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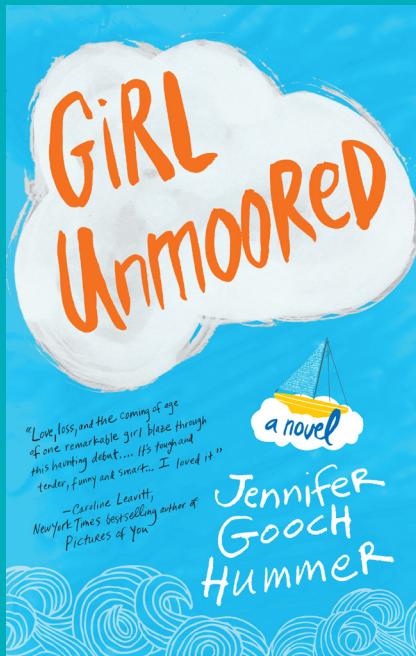
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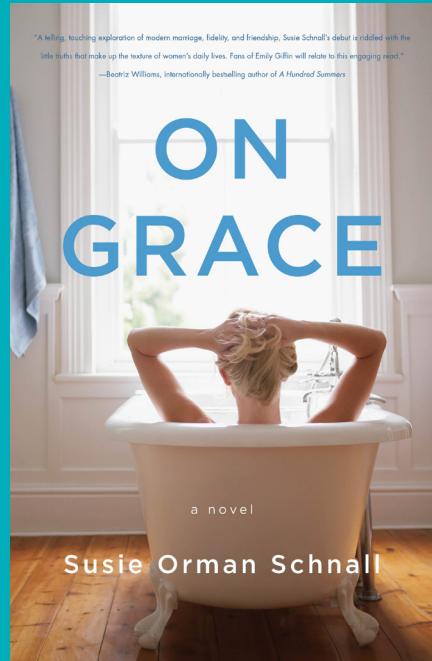
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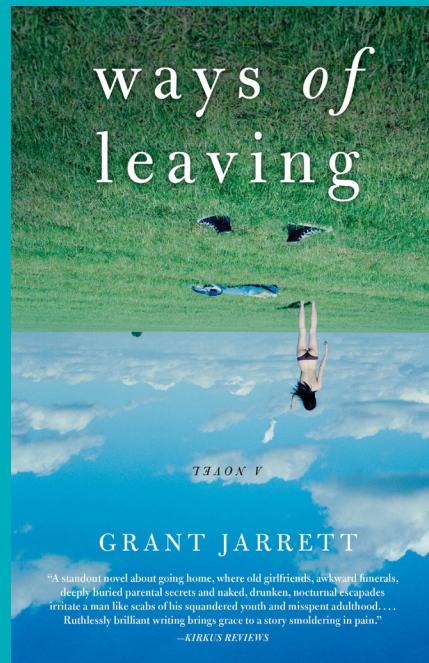
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in Popular Fiction



2014 International Book
Awards, Winner in Fiction:
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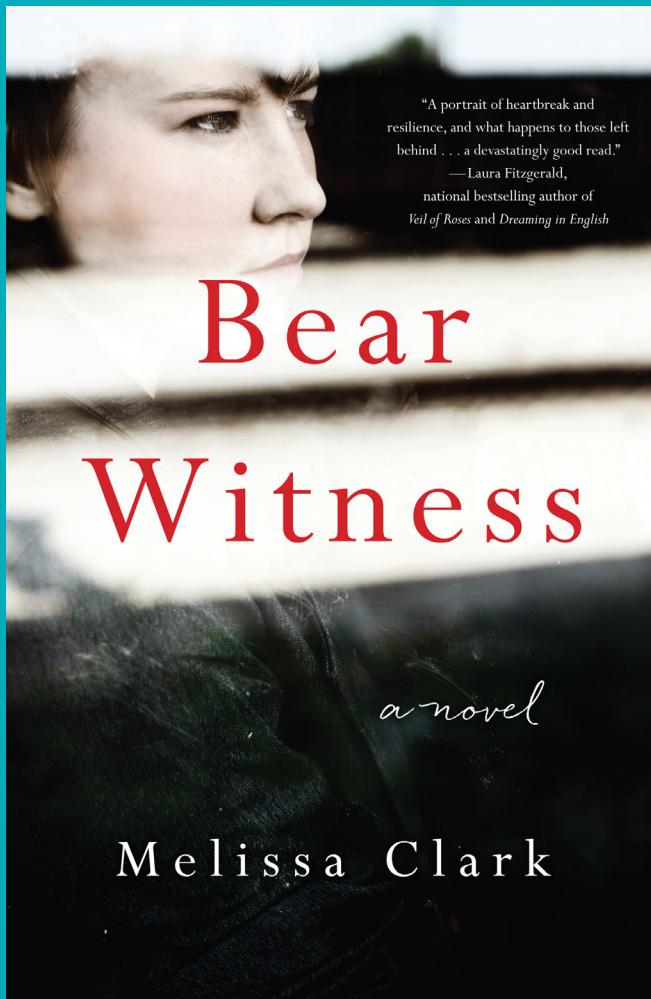
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SPRING 2015



