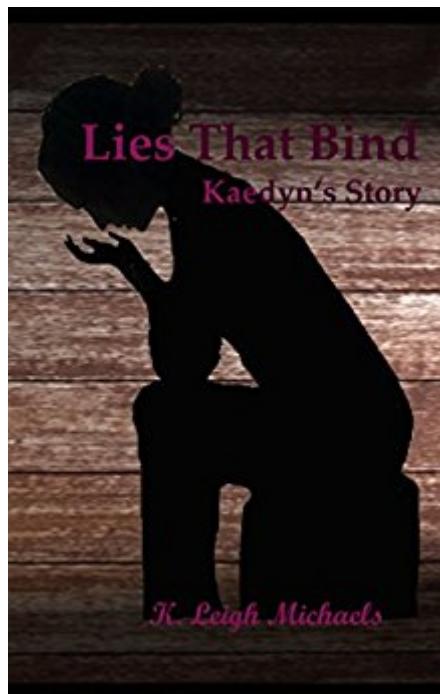


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# Lies That Bind: Kaedyn's Story



## **Synopsis**

Kaedyn is only sixteen when her mother dies of cancer and she finds herself drowning in her sorrow. As she discovers powerful mechanisms for coping with her grief, she withdraws from her family and friends more and more. Believing it is in her best interest, Kaedyn's father sends her to live with her sister Kallie. But both Kallie and Kaedyn are about to learn that there are even more painful experiences than losing their mother, and that there can be dangerous consequences to withdrawing from the people they love most: each other. "Lies That Bind: Kaedyn's Story" addresses issues relevant to today's teen and young adult women and takes a step in withdrawing the veil drawn over child and teen abuse.

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## **Customer Reviews**

This book shows the reality of what some teens are faced with on a daily basis. See how Kaedyn deals with the many issues life has thrown at her and how she copes with it all alone until she decides to confide in her sister, Kallie. Together Kaedyn and Kallie are able to sort things out and

handle the problems. Kaedyn's story had me captivated from the very beginning and left me wanting to read more of her story. I hope there is a second story soon!

This book was well written. The book is very real and believable. It addresses different grieving processes that teens and some adults go through. I give it 5 stars because I had a hard time putting the book down, and the author dives into the real problems that sometimes faces teens and adults alike. I suggest this book to High School kids and adults. I cannot wait for another book from this author.

Far more authors need to be bringing attention to the subject of teen struggles. It is an unseen rot that we would rather sweep under the rug. *Lies That Bind: Kaedyn's Story* is an engaging tale that tackles difficult issues, but reminds us that, at the end of the day, hope and family will always be more powerful than heartache.

Although this book was really hard for me to read due to the devastating things that happen to Kaedyn and Kallie, I love its message of hope. The idea that someone will listen, believe you, and put the blame for the situation where it belongs is just so important to those who find themselves in similar situations!

Great, engaging story, but I will warn you, it ripped my guts out at every scene. The great thing about this story is that you really experience the full emotional depth and despair of these characters, and despite the hardships Kaedyn and Kallie come through, they do it together, strengthening their sisterly bonds. Wonderfully written and definitely recommended.

This is a well-written and engaging story. The characters are very real and believable. I'm excited to read more from this author....and hope to find out what happens next in Kaedyn's life!

Written with true insight, *Kaedyn's Story* is a story that needs telling, and Michaels tells it well.

This touching debut novel addresses difficult and still taboo subjects without glorifying or simplifying them. Written from the perspective of Kaedyn and her adult sister, Kallie, it breaks away from the formula by showing the complexities within a family rather than the black and white "hurting kid ignored by family" simplicity often favored in YA fiction. It is refreshing to see this story doesn't tie

everything neatly in a bow. There are no easy answers and Lies That Bind takes an unflinching but compassionate look at that truth. I give this novel 4 stars because, while very well written and engaging, it seems to hover between short story and novel. There seems to be more about the sisters than is in these pages. I would recommend this book both to young adults and to parents seeking a greater understanding of the thoughts and emotions behind the unhealthy actions of too many young people today.

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