We Were Liars by E. Lockhart

We Were Liars is about a girl named Cadence and her family. It mostly centers on her and her three cousins that her family calls the Liars--Johnny, Mirren, and Gat. Almost everyone in her is family rich and pretty, but they are also all very broken. There are many divorces in the family; most adults are alcoholics and teach their children to bottle up their emotions and act like everything is fine so that their grandfather, the one who runs the family and has all the money, will love them the most. However, everything gets shaken up. Things change when Cadence has an accident that leaves her with a type of amnesia, which makes her unable to remember what happened before or after the accident. Throughout the book, she is trying to figure out what happened. There is never a dull moment in this book between the family drama and the drama Cadence faces trying to unravel the parts of her life she cannot remember. It is also a quick read because of the page count and because it is so hard to put down once you start. The characters in this book are also very realistic and exciting. Each character has a very different personality and diverse way of thinking, bringing different perspectives and lots of stimulating conversations. These ideas and intellectual discussions between the characters, especially the Liars, causes the reader to question and think about what they believe. The author wrote the characters so well; it causes the reader to feel something for all of them. Whether negative or positive feelings towards each character, the author makes the reader feel something for all, which I think is a sign of a great author. Overall, it is a beautiful mystery about figuring out the past to move forward with the future.

