddles, and cryptic clues.



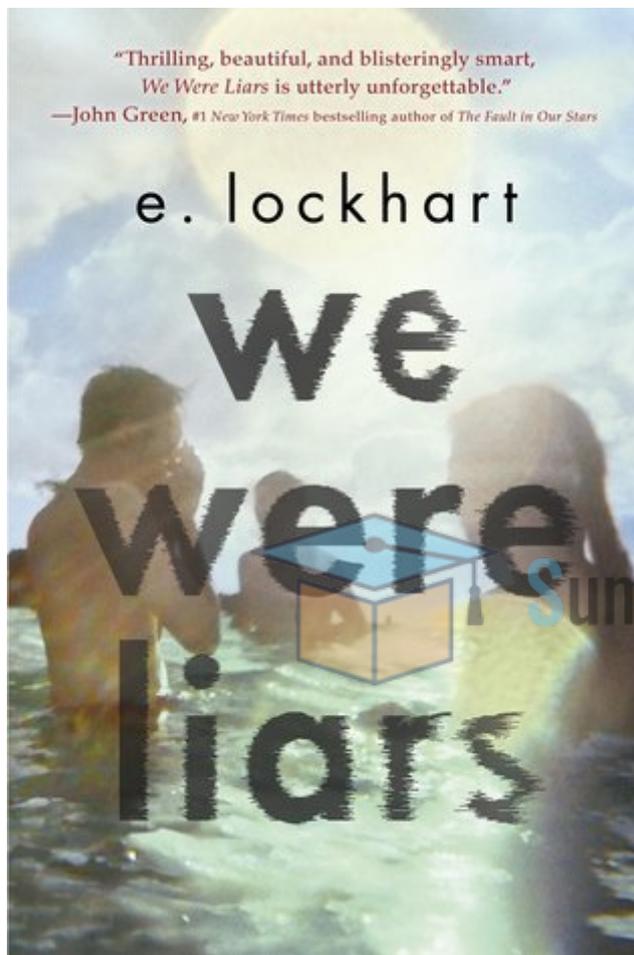
#### **Why You Should Read It:**

The Ellingham Academy setting is just as atmospheric and compelling as Hawthorne House. With its intricate plot and amateur sleuth lead, *Truly Devious* captures the same sense of luxurious mystery and elite danger.

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### 4. **We Were Liars** by E. Lockhart

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##### **Key Highlights:**

- A privileged family's dark secrets on a private island.
- Dreamy, lyrical writing style.
- A heart-wrenching plot twist you won't forget.

##### **Why You Should Read It:**

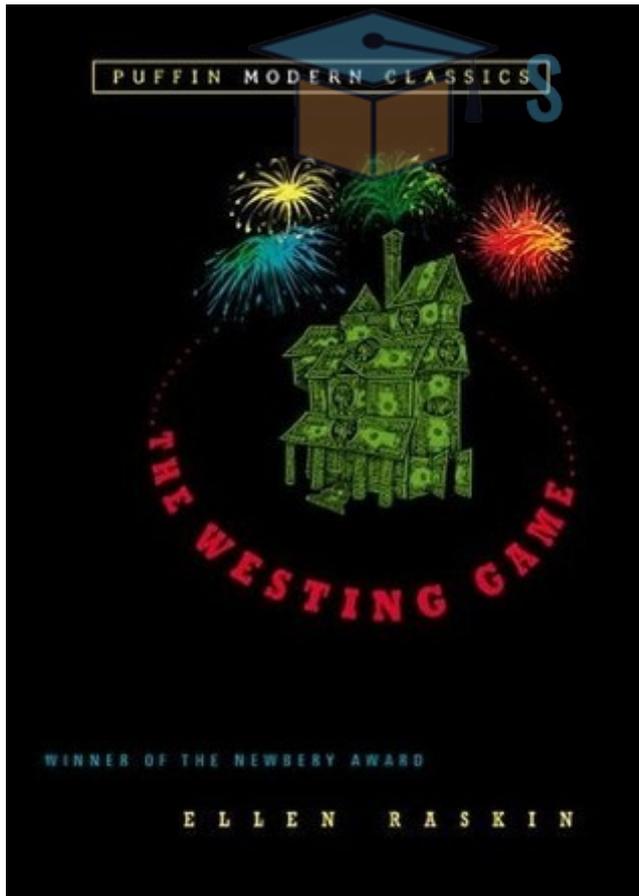
If you loved the emotional complexity of *The Inheritance Games* —especially the complicated relationships among the Hawthorne brothers— *We Were Liars* offers a

similarly haunting exploration of family, loyalty, and truth.

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## 5. The Westing Game by Ellen Raskin

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### Key Highlights:

- A classic whodunit puzzle involving a wealthy man's will.
- Diverse cast of quirky characters.

- Clever riddles and a race to inherit a fortune.

### **Why You Should Read It:**

Often cited as inspiration for *The Inheritance Games*, *The Westing Game* laid the groundwork for high-stakes inheritance mysteries. It's perfect for readers who enjoy piecing together puzzles alongside colorful characters.



## **6. Deadly Little Scandals by Jennifer Lynn Barnes**

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## 6. **Deadly Little Scandals** by Jennifer Lynn Barnes

### **Key Highlights:**

- Secret societies, hidden crimes, and dark family legacies.

- High-tension drama among the elite.



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- Themes of identity, power, and betrayal.

### **Why You Should Read It:**

Written by the same author as *The Inheritance Games*, this book promises the same clever twists and luxurious world-building. If you crave more of Barnes' addictive storytelling style, this is the natural next step.

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## **Why Books Like *The Inheritance Games* Are So Addictive**

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These novels succeed because they combine several irresistible elements:

- **Puzzles and Mysteries:** Readers love being part of the game, solving riddles alongside the characters.

- **High Stakes:** Whether it's fortune, reputation, or life itself, there's always a lot on the line.
- **Complex Characters:** Richly layered characters keep you invested emotionally, adding depth to the plot twists.
- **Atmospheric Settings:** From sprawling mansions to elite academies, the setting feels like a character itself, heightening the drama.
- **Unexpected Twists:** The best stories keep you guessing — and gasping — until the final page.



Books like *The Inheritance Games* let you step into a world of secrets, strategies, and high-risk decisions. They're perfect for readers who love sharp dialogue, smart heroines, slow-burn romances, and shocking reveals.

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### **In Conclusion:**

If you're chasing the thrill you felt reading *The Inheritance Games*, these books will more than satisfy your craving for twisty, thrilling mysteries with emotional depth. Grab a cozy blanket, set aside a few hours (or days — you'll need them), and dive into your next adventure.