APRIL 2015



"A portrait of heartbreak and resilience, and what happens to those left behind . . . a devastatingly good read."
—Laura Fitzgerald,
national bestselling author of
Veil of Roses and *Dreaming in English*

BEAR WITNESS

MELISSA CLARK

DESCRIPTION:

Paige harbors a painful memory. Three years ago, she witnessed her best friend Robin's abduction from a sleepover the girls were attending. Two weeks later, Robin's body was found abandoned.

The effects of this gruesome crime continue to ripple through the community, family and especially Paige's life three years later. Struggling with debilitating flashbacks and immense guilt, Paige must continue to reconcile with her memories of the past and attempt to overcome the loss of innocence, her best friend, and her faith in the universe.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

Melissa Clark is an author, television writer and college instructor. She is the author of the novels, *Bear Witness*, *Swimming Upstream*, *Slowly*, and *Imperfect*. Her essay, "Rachael Ray Saved My Life" is included in the anthology *The Cassoulet Saved Our Marriage*. She is also the creator of the animated television series, "Braceface," starring the voice of Alicia Silverstone which aired on the ABC Family Channel. She has written scripts for "Rolie Polie Olie," "Totally Spies," "Sweet Valley High," among others. Melissa teaches creative writing and literature courses both privately and at Otis College of Art and Design in Los Angeles.

- Type:** Book
Pub date: April 7, 2015
Vendor/Author: Melissa Clark
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- **eBook ISBN:** 978-1-940716-74-9
 - **Paperback ISBN:** 978-1-940716-75-6

COMPARATIVE TITLES:

- **Kiss the Girls** by James Patterson
- **Gone Girl** by Jillian Flynn

KEY SELLING POINTS:

- **Loosely based on the 1994 Polly Klauss kidnapping**
- **Excellent for fans of true crime and thrillers**

PRAISE FOR MELISSA CLARK:

“Melissa Clark’s *Bear Witness* takes a piercing look at the world of Paige Bellen, a young woman whose transition into adolescence is haunted by the kidnapping and death of her best friend: ‘One minute everything was normal and then a door opened and it was never the same.’ By presenting Paige’s narrative in reverse chronological order, Clark unsettles the normal and the ordinary, to reveal the cracks in such notions as safety, refuge and innocence. A harrowing, resonant portrait of girlhood trauma.”

- Rigoberto González author of *Butterfly Boy* and *The Mariposa Club*

“A portrait of heartbreak and resilience, and what happens to those left behind ... a devastatingly good read.”

- Laura Fitzgerald, national bestselling author of *Veil of Roses* and *Dreaming in English*.

