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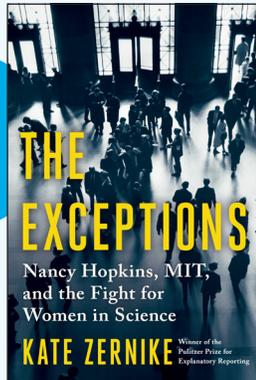
#### *The Exceptions*

Nancy Hopkins, MIT, and the Fight for Women in Science

By Kate Zernike

Centered around brilliant scientist Dr. Nancy Hopkins, *The Exceptions* follows her academic and professional journey, from a whip-smart, precocious schoolgirl in the 1950s through a long and successful career into the 1990s. Dr. Hopkins and her handful of female peers at MIT believed that the scientific field was a meritocracy, regardless of gender, but over time could no longer ignore both the blatant and insidious discriminatory acts against them. These realizations culminated in the organizing and fighting for recognition of the wrongs conducted against them and how MIT could right them. Like a good scientific experiment, *The Exceptions* is thorough, engrossing, and important.

For fans of *The Code Breaker* and *The Radium Girls*



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History, Women, Science & Technology



### Michelle's Pick



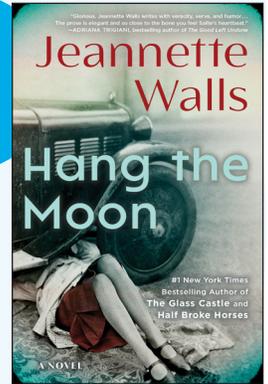
#### *Hang the Moon*

A Novel

By Jeannette Walls

What I love about Jeannette Walls's writing is that it's predictable in the best possible way—not in terms of the plotline, but that you know you are going to get a good story. A story filled with characters who, despite moments of excruciating heartbreak, keep fighting for the sake of their family. Master storyteller Walls has done it again with *Hang the Moon*, a novel about gritty Sally Kincaid's struggle to both overcome and honor her past while building a future for herself and those she loves in a small Virginia town during prohibition.

For fans of *The Four Winds* and *The Glass Castle*



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Literary, Historical



### Julia's Pick



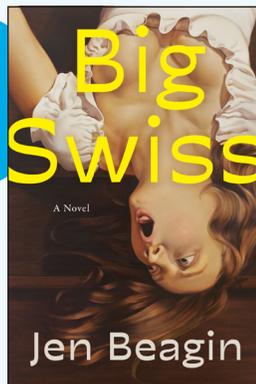
#### *Big Swiss*

A Novel

By Jen Beagin

Within the crumbling walls of an ancient Dutch farmhouse, Greta transcribes sessions for the only sex therapist in Hudson, New York. The few people she knows in town she knows only by voice, and she recognizes her favorite one day at the dog park. The voice belongs to a captivatingly stoic woman who unknowingly enchants Greta through her sex therapy sessions. Their accidental encounter ignites an obsessive affair that Jen Beagin punctuates with her one-of-a-kind dark comedy and outlandish dialogue. The wackiness of Amy Sedaris and the sexiness of Sally Rooney. Now, light a match and set it all on fire. That's *Big Swiss*.

For fans of *Mostly Dead Things* and *My Year of Rest and Relaxation*



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Literary, Humorous, Women



### Nicole's Pick



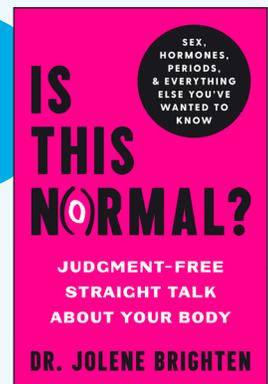
#### *Is This Normal?*

Judgment-Free Straight Talk About Your Body

By Dr. Jolene Brighten

If you find yourself turning to *WebMD* to try to diagnose your "lady problems," then boy, do I have the book for you! Dr. Jolene Brighten is here to answer questions about your body for every time you have asked yourself, "Is this normal?" A naturopathic physician and leader in women's health, Dr. Brighten turns what could be very complex and dense scientific information into very accessible and fascinating bite-sized pieces. With only eighteen states requiring medically accurate sexual education, I believe everyone, both men and women, can benefit from reading this book. Readers can integrate what you learned into your daily life to improve and maintain your health. I have been recommending this to everyone since I read it, and don't plan on stopping.

