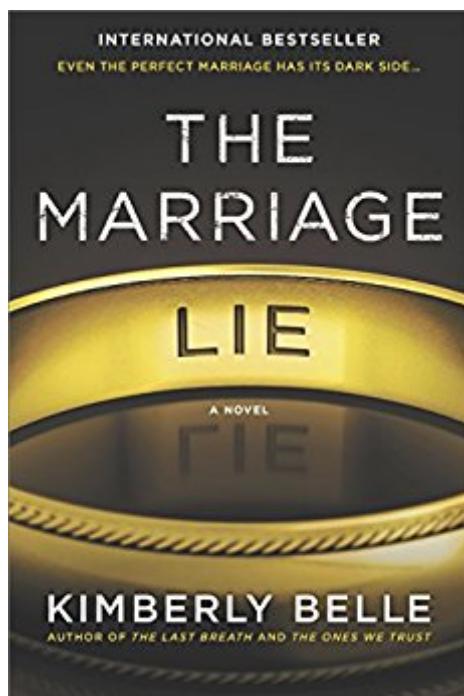


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# The Marriage Lie: A Bestselling Psychological Thriller



## Synopsis

Bestselling author Kimberly Belle is back with a domestic thriller [that] will keep you reading into the wee hours of the night. <sup>• Redbook</sup> "Fans of *Gone Girl* and *The Girl on the Train* will eat up Kimberly Belle's latest novel." <sup>• Bookreporter.com</sup> Everyone has secrets; Iris and Will have been married for seven years, and life is as close to perfect as it can be. But on the morning Will flies out for a business trip to Florida, Iris's happy world comes to an abrupt halt: another plane headed for Seattle has crashed into a field, killing everyone on board and, according to the airline, Will was one of the passengers. Grief stricken and confused, Iris is convinced it all must be a huge misunderstanding. Why did Will lie about where he was going? And what else has he lied about? As Iris sets off on a desperate quest to uncover what her husband was keeping from her, the answers she finds shock her to her very core.

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## Customer Reviews

Iris and Will have a perfect marriage. They are in love. They are each other's favorite person (a phrase they exchange instead of "I love you"). They live in a perfect house (which they can't really

afford) and have perfect jobs. Iris is a beloved psychologist at a private school. Will is a genius computer scientist at an up-and-coming company. To add to the idyllic bliss, they are trying to get pregnant (which is described in abundant detail). Will, about to leave for a three-day conference in Florida, has a special anniversary gift for Iris: a Cartier Infinity Ring, which is WAY more than they can afford. Then, glowing with love, Will departs for his conference and Iris heads to school. The day is interrupted with news of a terrible Seattle-bound airplane crash with no survivors. Iris, while feeling compassion for the victims and their families, is relieved that this can't be Will's Florida-bound plane. Only, according to the airline, Will is among the victims. Which opens a great big can of worms. What would Will be doing on a plane to Seattle? What was he doing? Why had he lied to Iris? What else had he lied about? Things get more and more complicated. Iris is forced to undertake her own investigation to find the truth. Kimberly Belle writes a convincing portrait of grief. Iris' pain is tangible. The storyline is involving, full of deception and surprises, twists and turns. Beyond that, I should point out that I am not the target audience for this book. I don't read cozies. I don't read romantic suspense. If you do, read no further in this review. Enjoy the book. It's full of twists and surprises. If you are like me, you won't be thrilled with this thriller. All of Kimberly Belle's great storyline is smothered in, what was to me, an assaultively overwritten style. Iris doesn't cry. Tears prick her eyes. She doesn't get angry. Rage coils in her belly. She doesn't get frustrated, Helplessness presses down on her hard enough to make her breathless. And while I wouldn't object to these descriptions being liberally sprinkled throughout the book, they crowd the pages. The other descriptions that crowd the pages are descriptions of Iris' and Will's bodies fitting together, their warmth, the frequency of their lovemaking, their smells, their tender moments... I'm gonna need a good serial killer to get the taste out of my mouth.

A tight and page turning story, with twists and turns you won't see coming. I liked the book very much. But wished the ending was better, but upon reflection it could be the best ending for everybody.....

This was a great book. Nothing like I expected. It was a little bit slow in parts but then it right back up again. I started out feeling for one person and by the end it was a flip flop and I was cheering for the so called bad guy. I would definitely recommend it. It was a very good book and I would love to have a part two to read

I was skeptical. This was a new author for me and I really didn't know if I wanted to delve into a new

author at the time. I'm sooo glad I did! This was a really good book. The characters were well formed, the plot was great, I didn't know how it was going to turn out but it turned out believable. Not some mushy "Seriously Y'all" kind of ending! It was just a very well thought out book. Well deserved 5 stars!

I was hooked the minute I started reading this book, there are so many twists and turns and plot changes I never figured it out. The ending completely surprised me and at the same time I can't figure out any other ending. Bitter sweet. A page turner!

One morning, private school psychologist Iris kisses her husband Will goodbye as he leaves for Atlanta's airport bound for a business conference in Orlando. That same day, a jet departing Atlanta crashes with no survivors. Iris feels guilty at her relief that it was not her husband's plane that went down, because the plane in question was en route to Seattle, not Orlando. The relief is replaced by heartbreak, denial and confusion when Iris gets a call from Liberty Airlines that her husband has perished in the accident. His unexplained presence on that flight leads to the step-by-step unraveling of one of the most complicated webs of deceit ever concocted. To comment more on the revelations would contain too many spoilers. Suffice it to say that Kimberly Belle has created a Hitchcockian thriller with twists you could never predict, right up until the last delicious moment. Enjoy!

I couldn't put this book down. The ending floored me. My only complaint is that a set of male/female twins are always fraternal twins, which means it's like any other sibling. That irritated me but otherwise great read.

Wonderfully surprising romantic twists and turns at every phase of true love, lies, blackmail, murder. I don't know if I would have pushed the panic button in her shoes. It never happened to me, therefore, I can't be the judge. I could not put it down. Very entertaining reading. I would recommend it to any woman who likes surprises.

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