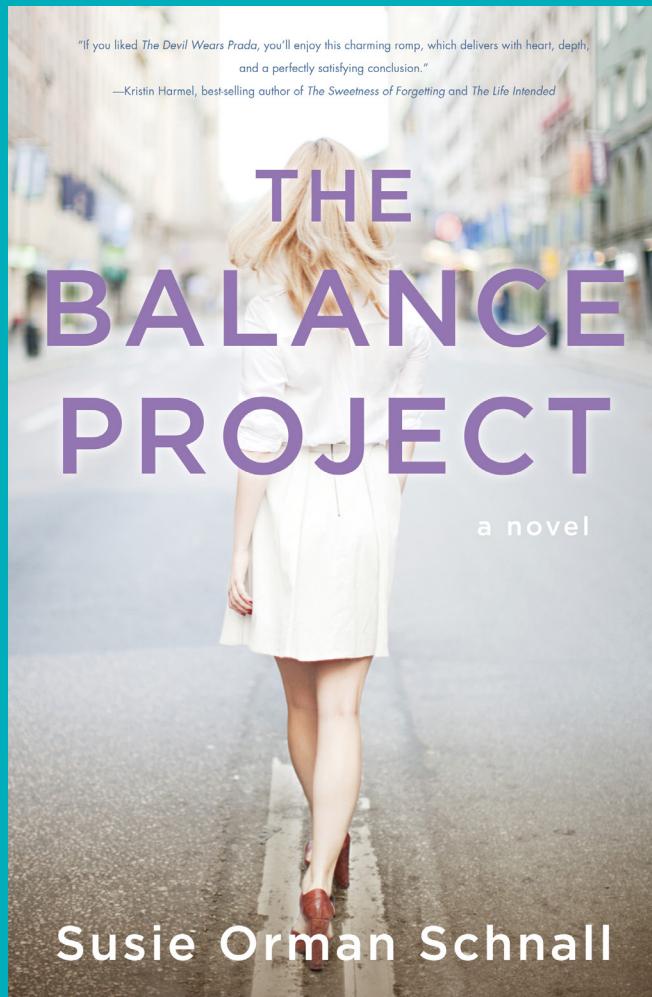
“Melissa Clark has crafted a perceptive and highly compelling story of a teenage girl, in the wake of a terrible trauma. It is an intense and emotional read, one that left me breathless. *Bear Witness* is a unique combination of page-turner and astutely worded character observation.”

- Alan Lazar, author of *Roam*

“A glimpse inside an experience we all would hope never to have to explore. Melissa Clark has told a powerful story.”

- Davida Wills Hurwin, author of *A Time for Dancing and Freaks* and *Revelations*.

APRIL 2015



Type: Book

Pub date: April 28, 2015

Vendor/Author: Susie Orman Schnall

Collections: Fiction, For Women

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• **Paperback ISBN:** 978-1-940716-67-1

THE BALANCE PROJECT

SUSIE ORMAN SCHNALL

DESCRIPTION:

Katherine Whitney has it all. She's married, has two daughters, is the COO of Green Goddess & Co., a multi-billion dollar health and wellness lifestyle company, and with the release of her book on work-life balance, she is not only a media darling but she is a hero to working moms everywhere. In reality, though, Katherine's life is starting to fall apart, and her loyal assistant Lucy Cooper is the one holding most things together. But when Katherine does something unthinkable to Lucy, Lucy is faced with a difficult decision. Will she choose to change Katherine's life forever or continue being her main champion. Her decision could change the trajectory of both of their lives. *THE BALANCE PROJECT: A NOVEL* is a story of loyalty, choices, and most of all balance as it explores the hot-button issue that all women struggle with.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

Originally from Los Angeles, Susie Orman Schnall graduated from the University of Pennsylvania. Schnall has written for national and local publications about parenting and health. She lives in New York with her husband and their three young boys. *THE BALANCE PROJECT* is her second novel.

AWARDS FOR SUSIE SCHNALL:

- **2014 Independent Publisher Book Awards, Bronze Winner in Popular Fiction**
- **2014 International Book Awards, Finalist in Fiction: Women's Chick Lit/Women's Lit**

COMPARATIVE TITLES:

- ***I Don't Know How She Does It* by Allison Pearson**
- ***Mommy Tracked* by Whitney Gaskell**
- ***The Devil Wears Prada* by Lauren Weisberger**
- **Emily Giffin, Jennifer Weiner**

KEY SELLING POINTS:

- **Appeals to young women and middle-age moms with a dual story line about a single, working woman and a busy working mom of two**
- **Tells the story of work/life balance**
- **Author has a popular website feature called "The Balance Project" that has featured Emily Giffin and Allison Winn Scotch**

PRAISE FOR SUSIE SCHNALL:

"A fast-paced tale of a twenty-something desperately trying to balance her own life while, ironically, working for a woman known as America's Darling of Balance. If you liked *The Devil Wears Prada*, you'll enjoy this charming romp, which delivers with heart, depth, and a perfectly satisfying conclusion."

