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After years of living in the darkness of his past, Andrew Wise, a young attorney working for his family's law firm in Sarasota, Florida, has finally broken free of the demons that haunt him. Wealth, success, happiness, and true love; everything a man could ever dream of, was right at his fingertips. Or so he thought. But in the blink of an eye, all of that changed. Upon discovering that his ex-girlfriend, Olivia Hamilton, was pregnant, Drew fell back into some old habits, which led to him losing the one person that mattered the most in his life - McKenzie Evans.

When McKenzie left him and returned to Texas, Drew was beside himself. The night before she left, he made an agreement with her best friend Jared Christopher, that he would give her time and space to come to grips with the fact that he'd fathered her best friend's child. Now, two months later, he feels as though he held up his end of the bargain, Drew can't take their separation any longer. With his brother's wedding mere weeks away, Drew devises a plan to win McKenzie back.

Under the guise of a bachelor getaway for Gavin, Drew, along with his brother and Jared, jets off on an adventure to the panhandle of Texas. There, he will learn what made McKenzie who she is and will find strength within himself that he never realized existed.

In this charming sequel to *The Truth in Lies*, Drew and McKenzie discover that not everything is as it seems, forgiveness is a matter of acceptance, and true love really can conquer all.

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From Reader Review The Certainty of Deception for online ebook

Philomena Callan Cheekypee says

I received this to review for a blog tour. I jumped right into it not realising it was book two for quite a while. I really must do my homework before jumping into books. Having said that I loved this story and I'm so looking forward to book three. Of course I will be going back and reading book one to put the pieces of the puzzle back together.

This is a really beautiful well-told story. I so loved most of the characters especially Drew. It's a really great emotional rollercoaster of a story. My emotions were all over the place.

I really do recommend this story. However don't be a twat like me and go read book one first.

The Hive says

Liz's Review:

In The Certainty of Deception, we are reunited with Drew and McKenzie. This time we get a peek into Drew's point of view. Devastated by the news that his ex is pregnant with his child and the love of his life has left him, he chooses to handle the news by burying his sorrow at the bottom of a bottle. Lucky for him, he has a brother that refuses to watch him self destruct and an ally in the form of Jared. These two men do what it takes to get Drew sober, while also helping him to find the strength to give McKenzie some space. When the time is right, the three of them travel under the guise of a bachelor party, to get back Drew's heart.

I fell in love with this pair in the first novel, The Truth in the Lies, and I keep getting sucked in. Jeanne McDonald has weaved us a love story that pulls at your heartstrings and has you rooting for the star-crossed lovers. She makes you believe in true love again.

I could read this book over and over. It hooked me from the first word and has left me thirsty for more and I wait—impatiently—for the next installment. Although this book leaves you with questions, the answers are definitely worth waiting for. I would HIGHLY recommend this book to all of the true romantics out there. Sit back and fall in love with Drew and McKenzie.

Rating: 5 out of 5 honey pots!!!

<http://beebookreviews.blogspot.co.uk/...>

M.B. says

Review to come, 15 July, as part of blog tour

Little bit of a spoiler alert here This is a messgae I sent to the author once I finished reading. "I hate you, you made me cry" – you know what she did? She laughed (but I forgive her because this book is brilliant! ***little spoiler over***

Ever since I finished the first in this series, *The Truth in Lies*, I wanted to get my hands on this book! I tried so hard to take my time with this book and make it last, but I couldn't. I had to read it whenever I could.

I know I said I wasn't blown away by Drew in the first book, but reading things from his POV in this one has really warmed me to his character. I now see the confidence and the cockiness is a shield and something for him to hide behind. I don't blame him, his past and revelation to Mickie reveal a lot about him and explains to the reader why he is the way he is. I have to say, I still have a soft spot for the wonderful Jared.

In this second book, Drew is determined to win Mickie back after she leaves him to head back home to Texas. He's ready to go charging down to Amarillo, but his brother, Gavin, and Jared stall him and when he does eventually head down, they go with him. What follows is an insight into Drew and Mickie's relationship (and breakup) from another perspective, including the jealousy Drew experiences knowing Jared loves Mickie and seeing her at ease on her home turf, surrounded by people who know her better than he does. McDonald does this with finesse and without ramming Drew's feelings down the reader's throats, making it unbearable. It feels real.

