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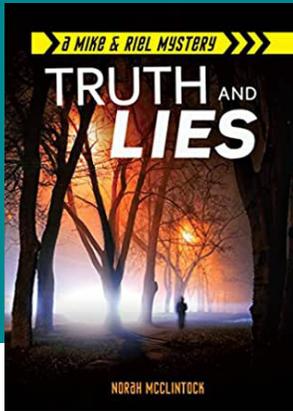
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## Book Review

# Mike & Riel #2: Truth and Lies

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### Rating

Outstanding

### Level

Young Adult

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207

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Robbie Ducharme has been murdered. It's sad, but none of his classmates, including Mike, knew him very well. So, the incident starts to blow over and become forgotten, until suddenly, Mike is the lead suspect in the investigation. He was already struggling to get over a difficult breakup and reconnect with his best friend. Now he can add proving his innocence to the cops to his list of stressful things to do. None of his alibis are airtight, and new information continues to arise, placing the blame on him. Mike's own foster dad doesn't even seem certain of his innocence anymore. Tension rises and Mike's worry increases, until the shocking truth is uncovered from the lies.

This book is delightfully suspenseful. Although it is written in Mike's point of view and it's easy to be on his side, the reader can't even be sure he wasn't involved in the murder. The story also includes interesting subplots that aren't distracting from the main plot, but rather complement it. Mike is having trouble with his friends, he's still not over his ex-girlfriend, and adjusting to life with his foster dad Reid hasn't been as easy as he had hoped. Readers who have read book one in this series will be pleased with the character development in Mike and Reid and appreciate reading about the progress of their relationship. Those who have not read book one will still be able to follow this book and enjoy its thrilling storyline.