For fans of *Come As You Are* and *In the FLO*



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Health & Fitness, Women's Health, Sexuality



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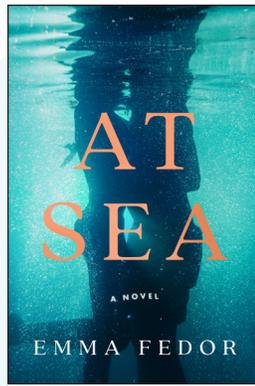
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## At Sea

By Emma Fedor

What happens when the man you love most in the world—who may be lying about everything—unexpectedly disappears and takes your small child with him? Emma Fedor's riveting and powerful debut explores the fierceness of first love and how far one woman will go to learn the painful truth about her family.

For fans of *Malibu Rising* and *Reminders of Him*



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Family Life, Romance, Suspense



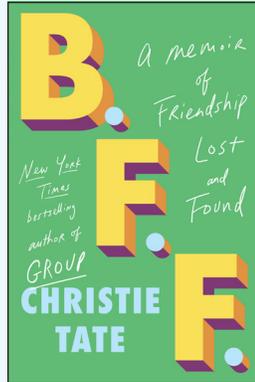
## B.F.F.

A Memoir of Friendship Lost and Found

By Christie Tate

From the author of *Group*, a *New York Times* bestseller, comes a moving, heartwarming, and powerful memoir about Christie Tate's lifelong struggle to sustain female friendship, and the friend who helps her find the connection she seeks. Poignant and emotionally satisfying, *B.F.F.* explores what happens when we finally break the habits that impair our ability to connect with others, and the ways that one life—however messy and imperfect—can change another.

For fans of *Big Friendship* and *Group*



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Memoir, Friendship, Women



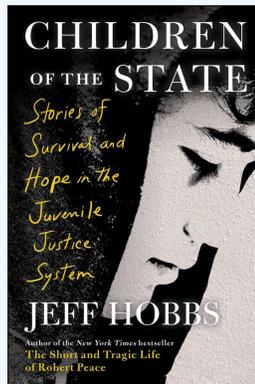
## Children of the State

Stories of Survival and Hope in the Juvenile Justice System

By Jeff Hobbs

From the author of *The Short and Tragic Life of Robert Peace* comes a groundbreaking look at the school-to-prison pipeline and life in the juvenile "justice" system. Writing with great heart and sensitivity, Hobbs presents three different true stories that show the day-to-day life and the challenges faced by those living and working in juvenile programs: educators, counselors, and children. Through these stories, Hobbs creates intimate portraits of these individuals as they struggle to make good decisions amidst the challenges of overcoming their pasts, and also asks: *What should society do with young people who have made terrible mistakes?*

For fans of *Invisible Child* and *The Other Wes Moore*



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Law, Juvenile Offenders, Social Science



## The Curator

A Novel

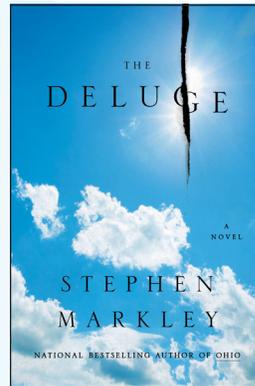
By Owen King

From *New York Times* bestselling author Owen King comes a Dickensian fantasy of illusion and charm where cats are revered as religious figures, thieves are noble, scholars are revolutionaries, and conjurers are the most wonderful criminals you can imagine. Former servant Dora tries to uncover the truth behind her brother's death, and in the process uncovers a monstrous conspiracy which brings her to the edge of worlds.

For fans of *Things in Jars* and *A Deadly Education*



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Scribner, March 2023  
Magical Realism, Fantasy, Historical



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Simon & Schuster, January 2023  
Dystopian, Literary



## The Deluge

A Novel

By Stephen Markley

From the bestselling author of *Ohio*, a masterful American epic charting a near future approaching collapse and a nascent but strengthening solidarity. When scientist Tony Pietrus receives a death threat, his fate will soon become bound by a group of strangers, who summon courage, galvanize a nation, fall to their own fear, and find wild hope in the face of staggering odds. As their stories hurtle toward a spectacular climax, each faces a reckoning: what will they sacrifice to salvage humanity's last chance at a future?

For fans of *City on Fire* and *The Overstory*

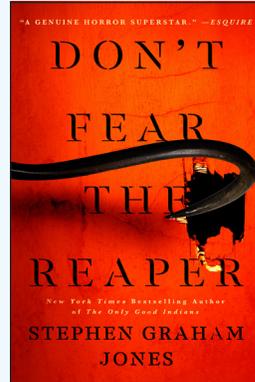
## Don't Fear the Reaper

Book #3 of *The Indian Lake Trilogy*

By Stephen Graham Jones

December 12th, 2019: Jade returns to the rural lake town of Proofrock the same day as convicted Indigenous serial killer Dark Mill South escapes into town to complete his revenge killings, in this riveting sequel to *My Heart Is a Chainsaw* from *New York Times* bestselling author, Stephen Graham Jones.