As with the first book, I was drawn to Jared because, let's face it, he's a hottie musician who is excellent with kids, and what's not to like? He's not as prominent in this book, but the interaction between him, Drew and Gavin was wonderful, particularly when Granny comes on the scene. I will say no more, but I may have choked up a lung laughing!

All in all, it's the perfect follow up from the first book, but be prepared to be left with just as many questions as you were with *The Truth in Lies*. Put it this way, I will be badgering McDonald to either give me spoilers or to write faster! So, if you want a sweet romance that will fill you with a range of emotions, this is the one for you!

Tara Marie says

To say that I loved this story would be the understatement of the century! Not many books capture me like this series did, McKenzie and Andrew's story took hold of my heart and left it hanging in the balance in *The Truth in Lies*. This book brought to light the past that Drew has been holding on to for so long, making him feel like he doesn't deserve things, love being one of them.

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To say I hate Olivia is another understatement! If I could punch a character it would be her. Jeanne did an awesome job developing Olivia's character from a likable best friend in book one to the mega Bitch in this book. Jared, Mickie's best friend, is just one of the lovable characters, we got a glimpse at Gavin in book one and Andrew's brother plays a huge role in this book.

Love has never been the issue for Mickie and Drew, outsiders have been, and so has the past. In *TCOD* we hear the story from Drew's POV, which starts the night of the famous goodbye text, and continues through the time they are apart to the time he decides to fight for his girl. This book was a great next chapter in their lives but I most certainly cannot wait for the next book.

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Terri says

This review might contain some spoilers, so please be aware! I read the first book in this series “The Truth in Lies” and not knowing there would a third book, was really hoping that the title of this book would lead to everyone finding out (as I hope) that Olivia is deceiving all characters involved within these stories. However, that is still undetermined (Oh I so hope, she is deceiving everyone). The deception that is being made aware in this book, is something that Drew is keeping from McKenzie; the only people that know are his immediate family, due to his father’s mandate. Even though he did withhold some information, as she points out to him, at the time they were in the early stages of their relationship, and how many of us divulge too much of any type of very personal information within weeks of meeting/falling in love with someone--- you have to REALLY trust that person with this information and they just hadn't gotten to that point yet. It was truly difficult reading about Drew’s heart-breaking past. I cried, wanted to reach through the virtual pages and give both him and Kenzie hugs. You learn Drew has a temper---one that made me at times what to again reach out to hold him back—in case he went too far (and no it wasn’t with either Olivia, nor McKenzie), it was just his “Neanderthal” attitude showing through with wanting to get the love of his life back! There were also many times I so wanted to give Olivia “a what for dressing down”—she is rather delusional with her relationship (or lack thereof) with Drew. We are also introduced to a new character---and I LOVE this guy, Ethan! We also get introduced to Drew and Gavin’s father. After reading about him, it is a true wonder how Drew and Gavin are as nice as they are.

There will be a third book in the series, so not all ends are tied up. As I was at the end of “The Truth in Lies” I just can’t wait for the next book to come out. I am glad there was the little surprise at the end, as Drew will need this support when he has to face his father and Olivia in the near future. Hopefully, also we will get to meet, Drew’s twin Andie! That I am looking forward too also! And maybe some more of Ethan! He brings a new dimension to this little group!

Jeanne McDonald’s writing is very good, she started as many do these days with Fan Fiction, however the big difference with her writing is, she has only gotten better. Her confidence is coming through! Her stories show feeling; you can seem to actually feel what her characters are going through---not always does an author bring tears as you are reading about a character’s pain or laughter when a character is feeling joy and laughing at some joke that is occurring in the story. Jeanne can do this, and has done it time and time again with her stories. I have read many if not all, the books that Jeanne has written to date and I continue to enjoy her writing and she continues to keep us on our toes—does not bore us by any means! I always look forward to knowing when a new / next book will be published! And I cannot wait for the third book in this series to hit the shelves!

Romance Readers Retreat says

Let me start by saying that this is the second book in The Truth And Lies Saga and as such this review may contain SPOILERS if you haven't read book 1!

We pick up where we left off. Drew is on the cusp of losing his soulmate, just as his world is crashing in around him and he needs her most.

