

Question and Answer with Rachel Amphlett, author of *The Friend Who Lied*

1. What can you tell us about *The Friend Who Lied*?

Lisa Ashton receives a last-minute reprieve from death two weeks before her birthday. Regaining consciousness, she is horrified to learn one of her friends has been killed – and saved her life.

As she recovers, she uncovers a trail of carefully guarded reputations, disturbing rumours, and lies. Soon, Lisa begins to wonder if one of her friends is hiding a terrible secret.

Because five of them entered the escape room that day, and only four got out alive.

And someone is determined to cover their tracks before she can find out the truth.

2. How did you come up with the idea for *The Friend Who Lied*?

I've always enjoyed locked room mysteries and one day the idea for a murder within an escape room popped into my head – it was the perfect modern scenario for the genre, and I wanted to find out if I could write it. It was a lot of fun to do, and really pushed me as a writer to try and figure out how the murderer did it!