For fans of *Mexican Gothic* and *The Southern Book Club's Guide to Slaying Vampires*



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Thrillers, Suspense, Horror



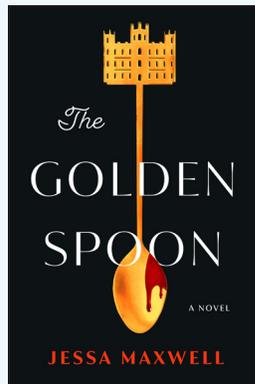
## The Golden Spoon

A Novel

By Jessa Maxwell

Every summer for the past ten years, six awe-struck bakers have descended on the grounds of Grafton, the leafy and imposing Vermont estate that is not only the filming site for "Bake Week" but also the childhood home of the show's famous host, celebrated baker Betsy Martin. Hailed as "America's Grandmother," Betsy Martin isn't as warm as she seems, though no one needs to know that but her. But this year something is off. As the baking competition commences, things begin to go awry. At first, it's merely sabotage, but when a body is discovered, everyone is a suspect.

For fans of *One by One* and *The Maid*



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Mystery, Thriller



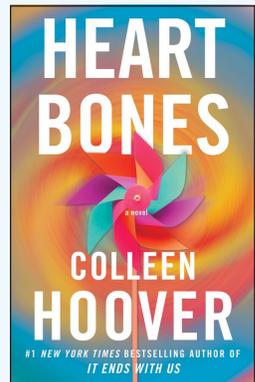
## Heart Bones

A Novel

By Colleen Hoover

After a childhood filled with poverty and neglect, Beyah Grim finally has her hard-earned ticket out of Kentucky with a full ride to Penn State. But two months before she's finally free to change her life for the better, an unexpected death leaves her forced to spend the remainder of her summer in Texas with a father she barely knows. Beyah has no time or patience for Samson, the wealthy, brooding guy next door. Yet, the connection between them is too intense to ignore. But with their upcoming futures sending them to opposite ends of the country, the two decide to maintain only a casual summer fling. But can they keep it casual?

For fans of *November 9* and *It Starts with Us*



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Romance, New Adult

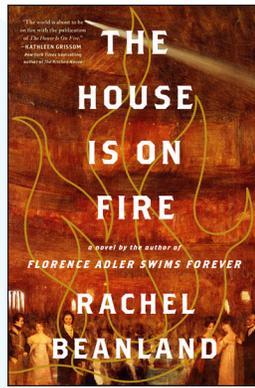
## The House Is on Fire

A Novel

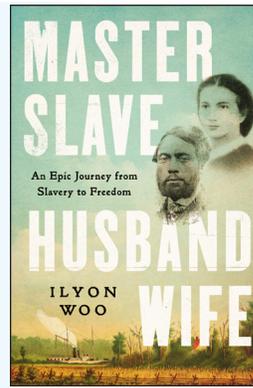
By Rachel Beanland

The author of *Florence Adler Swims Forever* returns with a masterful work of historical fiction about an incendiary tragedy that shocked a young nation and tore apart a community in a single night—told from the perspectives of four people whose paths will become forever intertwined. Based on the true story of Richmond's theater fire, *The House Is on Fire* offers proof that sometimes, in the midst of great tragedy, we are offered our most precious—and fleeting—chances at redemption.

For fans of *This Tender Land* and *Yellow Wife*



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Psychological, Historical



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Simon & Schuster, January 2023  
Historical, Civil War Period



## Master Slave Husband Wife

An Epic Journey from Slavery to Freedom

By Ilyon Woo

The remarkable true story of Ellen and William Craft, who escaped slavery through daring, determination, and disguise, with Ellen passing as a wealthy, disabled White man and William posing as “his” slave. With three epic journeys compressed into one monumental bid for freedom, *Master Slave Husband Wife* is an American love story—one that would challenge the nation's core precepts of life, liberty, and justice for all—one that challenges us even now.