The detestable Olivia has dropped a bomb that has sent Drew's world spinning out of control. Thrust back in time, he feels all his guilt and demons consume him and he doesn't handle it well.

The loveable Kenzie is determined to leave so that her best friend can find happiness with the man she's been trying to win, despite him being whole-heartedly in love with Kenzie.

Drew finds himself at an all time low and despite his pleas, he is forced to let Kenzie go.

Jared, always the good guy and a great friend, convinces Drew to give Kenzie time but when he can no longer wait to win her back, he sets a plan in motion.

What ensues is a fight for love. Can Drew shake off the loathsome Olivia? Will he find that Kenzie has moved on? Will he finally face his past, his demons, his guilt?

And when/if he does finally reconnect with Kenzie, will she hate him for what he once did?

I didn't think this book was packed with action. It felt like more of a filler to me. That's not to say I thought it was a bad thing though. It answers a few of the questions left unanswered in the first book and definitely sets the scene for what I can only imagine will be an emotional and angst filled third book.

I can't end off without mentioning that yet again, there are far too many grammatical errors and silly mistakes (missed words, unneeded words and incorrect words) that I feel should have been picked up during the editing process.

That being said, it was a quick read and I look forward to seeing what happens when the plane lands in Boston.

Blushingdivasbookreviews says

5 Blushing Divas Stars!!!!

This is book #2 in The Truth in Lies Saga. You do need to read book 1, Truth in Lies before reading this book. I loved this series, and could not read them fast enough. This was my first time reading a book by this author, and I loved it! I am now a fan. The writing style flows very nicely and the characters come to life with her talent. This is one summer read that you must #oneclicknow!

Keriann Hoover says

I can't get enough Andrew and McKenzie. I read this in one sitting. I just couldn't tear myself away from their story. As much as I can't wait for the next book, I also am just waiting for the other shoe to drop. I just hope they get their HEA.

Natasha Carrere says

I NEED MORE!!! Ughhhhh I need these two to have a happy ending. It seems they are on their way to that but it ending with going to Boston and the wicked witch is there. Loved this book and stayed up way to late a

few nights due to not being able to stop reading. Keeping my fingers crossed for that HEA!!!

Halos Horns says

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B.L. Wilde says

Okay, so you all know how I fell for Drew in the first book, right?

Well, after reading this masterpiece in his POV, Drew has my heart forever.

I felt his pain and heartbreak every step of the way and was consumed in the continuation of his and Mickie's love story.

Jeanne is an exceptional writer. The way she draws you in with the emotion is just breathtaking.

If you want a beautifully told love story with characters that will live with you long after you've finished the book, start this saga today.

You won't regret it!

Bee says

I was waiting with anticipation for *The Certainty of Deception* (TCoD) to be available to read and was so thrilled when the day finally came when i had my hands on it!

I had to know how Drew reacted to Mickie's decision to leave Boston- I HAD to know so many things, and was worried that perhaps all my questions would not be answered or that i wouldn't have the chance to 'see' what i hoped to see. But as always, the wonderfully talented Jeanne McDonald delivered. Seeing every event from Drew's perspective was a nice, and i think necessary and valuable change in this book, so we learn more about Drew, his thought processes and what he is going through at this difficult time. I felt Jeanne perfectly captured Drew's heartache, his feelings, his turmoil, but also his love. Every moment Drew and Mickie are together in this story is true to their relationship, and yet each scene is somehow different: fun and silly, to heart-breakingly sad, anger, disappointment, and fear- it's all there. I thought the *Truth in Lies* was a rollercoaster, but TCoD, in my opinion has given the first book a run for it's money, and Jeanne has done a wonderful job of living up to my expectations and beyond!

As a reader, TCoD has been vital in my understanding of Drew and his family, as well as Mickie and her family- both characters have become more developed, more solid, and more understood within my mind, and i thank Jeanne for providing us with relate-able, lovable, however flawed characters that continue to stay true to themselves but also continue to develop and mature.

I am SO looking forward to the final segment of this saga (for a saga it is, let me tell you!) because i am so invested in these characters and in this story, that i must know how it ends. If you loved *The Truth in Lies* (or even if you didn't!) and enjoy a bit of drama and romance i highly recommend you take a read of Jeanne McDonald's *The Certainty of Deception*. You will not be disappointed!

