

The Cousins

by Karen McManus

Three cousins basically meet for the first time when their parents see an opportunity to get in the good graces of the mother who mysteriously disinherited them. Mystery with a touch of murder create the perfect storm for secrets to be revealed and revelations to be had.

Karen McManus is the author of the popular book *One of Us is Lying* that was made into a TV series. She has also authored the sequel to *One of Us is Lying*, *You'll be the Death of Me*, and *Two Can Keep a Secret*. She is known for her suspense and murder mystery.

The Cousins is set in a fictional 2022 America. The three Story cousins barely know one another, when suddenly, they are invited via a mysterious communication by their estranged rich grandmother to spend the summer working at her island resort on the east coast. Milly, Aubrey, and Jonah are encouraged by their parents to take their grandmother up on her offer and they go to the island. When they get there, things aren't what the first seemed and things aren't adding up. Can the Story cousins figure out what's going on before it's too late?

This was such a page turner and the way the threads of the mystery were weaved together made for a brilliant resolution that was unexpected on my part and kept me guessing. The point of view switching the way it did made the mystery even more appealing and overall this book was amazing! This wasn't my first Karen McManus book, and this one only reassured my love for her mysteries and suspense.

Murder mystery/suspense fans would love *The Cousins*. It's a great standalone novel that can be devoured quickly with its engaging plot.

-Serena, age 17

