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For good or ill—on the page or in life—few things are more alluring than the siren song of a secret. At the heart of each story in this genre-crossing collection lies a secret. A boy who is not a boy at all, a neighbor with a mysterious identity, a tortured student with a list that isn't what it seems, a girl who abandoned the person she used to be at the bottom of a river.

Conflict and possibility are embedded in a secret's very nature...betrayal and conspiracy are encoded in its DNA. Secrets can transform. They can alienate, anger, or inspire.

One thing is for sure: They make a great story.

*Wicked South: Secrets and Lies* is an anthology featuring young adult stories by authors from North Carolina, South Carolina, and Georgia. Contributors are *New York Times* Bestselling author Emily Colin, Elizabeth DeVido, award-winning author Lauren Faulkenberry, Amy Hyatt Fonseca, Lauren Fulcher, award-winning author Robin Kirk, John Klekamp, Karissa Laurel, and Katie Rose Guest Pryal.

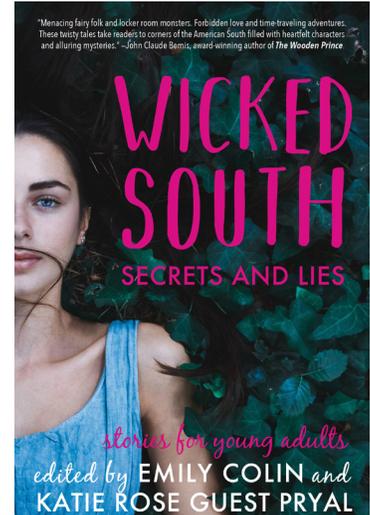
**Praise for *Wicked South: Secrets and Lies***

"Menacing fairy folk and locker room monsters. Forbidden love and time-traveling adventures. The nine twisty tales in *Wicked South: Secrets and Lies* take readers to atmospheric corners of the American South (and beyond) filled with heartfelt characters and alluring mysteries." -John Claude Bemis, award-winning author of *The Wooden Prince* and *The Clockwork Dark Trilogy*

"A collection blazing with seduction, trickery, conflict, and grief, *Wicked South: Secrets and Lies* is a saga of bitter deceits and breathtaking victories." -Heather Ezell, author of *Nothing Left to Burn*

"*Wicked South* swept me in from the first page. I devoured the heartwarming stories of romance, kindness, and grief—then discovered (to my delighted surprise) that I also enjoyed tales with magic, mystery, or horror. *Wicked South* will enthrall you and linger in your thoughts long after you finish. A gripping, glorious anthology." -Julia Day, award-winning author of *The Possibility of Somewhere* and *Fade to Us*

Emily Colin is the *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Memory Thief* and *The Dreamkeeper's Daughter*. Katie Rose Guest Pryal is the author of *Chasing Chaos* and *Fallout Girl*.



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