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Dear Readers,

Since I was a little kid, books have been my escape. When the real world felt too complicated, or depressing, or simply boring, I could always immerse myself in a good story. And with the help of my local library, I was able to do this frequently. To me, the library has always been a magical place where I can find thousands of worlds to explore and characters to get to know.

My love of the library makes me feel especially honored to have my debut novel, *The Hundred Lies of Lizzie Lovett*, chosen as OverDrive's next Big Library Read. What a wonderful way to connect readers—not just from a certain area, but from all over the world!

The protagonist of *The Hundred Lies of Lizzie Lovett* is no stranger to reading; she knows all about using books as an escape. Seventeen-year-old misfit Hawthorn Creely is dissatisfied with the real world. She'd rather lose herself in fiction, where everything is bigger, better, and more magical. But when Hawthorn applies this mindset to the disappearance of her former classmate, Lizzie Lovett, life goes awry.

I hope all of you enjoy escaping into Hawthorn's world for a while. Though, unlike her, I hope you recognize that there's a line between fiction and reality, and that it's up to us to figure out where one begins and the other ends.

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Happy reading!

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