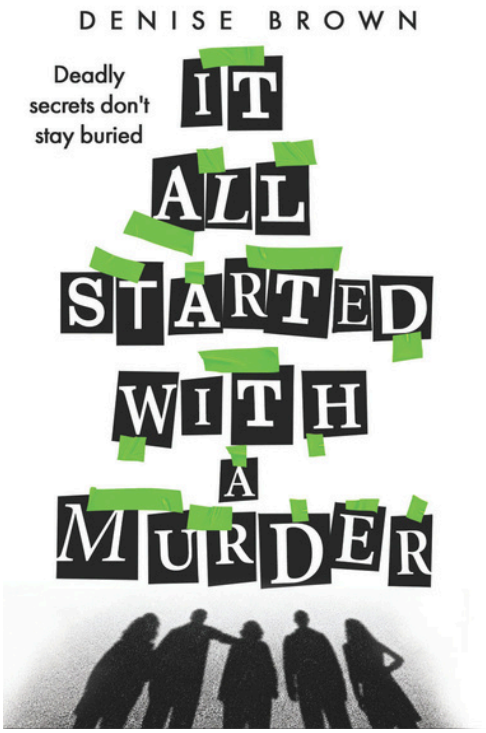
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# IT ALL STARTED WITH A MURDER

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**Acclaimed YA mystery writer Denise Brown is back with a sequel to the bestselling It All Started With A Lie...**

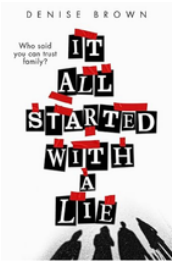
Thirteen years ago, Danny's adoptive dad disappeared.
Everyone said he walked away.
They were wrong.

When human remains are discovered buried beneath a nearby housing estate, Danny is forced to face the truth — his dad didn't leave. He was murdered.
But this isn't just a cold case.

As Danny and his friend begin to investigate, they realise this crime is far closer to home than they ever imagined.
Secrets begin to surface.
Trust starts to fracture.
And someone out there is watching ... determined to keep the past buried.
Because if the killer got away with it once - what's to stop them from doing it again?

**Key Sales Info:**

*Sequel to the bestselling, shortlisted (Spark! Book Award 2025 & Best Crime YA - CrimeFest 2025) It All Started With A Lie.
*Works as a standalone - Murder Mystery 'Whodunnit'.
*Denise Brown is also the author of We Know What You Did, No One Keeps A Secret.






Denise Brown is a writer, housekeeper, and single parent of five children.
Her debut novella DEVIL ON YOUR BACK was published by Salt in 2014, and her short stories have featured in various online publications. In 2019 she was longlisted for the Bath Novel Award. I AM WINTER was longlisted for The Diverse Book Awards 2022 and has been revised and changed to WE KNOW WHAT YOU DID - released in 2024. IT ALL STARTED WITH A LIE was released 2024 and shortlisted for the Spark! Book Award 2025 and Best Crime YA - CrimeFest 2025. Denise's third book NO ONE KEEPS A SECRET is out now.
Born in East London, Denise has now settled in Scotland where she feels certain she must have lived in a previous life. She loves dogs and snow globes and has a teensy obsession with Jack Skellington. Denise has wanted to write since her Dad read The Song of Hiawatha to her at the grand old age of four.