- Kristin Harmel, bestselling author of *The Sweetness of Forgetting* and *The Life Intended*

"A smart, refreshing, fast-paced read with twists and turns that will have you turning pages well past your bedtime. Schnall nails her portrayal of two heroines, in different stages of their lives, wrestling with the oft-debated question: Can women really have it all?"

- Emily Liebert, author of *You Knew Me When* and *Those Secrets We Keep*

"Destined to become a book club favorite, Susie Orman Schnall's *The Balance Project* is a clever, compassionate look at the modern woman's quest to juggle it all. Schnall's heartfelt—and, at times, hilarious—storytelling is just like real life, and had me rooting for Lucy from page one."

- Kristyn Kusek Lewis, author of *How Lucky You Are* and *Save Me*

"Sharp like the clicks of a stiletto, *The Balance Project* is a piercing look at the damaging illusion that women can 'have it all.' Readers will delight in watching Katherine Whitney dangle on her rapidly thinning thread as she falls into the deep abyss of pride, work, motherhood, and friendship."

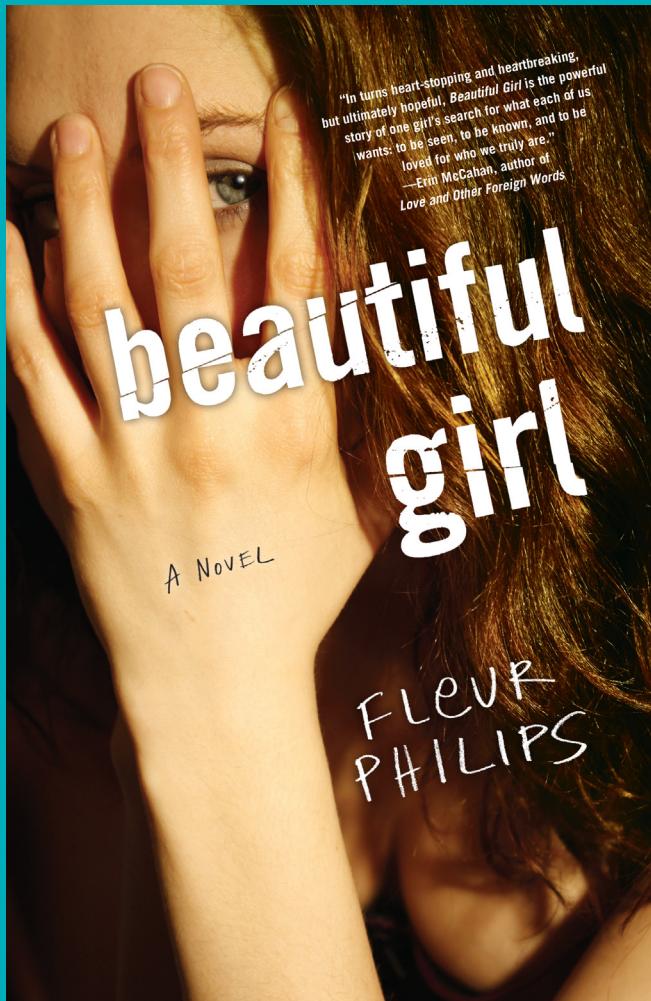
- Colleen Oakes, author of the *Elly in Bloom* series and the *Queen of Hearts* saga

"Utterly compelling and impossible to put down, *The Balance Project* speaks volumes about how important it is for women at any stage of life to find realistic and meaningful balance."

