

Booktalk!

P.S. I Like You Script

For this Book Talk you will need

- 2 actors (Lily, Cade)
- Lily: skirt, top, running shoes, box with bracelet in it
- Cade: jeans, t-shirt
- Additional props: bell (to simulate doorbell), table, stool

Lily: *(ringing bell & standing outside imaginary door)*

Cade: *(crossing stage to answer imaginary door)*
Hey.

Lily: *(looking down in embarrassment)* Hi.

Cade: *(stepping back and motioning Lily in)* Come in. *(Lily following Cade over to stool)*

Lily: *(handing box to Cade)* This is from my mom.

Cade: What for? *(opening box and pulling out bracelet)* Ah! The man bracelet. *(pausing momentarily)* I thought you said I was just her model.

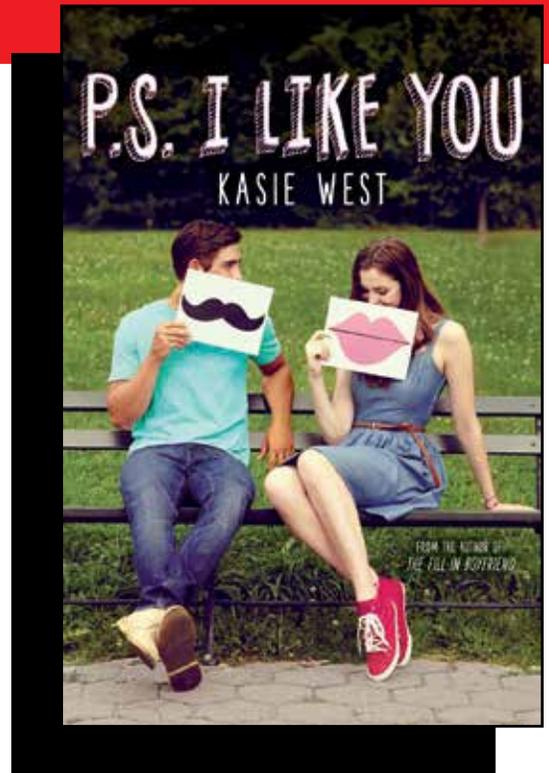
Lily: *(awkwardly)* Well, you were...until I was rude to you at Thanksgiving dinner. This is a 'my daughter was rude to you' gift.

Cade: *(jokingly)* If that's the case, she owes me about five hundred more.

Lily: *(smiling sarcastically)* Funny. Anyway, you don't have to wear it. You can give it to your mom or something.

Cade: *(gasping mockingly)* This is a man bracelet, Lily. My mom is not a man. I will wear this. And when I wear it, it will remind me that you apologized for being mean to me.

Lily: I did not apologize.



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- Cade:** *(raising one eyebrow)* So your mom is apologizing for you being mean to me?
- Lily:** *(laughingly)* Yes.
- Cade:** But not you?
- Lily:** Fine. Me, too. *(backing up towards 'door')* I'll see you later.
- Cade:** Wait. You have to show me how to use it.
- Lily:** *(quizzically)* Use it?
- Cade:** How to put it on. *(handing box to Lily)*
- Lily:** *(taking bracelet from Cade)* So anyway, it's just a basic clasp. You open it here *(opening latch)* and attach it to the ring *(closing bracelet)*.
- Cade:** Sure – you did that with two hands. How am I supposed to do that with one hand?
- Lily:** *(somewhat impatiently)* I don't know. Use the table to hold it steady. *(handing Cade bracelet)*
- Cade:** Can I ask you a question?
- Lily:** Yes.
- Cade:** Why do we fight so much?
- Lily:** *(opening and closing her mouth in surprise)* We don't. I mean... I just... our history isn't so great.
- Cade:** I never understood why.
- Lily:** You gave me an awful nickname in the middle of a class I was already humiliated in.
- Cade:** I thought I was helping. I made a joke about the situation because I thought it would help if people laughed with you instead of at you.
- Lily:** *(indignantly)* Well it didn't work.
- Cade:** I guess I can see that. So that's it? I made up a nickname and got an enemy for life?
- Lily:** *(angrily)* You do it to everyone! You mock them and treat them badly. You treated Isabel horribly, too.

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- Cade:** I treated Isabel horribly? ME? What about how YOU treated her?
- Lily:** *(scowling)* Me? What did I do? She was my best friend. She's still my best friend.
- Cade:** You were a huge flake. She'd call to set things up with you and you'd cancel last minute. I had to watch her be disappointed all the time... And then you'd snap at me like I was the one leaving her alone in the middle of a restaurant.
- Lily:** *(glaring at Cade)* No, you were the one leaving her alone even when you were standing right next to her. You were so checked out. You'd be on your phone or ignoring her in some other way.
- Cade:** *(awkwardly)* I was in the middle of...things at that time.
- Lily:** *(angrily)* THINGS? You never even told her what things, did you? You never told her anything about yourself. You don't tell anything to anyone except –
- Cade:** Except what?
- Lily:** Never mind. *(snapping)* Enjoy your apology man bracelet. *(storming offstage)*
- Cade:** *(looking after Lily then sitting down on stool)* What just happened here? *(shaking his head)* I don't get it. But you will if you read this *(picking up copy of P.S. I Like You from table)* – it's at your Scholastic Book Fair.