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Robert Hunt, 6, puts all his might into his swing at the 3rd Line Driving Range and Alissa Adams, 18, enjoys the sunshine while taking a few shots. With the warm weather, duffers of all ages have been hitting local driving ranges and links.

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## Do you want to know a secret? I've got one

Got a secret?

I bet you do. We all have our little secrets, something we don't want anybody else to know.

I'm going to tell you my darkest secret, never before revealed. I've told no one, ever, and have not even been tempted. I didn't want anyone to know my shame. Until now.

It happened a fairly long time ago. In fact, I was six years old. I was at my friend Joanne Dobney's house, two doors down from me. We were playing in her bedroom, and her mother called her for some reason, so she left the room. While I waited, I looked around and came across this magnificent pair of maracas.

I held them up and shook them, which is what you're supposed to do, but for some reason I figured this was a musical instrument you bang together. Why else would you have two of them? So, that's what I did. And they broke — smashed the first time I hit them together.

With little time to think in my panic, I cleaned up the mess quickly and then hid the maracas and their remnants under the bed, finishing the dirty deed just before my friend got back.

"Well, I guess I better be going now," I



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said, and away I went, dooming myself to a lifetime of guilt.

Well, no more. The truth shall set me free.

I feel a lot better now, thank you. That was a tough secret to keep, because it was like saying, "Look at how stupid I am."

Other people's secrets are easier to reveal. In fact, they're almost too irresistible to keep. People are dying to tell someone else's secret.

What they'll do is ask you, "Do you want to know a secret?"

Of course, who doesn't love secrets. Secrets are the best. This is information that you can't normally have, so you want it.

You will promise anything in order to get that secret. Most of the time that involves promising not to tell anybody. You do this with good intentions, but as soon as you find out, you are itching to tell somebody else, which you will do after making them promise not to tell anybody else.

Once, and I swear this is true, somebody told me they had a secret, but they could only tell me if I would swear not to tell anybody else. Of course I wouldn't tell anybody. I swore on it to make it official. It turned out that the secret was something I had already told somebody else. It had come all the way back to me.

I think I'm better than your average gossip mongerer at keeping secrets. Part of the reason is that I know they always get out and part of the reason is I want to be trusted so I will learn more secrets. I crave secrets. I must have them.

You can tell me your secrets. I'll keep them. I swear. Now, you're going to have to keep my secret. If you know Joanne Dobney, or her whereabouts, don't tell her that I was the one who broke the maracas.

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