Joy says

This storyline just keeps blowing me away! This is the 2nd book of a trilogy, and it carried the story way, way beyond what I anticipated. This saga is a rollercoaster of emotional highs and lows, and you just have to hang on 'til it stops. (Temporarily, there is a book 3 in the works!) I promise, reading this book is totally worth the journey it takes you on.

The Certainty of Deception is the follow-up to *The Truth in Lies*. Drew is the main character, supported by McKenzie and friends Jared and Gavin. Let me tell you, reading a male character, written by a female, written this well, is amazing. 90% of drama, romance, etc. is written by females, with a female lead. The difference is refreshing. I have no idea how, but this author can make me tear up, then laugh out loud in the same paragraph!

The author came through again with the scene descriptions and played a movie reel in my head. Whether it was the Florida sand/beach, or the Texas wind/sun, I could see it playing out in startling detail. It's not my imagination that's great here, it's the storytelling people. The story continued from the 1st book in a predictable manner, then it just took off and amazed me. I was not expecting the tragic depth to Drew, nor how important to the story it became. His character had so many more layers and motivations that became clear with this book.

Again, the editing was great, no major context or grammatical flaws and I sped through it without problems. The cover is beautiful, and captures the mood for this book well. While the story is achingly heart wrenching, it also is full of hope, and joy, and the promise of a better day tomorrow. Master story-weaving at it's best. Happily waiting on book 3!

Kathy Horsman says

In *The Truth in Lies*, my only complaint was that I wanted to hear Drew's POV throughout the story. Dive into his thoughts about all that was going on and really find out what lies deep in both he and McKenzie's head while they work through her own emotions. Well, I found what I wanted in *The Certainty of Deception* and the male driven book taking place all in Drew's incredibly sexy mind. After reading this edition of their journey, I totally got why the author chose to go in this direction. It was time for us as a reader to really understand Drew and all the demons he is living with, while moving the story along to a conclusion that better come fast!

Drew was everything I would have expected coming out of the first one and so much more. I knew he had some dark stuff in past, but my god boy, this was rough. The fact that you could see the internal struggle he faced with his feelings and his vices made this book special to me. He faced them head on for a woman who at times we weren't sure was going to let her love him....and really aren't sure if it's going to happen even after the ending! However, the progression from beginning to end between these two characters was quite remarkable but at the same time felt real. That is quite the accomplishment for a romance and I hope it continues into the finale.

The other accomplishment for me in book 2 was the side characters. I loved the fact that Jared found a plausible spot in the lives of these characters, without being hurt by McKenzie's rejection killing him daily. Integrating Drew's brother and family rounded him out nicely and of course McKenzie's family making another appearance was fantastic! The only Debbie Downer was of course Olivia.....but I think we are finally making some progress there.....maybe! This is a great contemporary romance for people that love the real events mixed with passionate romantic elements. I can not WAIT to read the last in the trilogy!

Sarah Reads "Reading in Sarah's Corner" says

Oh, my lord! Author Jeanne McDonald second installment of *The Truth in Lies* saga is in Drew Wise's pov! I may have squealed with excitement. I was dying to get inside Drew's head after that first book. And let me tell you Jeanne did not let us down! You have no idea how much I enjoyed this book! I was crying with laughter most of the book. Jeanne does let us in on Drew's secret and I won't lie. I was crying like a baby when I found out.

Where should I start, how about how much our boy Drew needed to get his girl back. He has finally pulled himself together and realized he needs his girl! He hops on a plane with his brother Gavin and Jared. Yes, Jared. The banter and absolute guy bonding while on this trip had me in stitches. It is scary how well Jeanne can write a males point of view!

These three guys set off to drag Mickie home where she belongs! I don't think they realized how many walls a girl can build up over two months. Especially our girl Mickie! She holds her ground and lets Drew know he messed up. She cannot handle her heart being shattered like that again. Who can blame her?

Drew also has to fight with his inner demons while on this little trip to Amarillo, Texas while trying to win his girl back. And his inner demons are strong. I loved finding out what made Drew Wise the way he was.

Even if it caused me to snifle like a baby.

I have to give a shout out to Glenda aka granny. This woman is an absolute hoot! I LOVED her! You cannot read this book and keep a straight face when it comes to Glenda!
