

## Synopsis

Rattled by Lisa Harrington is a mystery that you won't regret reading. This book is constantly leaving you on the edge of your seat, you'll always be wanting to know what's next. Strange incidents keep happening with no explanation leaving the main character Lydia trying to solve the secret her peculiar new neighbor is hiding. Sam and Megan the two kids are friendly and kind, they become good friends with Lydia. On the other hand, Mrs. Swicker looks nothing like her children and acts the exact opposite, she has a bad attitude and is uncivil towards Lydia and her sister. Lydia Tanner, the main character senses something is unsettlingly different about Mrs. Swicker, and she intends to find out what it is, with the help of her older sister Jilly.

## Setting and Author

**Setting** - This story takes place in Halifax, Nova Scotia. Most of the story takes place at either Lydia's house or Megan's house. They spend more time at Megan's house because Mrs. Swicker is very overprotective and doesn't allow them to go over to Lydia's house for long periods of time. Mrs. Swicker doesn't let her kids out of sight.



**About the author** - Lisa Harrington lives in Halifax, Nova Scotia, which is also where Rattled takes place. Rattled was Lisa Harrington's first published novel. She is the author of Rattled, Live to Tell, Twisted, The Goodbye Girls, and The Big Dig.



## Characters

**Protagonist** - The main character of Rattled is Lydia Tanner, she starts as a bored teenager anxious to find something to do to fill her terrible summer break, and becomes a curious investigator who will stop at nothing to find the truth. She is persistent and won't give up easily. Unfortunately for Mrs. Swicker, whatever she is hiding Lydia will stop at nothing to reveal.

**Antagonist** - Mrs. Swicker just moved across from Lydia with her two kids Sam and Megan. Mrs. Swicker was so pleasant around Mrs. Tanner. She put on this fake facade which made it even harder for Lydia to convince her mom that Mrs. Swicker wasn't whom she pretended to be.

**Jilly** - Jilly is Lydia's older sister, she is boy crazy and has a very outgoing personality. She has a loud personality and is an accomplice to Lydia's investigating.

**Megan** - Megan is Mrs. Swicker's daughter, she is the same age as Lydia, and they become friends. Megan is open-minded and seems to look past things. She can dismiss the ignorant things Lydia can say.

**Sam** - Sam is Mrs. Swicker's son, he is one-year older than Megan. He plays the violin, Sam does not spend as much time with Lydia as Megan does, so readers don't know as much about him.

### Significant events

Something I find interesting about this book is seeing the characters grow and join together to "fight" a common enemy. Lydia becomes more relentless, which leads the story in so many different directions. Jilly and Lydia work together to uncover what dark secret Mrs. Swicker is hiding, but they are not prepared for the horror they find in her basement. Towards the end the author shows a side in Lydia and Jilly that wasn't a part of the book before. They show more caring attributes towards each other. Jilly and Lydia work together, collect as many clues they can, till the story takes a turn that no one could've saw coming.

### Writing Style

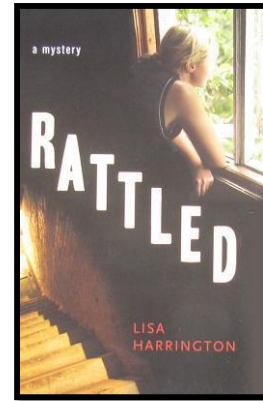
Something I like about the writing style the author has chosen, was that author uses very descriptive words. The author has done a very good job of describing the way Lydia feels making it possible for readers to put themselves in her shoes. As a reader I felt like I was going through everything along side Lydia. I think as far as being a sibling, Lydia and Jilly seem to have a average relationship. Lydia and Jilly often bicker but, in the end, they have each other's back. As the story progresses, it becomes more alluring trapping you into the story making you want to know more. I like how the plot took many turns, it was a long suspenseful journey to the climax. I like that the author took her time to explain every important detail.

### Rattled Brochure

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