

Booktalk!

She's the Liar! Script

For this Book Talk you will need

- 2 actors (Abby, Sydney)
- **Abby:** pink plaid skirt, white blouse, pink suit jacket, pink socks, dress shoes, pink backpack
- **Sydney:** blue plaid skirt, white blouse, blue suit jacket, tall black lace-up boots
- **Additional props:** copy of *She's the Liar*

(scene opens with 2 girls at centre stage, turned sideways toward the audience, and standing back-to-back)

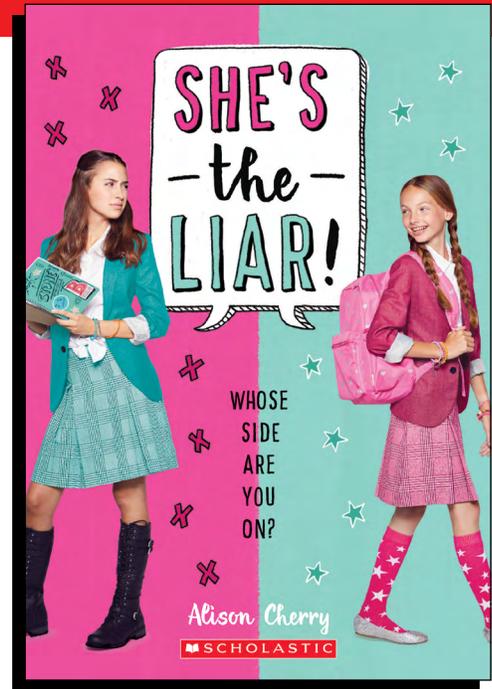
Abby: *(confidently)* Hi. I'm Abby, and I'm so excited to start my brand-new life, here at Brookside Academy. *(continuing excitedly)* What am I looking forward to the most? Trying out for the school play!

Sydney: *(arms crossed, sounding incredulous)* MY sister? Trying out for THE PLAY?! *(pausing)* The SAME sister who cried her way off the stage during her third-grade talent show, and was mocked constantly for years afterwards? *(shaking her head)* This is a REALLY bad idea!

Abby: *(continuing brightly)* And there's this... "Committee"? *(explaining)* You have to go to them if you need something repaired in your room, or need money for your club – that sort of stuff. They have these Petition Days twice a week. That's when you ask for whatever it is you want, and the Committee votes on it. The blinds in our room fell down so I promised my roommate I'd go ask for new ones.

Sydney: *(staring at Abby with shock on her face, then gesturing towards her and addressing the audience)* THIS from the girl who has always sat alone at lunch, her nose buried in a book so no one would talk to her? The person who tried to find those safe, quiet places where she could work on her own and never speak to anyone?!

Abby: *(thinking for a moment then speaking excitedly)* My sister, Sydney, mentioned there are two spots available on the Committee, and the elections are coming up in a few weeks. Maybe I'll give it a try! *(smiling proudly)*



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- Sydney:** *(looking shocked)* She's going to put together a campaign and run for a position on the Committee?! *(laughingly)* Abby used to cry all through dinner every time she was assigned an oral report. And she thinks she can run for a sixth-grade representative for the Committee...where she'll have to debate in front of THE WHOLE SCHOOL?
- Abby:** *(excitedly)* I can't wait to show everyone the REAL Abby!
- Sydney:** *(sounding determined)* I can't let everyone see the REAL Abby!
- Abby & Sydney:** *(in unison)* How will our story unfold?
- Sydney:** *(holding up a copy of She's the Liar!)* Come to your Scholastic Book Fair...
- Abby:** ...and read the REAL story.