For fans of *Twelve Years a Slave* and *Stolen*

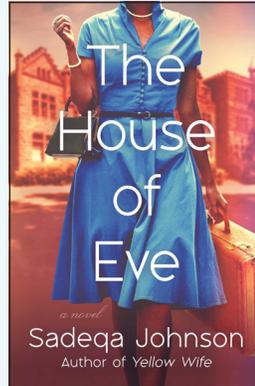
## The House of Eve

A Novel

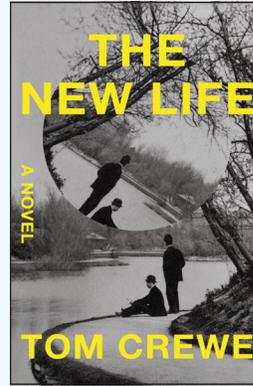
By Sadeqa Johnson

From the award-winning author of *Yellow Wife*, a daring, beautiful, and redemptive novel. 1950s Philadelphia: fifteen-year-old Ruby Pearsall is on track to becoming the first in her family to attend college, but a taboo love affair threatens that future. Newlywed Eleanor finds it difficult to fit into her husband William's elite wealthy Black family and hopes that a baby will make her feel more accepted. When Ruby and Eleanor's stories collide unexpectedly, they'll both make decisions that shape the trajectory of their lives.

For fans of *The Mothers* and *Libertie*



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Historical, Women, African American & Black



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Fiction, Historical, LGBTQ+



## The New Life

A Novel

By Tom Crewe

A brilliant and captivating debut about two marriages, two forbidden love affairs, and the passionate search for social and sexual freedom in late 19th-century London. In the summer of 1894, John Addington and Henry Ellis begin writing a book arguing that what they call “inversion,” or homosexuality, is a natural, harmless variation of human sexuality. Shortly before the book is to be published, Oscar Wilde is arrested. John and Henry must decide whether to go on, risking social ostracism and imprisonment, or to give up the project for their own safety and the safety of the people they love.

For fans of *The Magician* and *To Paradise*

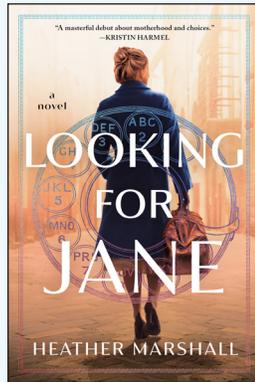
## Looking for Jane

A Novel

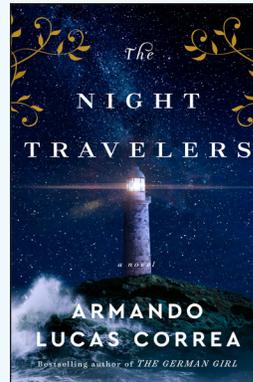
By Heather Marshall

This “powerful debut” (*Hello! Canada*) and #1 international bestseller for fans of Kristin Hannah and Jennifer Chiaverini follows three women across three different points in time whose lives are bound together by a long-lost letter, a mother's love, and a secret network of women fighting for the right to choose—inspired by true stories.

For fans of *The Lions of Fifth Avenue* and *The Rose Code*



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Historical, Women



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Historical, Women



## The Night Travelers

A Novel

By Armando Lucas Correa

Separated by time but united by sacrifice, four women embark on journeys of self-discovery, experiencing love, loss, war, and hope from the rise of Nazism to the Cuban Revolution and finally, the fall of the Berlin Wall in this sweeping novel from the bestselling author of the “timely must-read” (*People*) *The German Girl*. After encouraging her mother Nadine to uncover the truth about the choices her mother and grandmother made to ensure the survival of their children, it will fall to Luna to come to terms with a shocking betrayal that changes everything she thought she knew.

For fans of *The Tattooist of Auschwitz* and *We Were the Lucky Ones*

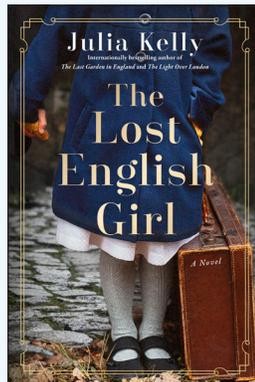
## The Lost English Girl

A Novel

By Julia Kelly

The acclaimed author of the “sweeping and beautifully written novel” (*Woman's World*) *The Light Over London* weaves an epic saga of love, motherhood, and betrayal set against World War II. Telling the harrowing story of England's many evacuated children, bestselling author Julia Kelly's *The Lost English Girl* explores how one simple choice can change the course of a life, and what we are willing to forgive to find a way back to the ones we love and thought lost.

For fans of *Surviving Savannah* and *The Paris Apartment*



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Family Life, Historical Fiction, Women



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Thrillers, Suspense, Women



## The Only Survivors

A Novel

By Megan Miranda

From the *New York Times* bestselling author of *All the Missing Girls* and “master of suspense,” Megan Miranda’s (*Mary Kubica*, *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Good Girl*), a thrilling mystery about a group of former classmates who reunite to mark the tenth anniversary of a tragic accident—only to have one of the survivors disappear, casting fear and suspicion on the other survivors.

