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Editorial Review

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The detective work gets very personal in the sixteenth story in the popular series about smart, junior-high sleuth Samantha (“Sammy”) Keyes. Here the setting moves to Las Vegas, where Sammy tracks down her diva mother, who is secretly marrying Sammy’s boyfriend’s dad, who is also the father of Sammy’s worst enemy. Packed with angry spats and surprises, including Sammy’s discovery of her own dad, and set against the wild background of casinos, malls, hotels, and Elvis wannabes, the young teen’s angry, wry account will grab new readers as well as series fans. Grades 5-8. --Hazel Rochman

Review

Praise for the Sammy Keyes series:

“Van Draanen offers such an explosive combination of high-stakes sleuthing, hilarity, and breathlessly paced action that it’s impossible to turn the pages fast enough.” —*Kirkus Reviews*

“There’s no stopping Sammy.”—*Publishers Weekly*

“An intelligent, gutsy, flawed, and utterly likable heroine.”—*Booklist*

“Move over, Nancy Drew—a new sleuth is on the scene.”—*Girls’ Life*

“Think a combination of Carl Hiaasen’s *Flush* and Janet Evanovich’s Stephanie Plum books and you’ll be right on target.” —*School Library Journal*

“A high-quality, high-amp mystery series.” —*The Horn Book*

“This funny, clever series is NOT for kids only. I challenge the most seasoned mystery reader to guess ‘who done it.’” —*Cozies, Capers, and Crimes*

“Sammy Keyes comes armed with attitude.” —*Orlando Sentinel*

“Sammy doesn’t find mysteries to solve—they find her.” —*Arizona Republic*

“Humor, romance and adventure; this story is an absolute blast.” —*Chicago Tribune*

“If you haven’t met Sammy Keyes yet, now is the time.” —*Children’s Literature*

About the Author

WENDELIN VAN DRAANEN was a classroom teacher for many years before becoming a full-time writer. The books in the Sammy Keyes mystery series have been embraced by critics and readers alike, with *Sammy Keyes and the Hotel Thief* receiving the Edgar Allan Poe Award for best children’s mystery. Wendelin is also the author of many award-winning novels, including *Flipped*, *The Running Dream*, *Runaway*, *Confessions of a Serial Kisser*, *Swear to Howdy*, *The Secret Life of Lincoln Jones*, and *Wild Bird*. You can find her online at WendelinVanDraanen.com and [@WendelinVanD](https://www.instagram.com/WendelinVanD), and you can follow Sammy Keyes on Facebook.

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