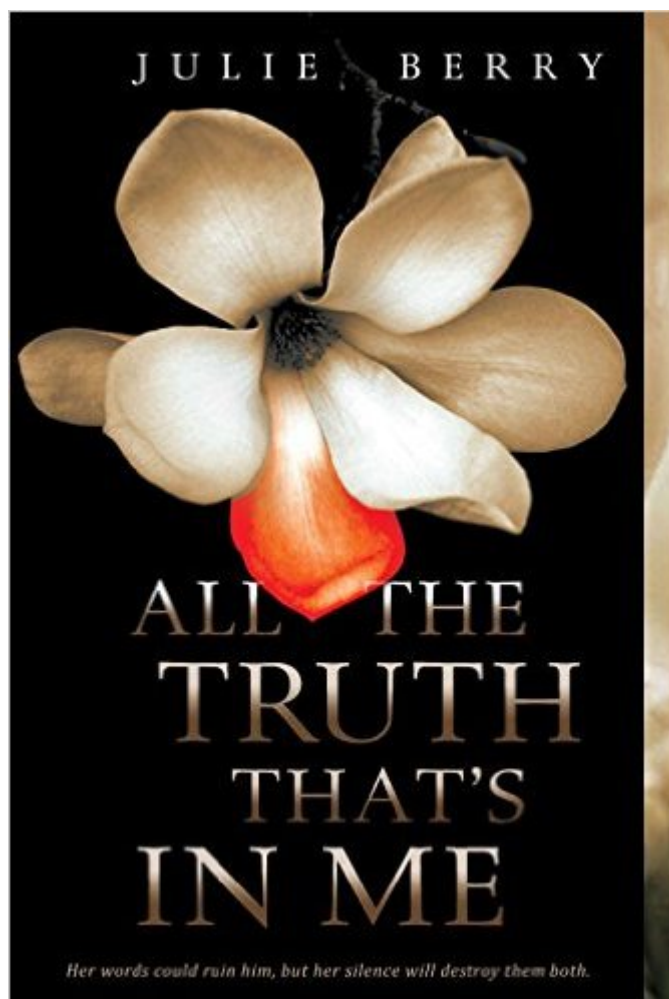


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# All The Truth That's In Me



## Synopsis

Speak meets *The Scarlet Letter* in this literary masterpiece, the recipient of five starred reviews and nominated for the 2014 Edgar Award. Four years ago, Judith and her best friend disappeared from their small town of Roswell Station. Two years ago, only Judith returned, permanently mutilated, reviled and ignored by those who were once her friends and family. Unable to speak, Judith lives like a ghost in her own home, silently pouring out her thoughts to the boy who's owned her heart as long as she can remember--even if he doesn't know it--her childhood friend, Lucas. But when Roswell Station is attacked, long-buried secrets come to light, and Judith is forced to choose: continue to live in silence, or recover her voice, even if it means changing her world, and the lives around her, forever. Shortlisted for the Carnegie Medal, a 2014 Edgar Award nominee for YA, a YALSA Best Fiction for Young Adults Top Ten title, a Junior Library Guild Selection, a School Library Journal Best Book of 2013, a Kirkus Reviews Best Teen Book for 2013, a Horn Book Fanfare 2013 title, and a 2014 TAYSHAS Top Ten Pick.

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## Customer Reviews

Julie Berry's *ALL THE TRUTH THAT'S IN ME* is an unconventional novel written in a series of diary-like musings. The diarist (or "muser") is Judith Finch, who disappeared when she was

fourteen, was gone for two years, and then returned to her family maimed (her abductor cut out part of her tongue before he sent her home). Judith is an outcast when she returns home - her ruthless, icy mother is horrified by her attempts at speech and demands that she remain silent (thus everyone in the community believes she is dumb, and they treat her accordingly). The setting of the story is unclear - the things that happen and the way people speak suggest it takes place in the 17th or 18th century (but it could just as likely be taking place in an alternate universe!). Judith is madly in love with Lucas Whiting, who was her crush before she disappeared. When the novel begins, maimed, mute Judith is eighteen and has been home for two years, and twenty-two-year-old Lucas is engaged to another girl - but Judith is still in love with him. Judith's short introspective musings are often addressed to Lucas (i.e. "I watched your cabin as long as I could before I had to hurry back, lest Mother notice me missing" and "Do you remember me digging worms for you when you were twelve and I was eight?"). It's not easy to describe this novel. It is divided into sections called "Before," "After," and "Now," and the "After" section is divided into four "Books." In Book One, Judith laments her missing years, she secretly mourns Lucas's engagement to Maria, and when war breaks out with the so-called "homelanders" (this is not explained), she channels Joan of Arc and tries to sacrifice herself to help Lucas and the other men who have gone to fight.

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