- Melissa Amster, Founder of Chick Lit Central



JUNE 2015



- Type:** Book
Publication Date: June 9, 2015
Vendor/Author: Fleur Philips
Collections: Fiction, For Teens,
Award-Winning
Price: \$15.00 Paperback/\$9.99 eBook
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 - **Paperback ISBN:** 978-1-940716-47-3

BEAUTIFUL GIRL

FLEUR PHILIPS
AWARD-WINNING AUTHOR

DESCRIPTION:

Seventeen-year-old Melanie Kennicut is beautiful. Her entire life revolves around this beauty because her overly controlling mother has been dragging her to casting calls and auditions since she was four years old. According to Joanne Kennicut, Melanie was born to follow in her footsteps. But Melanie never wanted this life.

When a freak car accident leaves her with facial lacerations that will require plastic surgery, she can't help but wonder if this is the answer to her prayers. For the first time in her life, she has a chance to live like a normal teenager—at least for a little while—away from the photo shoots and movie sets that have dominated her entire existence. But after Melanie allows her best friend to come to the house to see her, Joanne decides to hide her daughter in Montana for the remainder of the summer. There, Melanie won't be seen by anyone they know, and her face will heal in time for the scheduled surgery in late August.

Joanne's plan backfires, however, when Melanie meets Sam, a Native American boy hired by the home's owner to tend to the property. Sam is nothing like the Hollywood boys Melanie knows—he's poor, his father's a drunk who possesses a bizarre gift inherited from a Kootenai Shaman, and his only brother disappeared into the mountains after the death of their mother eight years before. What transpires over a mere 36 hours after Sam and Melanie meet changes both of their lives in ways they never thought possible.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

Fleur Philips is an award-winning author who holds an MFA in Creative Writing from Antioch University and a Bachelor's of Arts in English from the University of Montana. Her first novel, *I Am Lucky Bird*, was selected as a General Fiction Finalist for the 2011 Book of the Year Award from ForeWord Reviews. Her current novel, *Crumble*, was named Young Adult Winner from the 2013 San Francisco Book Festival and was selected as a Young Adult Fiction Finalist by the 2013 International Book Awards. She lives in Whitefish, Montana, and when she's not writing, she's cheering for her son in his athletic endeavors.

COMPARATIVE TITLES:

- *Leaving Paradise* by Simone Elkeles
- *The Truth About Forever* by Sarah Dessen

KEY SELLING POINTS:

- Deals with issues such as abuse, narcissism, infidelity and forbidden love.
- Award-winning YA author Fleur Philips returns with a tragic story of love and loss.

PRaise FOR BEAUTIFUL GIRL :

"This beautifully written book has strong characters women everywhere will relate to, and a huge twist that will leave you in disbelief. A fantastic coming-of-age story!"

- Kristen Hunt, author of *The Blonde Eskimo*

"Fleur Phillip's *Beautiful Girl* gorgeously illustrates that beauty definitely isn't skin deep. Add to that a powerful first love and some meaningful self discovery, and this book will find it's way from the beach with you to a soft spot in your heart."

- Jessica Hickam, author of *The Revealed*

"It turns heart-stopping and heartbreaking, but ultimately hopeful, *Beautiful Girl* is the powerful story of one girl's search for what each of us wants: to be seen, to be known, and to be loved for who we truly are."

- Erin McCahan, author of *Love and Other Foreign Words*

"Philips writes with conviction, heart, and honesty. Her words slip off the page and into your soul, reminding you that everyone is fighting an inner battle that most people know nothing about."

