“The truth is, conscience exists because everyone has something in their past they’re not proud of. And if you’re smart enough to use that to your advantage, you can stay one step ahead of the consequences. Any good con man with the right kind of rope can hang an entire mob.”

Julep Dupree tells lies. Lots of them. This book has it all: homework and hit men, prom drama and silencers. Set in Chicago, the main character, Julep embarks on a complex investigation on her father’s disappearance, leading her this way and that until she gets the answers she is searching for, and the ones she wasn’t even looking to find. Julep isn’t just another high schooler beset by the usual drama of boys and academia. Though that is part of her life, it is hardly the center. A story revolving around a thrilling mystery with a complicated love triangle which has you rooting for them both. It pulls at the heart strings and gets your emotions running wild as you get pulled more and more into the book. With a twist at the end that you shouldn’t see coming it ticks all the boxes. Julep’s investigations and quick escapes keep the high-stakes story entertaining and readers guessing. You get to know a select few of the characters on a deep and personal level through the spy like eyes of Julep herself. Your perspective through Julep in the first person makes you feel a part of the book. The way the book is written makes it easy to relate to one of the many characters that you are introduced to throughout the novel, whether it’s Julep, a close friend of hers or someone just passing through. It draws you into the story and attaches you to the plot.

If you like to read books about danger and adventure, about sneaky suspicions and illegal actions, this is definitely the book for you. Even if you’re a person who tends to stick to the tacky teen fiction and romance novels, this book fits your criteria. It creatively merges action into a novel for teenagers. It is definitely a book you can’t put down. It ticks boxes all around. It is certainly an adventurous and captivating story and a rollercoaster emotionally. While the novel exploits illegal actions and things you probably shouldn’t partake in, it also brings attention to morals and lines you shouldn’t ever cross, lines you set for yourself. The story line is so out there and ridiculous yet Summer writes it so as to make you believe it is all real, that this could actually be happening.