For fans of *The Last to Vanish* and *Shiver*

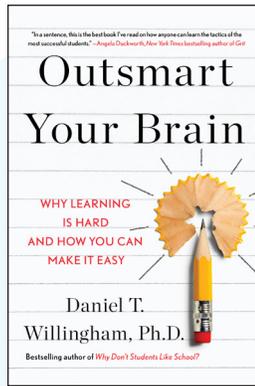
## Outsmart Your Brain

Why Learning Is Hard and How You Can Make It Easy

By Daniel T. Willingham, PhD

Perfect for teachers and students of all ages, *Outsmart Your Brain* provides real-world practices and the latest research on how to train your brain for better learning. Each chapter provides clear and specific strategies while also explaining why traditional study processes do not work. Grounded in scientifically backed practical advice, this is the ultimate guide to improving grades and better understanding the power of our own brains.

For fans of *Good Anxiety and How We Learn*



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Life Sciences, Personal Growth, Cognitive Science



## The Reunion

A Novel

By Kayla Olson

When two former teen stars reconnect at the reunion for their hit TV show, they discover their feelings for one another were not merely scripted in this charming and heartwarming novel perfect for fans of Christina Lauren and Sally Thorne.

For fans of *The Charm Offensive* and *The Roughest Draft*



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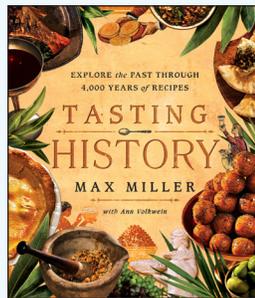
## Tasting History

Explore the Past Through 4,000 Years of Recipes

By Max Miller

Begin your very own food journey through the centuries and around the world with the first cookbook from the beloved YouTube channel *Tasting History with Max Miller*. From ancient Rome to Ming China to medieval Europe and beyond, Miller has collected the best-loved recipes from around the world and has shared them with his fans. Now, with beautiful photographs portraying the dishes and historical artwork throughout, *Tasting History* compiles over sixty dishes.

For fans of *Gastro Obscura* and *Binging with Babish*



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Cooking, History



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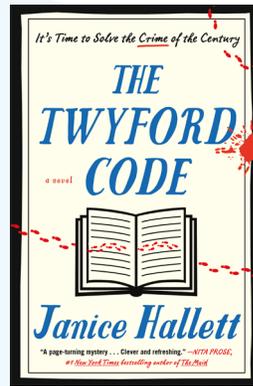
## The Twyford Code

A Novel

By Janice Hallett

The mysterious connection between a teacher's disappearance and an unsolved code in a children's book is explored in this fresh novel from the author of the "clever and often wryly funny" (*PopSugar*) novel *The Appeal*. "A modern Agatha Christie" (*The Sunday Times*, London), Janice Hallett has constructed a fiendishly clever, maddeningly original crime novel for lovers of word games, puzzles, and stories of redemption.

For fans of *The Seven and a Half Deaths of Evelyn Hardcastle* and *The Thirteenth Tale*



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Atria, January 2023  
Thrillers, Crime



## The Writing Retreat

A Novel

By Julia Bartz

Aspiring author Alex receives a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity invitation to attend an exclusive, month-long writing retreat at the estate of feminist horror writer Roza Vallo. But when the attendees arrive, Roza drops a bombshell—they must all complete an entire novel from scratch during the next month, and the author of the best one will receive a life-changing seven-figure publishing deal. But when one of the writers vanishes during a snowstorm, Alex realizes that something very sinister is afoot. With the clock running out, she's desperate to discover the truth and save herself.

For fans of *The Plot* and *The Word is Murder*



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Thrillers, Suspense



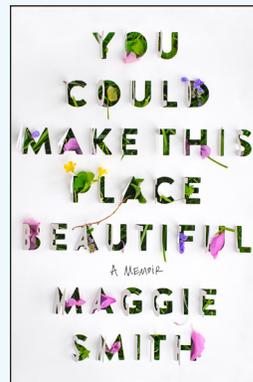
## You Could Make This Place Beautiful

A Memoir

By Maggie Smith

In this memoir, poet Maggie Smith explores the disintegration of her marriage and her renewed commitment to herself in lyrical vignettes that shine, hard and clear as jewels. The book begins with one woman's personal, particular heartbreak, but its circles widen into a reckoning with contemporary womanhood, traditional gender roles, and the power dynamics that persist even in many progressive homes. With the spirit of self-inquiry and empathy she's known for, Smith interweaves snapshots of a life with meditations on secrets, anger, forgiveness, and narrative itself.

For fans of *Keep Moving* and *In the Dream House*



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