

Have you ever thrown a rock into a pond of still water and watched the ripples get bigger and bigger? In the book, Nothing But the Truth by Avi, the main character, Philip Malloy, tells small lies to get himself out of trouble with his parents. Unfortunately, his one lie morphs into national news! The main theme in this story is that little lies can turn into big problems.

Philip's first little lie that causes big problems is about track. In one example, he tells his dad, "I, ah...was thinking I wouldn't try out" (35). Philip thinks this is a harmless lie that no one will be upset about, but it starts a fight between his parents. This small lie about track starts getting bigger when his dad says to his mom, "