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## Description :

Prsentation de l'diteurFast-paced, irreverent, and very funny,The Spellman Filesis likeHarriet the Spyfor grown-upsCurtis Sittenfeld, author ofEligible and American Wife They're baaaack ... Re-meet the Spellmans, a family in which eavesdropping is a mandatory skill, locks are meant to be picked, and blackmail is the preferred form of negotiation - all in the name of unconditional love. When Izzy Spellman,

PI, is arrested for the fourth time in three months, she writes it off as an occupational hazard. She's been (obsessively) keeping surveillance on her new next-door neighbour (suspect's name: John Brown), convinced he's up to no good - even if Spellman Investigations management (ie:her parents) are not. When the (displeased) management refuse to bail Izzy out, it is Morty, Izzy's octogenarian lawyer, who comes to her rescue. But before he can build a defence, he has to know the facts. Over weak coffee and pastrami sandwiches, Izzy unveils the whole truth and nothing but the truth - as only she, a licensed 30-year-old professional, can. Hilarious. My enjoyment of The Spellman Files was only slightly undercut by my irritation that I hadn't written it myself. The funniest book I've read in years!

Lauren Weisberger, author of The Devil Wears Prada  
The Spellman Files is hilarious, outrageous, and hip. Izzy Spellman, P.I., is a total original, with a voice so fresh and real, you want more, more, more. At long last, we know what Nancy Drew would have been like had she come from a family of lovable crackpots. Lisa Lutz has created a delicious comedy with skill and truth. I loved it!

Adriana Trigiani, author of Lucia, Lucia and Big Stone Gap .com  
Lisa Lutz, author of The Spellman Files, is back with another story of the shenanigans of the Spellman family: The Curse of the Spellmans. The "parental unit" started a private investigation business when Dad retired from police work. His wife assists him and their two daughters, Isabel, (Izzy) a 30-year-old with a habit of being arrested, and Rae, a 15-year-old Cheetos-loving teen, would like to think that they help out in the family business. Especially where Izzy is concerned, this is a stretch. Brother David is a successful attorney who has nothing to do with the family enterprise. He has troubles of his own. Izzy has been living in the apartment of a friend while he is away. When he returns unexpectedly, it quickly becomes clear that being roommates with an old, cigar-smoking, poker-playing, big drinker isn't going to work. Izzy moves home temporarily and then the fun begins. She decides that their new next door neighbor, John Brown, whose landscape gardening business she judges to be a cover, is somehow making women disappear. She gets herself invited to dinner, discovers a locked room, believes his name is phony, follows him everywhere, has a restraining order against her, and still she can't let it go. Meanwhile, Rae has befriended a great guy, a cop named Henry Stone, who is almost too good to be true. The reader starts pulling for him and Izzy to get together right away, even though he doesn't deserve the aggravation. Lutz keeps the ball rolling faster and faster with David's problems, her parents' frequent vacations, which they refer to as "disappearances," and the fact that everyone in the family has secrets from one another. If there is any curse at work here, it is that all the family members are terminally nosy. What they discover about each other and the other players keeps you turning pages and hoping that Lutz is hard at work on the next installment of this zany family's misadventures. --Valerie Ryan

Extrait  
Curse of the Spellmans IN THE MIDDLE... Friday, April 21 1900 hrs  
Hello? Hi, Mom. Who is this? Isabel, and dont ask me again. Who? Mom, its really not funny when you do it. Seriously, who is this? I dont have time for your games right now. Neither do I, said Mom, finally dropping the amnesia act. Ill call you in a few days. Dont hang up!!! I shouted into the receiver. Isabel, calm down. Just dont hang up. Why not? Because... I only get one phone call.