

Review of *Almost Identical* By Lin Oliver
By Amy, 7th Grade

Rating: 5 stars

Almost Identical is a book about identical twin girls, Samantha (Sammie) and Charlotte (Charlie) Diamond. Most people assume that twins do and act exactly alike, but Sammie and Charlie tend to disagree.

Sammie and Charlie are identical twins. Everyone including the twins themselves think that they are alike. Which the twins are, but not so alike as they thought. Sammie and Charlie have been best friends since birth. Sammie and Charlie have been doing everything together such as playing tennis. But after moving to Santa Monica the girls have been slowly drifting apart. After meeting new people at a party, Charlie joins a group called the SF2 and Sammie is left alone. After her first day of school, Sammie decides that she wants to join a group called the Truth Tellers, but the only thing in Sammie's way is her sister. Sammie is worried to tell her sister, so for the first few meetings Sammie has had to come up with excuses. During a party that the Diamonds hosted Charlie asked her grandmother, GoGo if she could get more drinks. GoGo was on her way to get the drinks when she got in an accident. During most of GoGo's time at the hospital, the girls have been distant friends, but because GoGo is in the hospital, the girls have to work together when GoGo is not there. Eventually, Sammie tells Charlie about Truth Tellers. One meeting, Sammie's teacher Ms. Carew, schedules a performance the day of an important tennis match. Sammie has to decide which she will go to. You will have to read the book to find out which one Sammie chooses.

I decided to read this book because of the description on the book flap. After I read the description I thought the book would be interesting. I responded most to the characters, such as Sammie and Charlie Diamond. I thought that both girls have bits of personalities of people that I know. I wasn't surprised that I liked this book because after reading the first page I didn't want to put the book down. I can relate to Sammie's decision. Sometimes, I had to decide whether I wanted to go with my family or my friends. I would recommend this book for ages 10+. This was one of my favorite books because I had a smile during the whole book.