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In the shadows of San Francisco, where secrets lurk behind every corner, Detective Bobby Burns finds himself entangled in a web of deception. Hold on for a thrilling journey through the darkest alleys of human intentions, where every friend could be a foe, and every truth hides a lie. Get ready to be captivated by a story that will challenge your every perception. This summer, trust no one, question everything, and brace yourself for the legacy that will redefine betrayal.

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DEMOGRAPHICS: Readers who enjoy family drama, suspense, and psychological thrillers

with good twists and turns

COMP BOOKS: The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo by Stieg Larsson | Gone Girl by Gillian

Flynn | Big Little Lies by Liane Moriarty | The Silent Patient by Alex Michaelide

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Detective's Dilemma

Ingredients:

- 1 oz bourbon (representing Detective Bobby Burns)
- 1/2 oz dark rum (hinting at the underlying secrets)
- 1/2 oz coffee liqueur (for the late-night investigations)
- 2 oz cold brew coffee (reflecting the gritty city atmosphere)
- A dash of bitters (symbolizing the twists in the plot)
- Ice cubes (representing the cold, hard truth)

Garnish:

- A lemon twist (for the unexpected turns)
- A single maraschino cherry (like the single clue that could solve the case)

Preparation:

- In a shaker, combine bourbon, dark rum, coffee liqueur, and cold brew coffee.
- Add ice cubes and shake well until chilled.
- Strain the mixture into a glass filled with fresh ice.
- Add a dash of bitters.
- Garnish with a lemon twist and a maraschino cherry.

SIGNATURE DRINK

San Francisco Starters: Inspired by the setting of the book, offer a selection of sourdough bread with a clam chowder dip, reflecting the city's famous seafood and sourdough.

Detective Delights: Serve **mini sliders** or **tacos** as a nod to the quick meals a detective like Bobby Burns might grab on the go.

Mystery Mains: Prepare a **beef stew** or **duck breast** entrée, drawing from the meals mentioned in the book, to give members a taste of the characters' dining experiences.

Condo Comfort Dessert: End the evening with a **Key lime pie**, a dessert that appears in the story, perfect for discussing the twists and turns of the plot.

Remember to pair the dishes with Napa Valley sparkling wine or Two-Buck Chuck to stay true to the book's references and the San Francisco setting. Enjoy your literary culinary adventure!

THEMED MEAL SUGGESTIONS

Smooth Criminal by Michael Jackson

Every Breath You Take by The Police

Bad Guy by Billie Eilish

Rolling in the Deep by Adele

Unsteady by X Ambassadors

Somebody That I Used to Know by Gotye

Chandelier by Sia

Love the Way You Lie by Eminem ft. Rihanna

Demons by Imagine Dragons

Viva La Vida by Coldplay

The Night We Met by Lord Huron

Someone Like You by Adele

Secrets by OneRepublic

Thunder by Imagine Dragons

Fix You by Coldplay



SPOTIFY MUSIC RECOMMENDATIONS

THIS GUIDE CONTAINS POSSIBLE SPOILERS FOR THIS BOOK IN THE DISCUSSION SECTION.

WARNING

Character Motivations: What do you believe motivates Detective Bobby Burns' actions throughout the story?

Theme Exploration: How does the theme of trust (or the lack thereof) manifest in the relationships between characters?

Plot Twists: Which plot twist surprised you the most, and why?

Character Development: How does Grace's character evolve from the beginning to the end of the novel?

Moral Dilemmas: What moral dilemmas do the characters face, and how do they resolve them?

Setting Influence: In what ways does the setting of San Francisco contribute to the overall mood of the story?

Author's Style: How does Lexa M. Mack's writing style enhance the suspense in "Legacy of Lies"?

Symbolism: Are there any objects or events that you interpret as symbolic in the novel?

Alternate Endings: If you could rewrite the ending, how would you change it?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS



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OTHER BOOKS: LITANY OF LIES

PURCHASING OPTIONS:

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