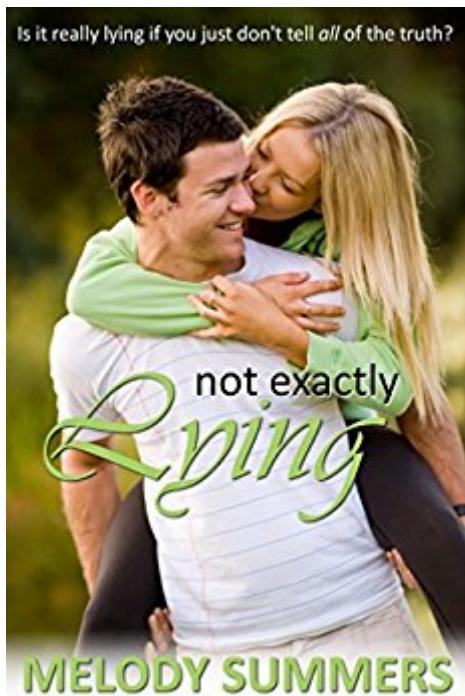


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# Not Exactly Lying



## **Synopsis**

Why couldn't I just have everyday ordinary neuroses like everyone else? Instead I got saddled with Social Anxiety Disorder. When I go across a room, I get so self-conscious thinking that everyone is staring at me and judging me that I forget how to walk. Any time I'm around people I blush and my hands sweat and I start shaking like I've got hypothermia, and on bad days I get full blown panic attacks. I cope in school--barely--by being that girl that nobody notices. Over the last year I've made myself as invisible as the plastic potted plants they stick in the classrooms. But at home I become Valkyrie, the mystery girl who plays online shooter games with the boys from our school. She's everything I'm not, everything I'd be if I could. I started playing when I overheard Quinn talking about it one day. Quinn is our quarterback, the gorgeous guy who has fangirls fawning all over him like puppy dogs after every football game. He's also the one who's trying the hardest to find out who I really am, because he wants me to go out with him. You'd think that would be a dream come true, right? Except he doesn't want me. He wants Valkyrie. And she's not really me at all.

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## **Customer Reviews**

This is SUCH a good book!!! This author does very well giving us a glimpse into anxiety and how it plays into things. I really loved how she showed the main character growing and becoming better while also being pretty realistic. I was really truly think this main character is one of my favorites! Though I did think the thought-process when it came to the part that involves a trick to get her to homecoming was skewed. I honestly don't think most girls think that way-I know my friends and I wouldn't!Totally 5 stars though and I would 150% recommend to everyone! I think I might be getting addicted to this authors books!Next book here I come!

The story line was cute but the pace felt rushed. The main character who has social anxiety went from barely being able to leave the house to making out with a person she doesn't really know. Then by sheer will power changes her clothes, hair and school routine. No medicine or therapy to aid her. I believe the power of a good friend can make you change but this is just unrealistic, I'm worried that someone reading this book would feel bad about themselves or think maybe they're not trying hard enough. It also bothered me when she said she started gaming just to get close to Quinn it makes her sound pathetic. There is a lot of repetitive description and missed spelled or misplaced words. Last it's offensive to blonde people

Not sure what went wrong. It started pretty good but nothing ever really happened. Then it became very predictable.

Great book

It was a cute story with some character progression but the ending was far too rushed and seemed to suddenly cut off.

This book feels like a half-fleshed out novella; at just over 100 pages, there isn't enough time to get to know the characters, or to believe in the chemistry between the leads. Weird analogies are used often, and they feel out of place, like the author was trying too hard. There were also some minor editing mishaps, and a few too many repeats of phrases, like Molly's butterflies, and Quinn's "hungry" gaze. I don't personally suffer from Social Anxiety Disorder, but Molly's actions felt very unrealistic to me. She can't manage social situations because she's always worried people are looking at her, but she can walk right up to her crush, the hottest guy in school, and totally mack on him after minimal conversation? I guess it's a good thing she's "hot", even if she claims she doesn't

believe it. I gave it two stars because I think there's potential here, but in this book at least, it didn't amount to enough.

Molly's anxiety disorder is definitely worrisome. Her inability to trust others and to relax makes for an awesome conflict but isn't Quinn's character just too perfect? The double personalities adds just enough intrigue to maintain our interest in the story. The friendships Molly forms are yet another positive element in the story.

What a great perspective on the life of someone who suffers with social anxiety disorder. It took the support of those around her to help her integrate into normal life activities without completely losing it. In stepping out she found love.

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