- Jessica Stevens, author of *Within Reach*

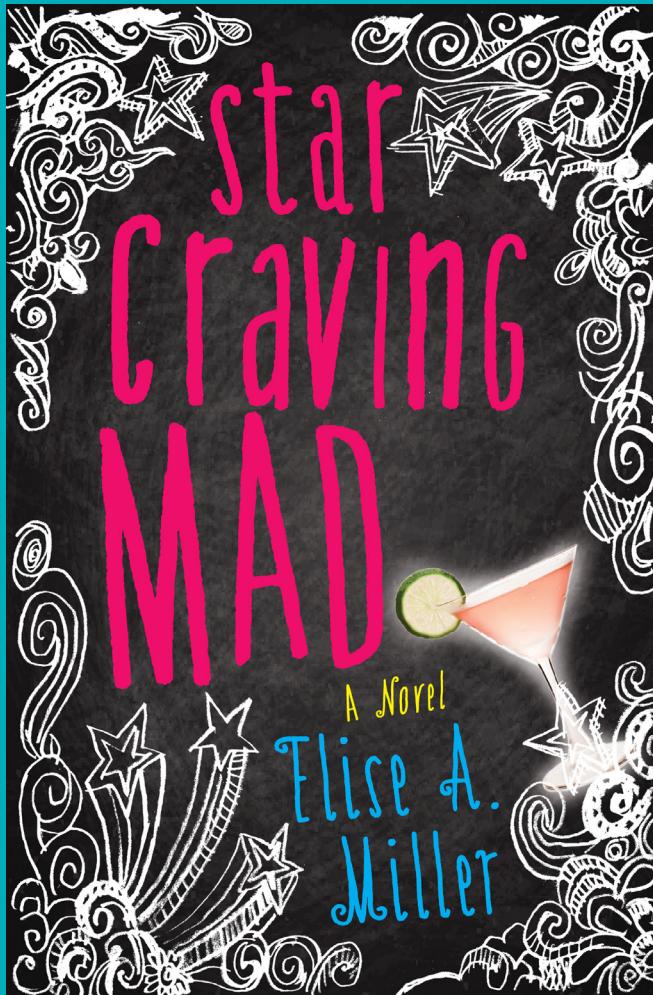
"Fleur Philips has written a poignant coming-of-age story of a young woman who sheds her masks and finds true love and her truer self. Romantic and compelling, *Beautiful Girl* reaffirms our ideals of the redemptive power of love."

- Leonard Chang, author of *Triplines*



FALL 2015

AUGUST 2015



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Vendor/Author: Elise Miller

Collections: Fiction, For Women

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STAR CRAVING MAD

ELISE MILLER

DESCRIPTION:

Maddy Braverman, thirty and single, has taught first grade at an elite private school in Manhattan's Greenwich Village for the past six years. Angry at herself for not moving on, Maddy is distracted from her pity party with a new student—Lola Magdalena, daughter of A-list celebrities Nic and Shelby Seabolt—a last-minute addition to her class roster. When Lola breaks her arm on the playground, Maddy has the chance to meet with Nic in his TriBeCa apartment. Maddy's celebrity fantasies turn to reality—make out sessions, sex and even a Hamptons holiday bash that leave Maddy yearning for Nic's love. Romance turns nightmarish when Nic and Shelby steal a manuscript that Maddy's been writing—a book called *Golden Ghost*, based on her Gold Rush curriculum, that she shares with the class, and that they illustrate throughout the year.

Nic's betrayal and bloated ego lead Maddy to finally appreciate the unfamous and genuine friends she has at school, including her students and her assistant teacher, the scruffy, handsome musician James, who gets under Maddy's skin from the beginning, and with whom she ultimately falls in love.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

Elise A. Miller discovered her talent and passion for writing by accident, during a short-lived but rigorous acting pursuit in the late 1990s. She immediately began studying writing in earnest at Gotham Writers' Workshop in New York City, and hasn't looked back since. Elise lives in Pennsylvania with her husband, two kids and two teeny rescue dogs.

COMPARATIVE TITLES:

- ***Confessions of a Shopaholic* by Sophie Kinsella**
- ***The Nanny Diaries* by Emma McLaughlin and Nicola Krauss**

KEY SELLING POINTS:

- **Revised second edition**
- **Perfect for celebrity and Hollywood enthusiasts**

PRAISE FOR STAR CRAVING MAD :

“*Star Craving Mad* is a superb example of humor with heart.”

- Bookloons.com

“Elise Abrams Miller’s debut novel, *Star Craving Mad*, is this year’s best guilty pleasure.”

- Cindy Elavsky for King Features Syndicate

“Stars, they’re just like us. Or maybe not. In her fast-paced debut novel, Elise Miller explores the fascination we have with celebrity and brings it back down to earth. *Star Craving Mad* is a story of finding love where you least expect it, true friends, and discovering that it’s always better to just be yourself.”

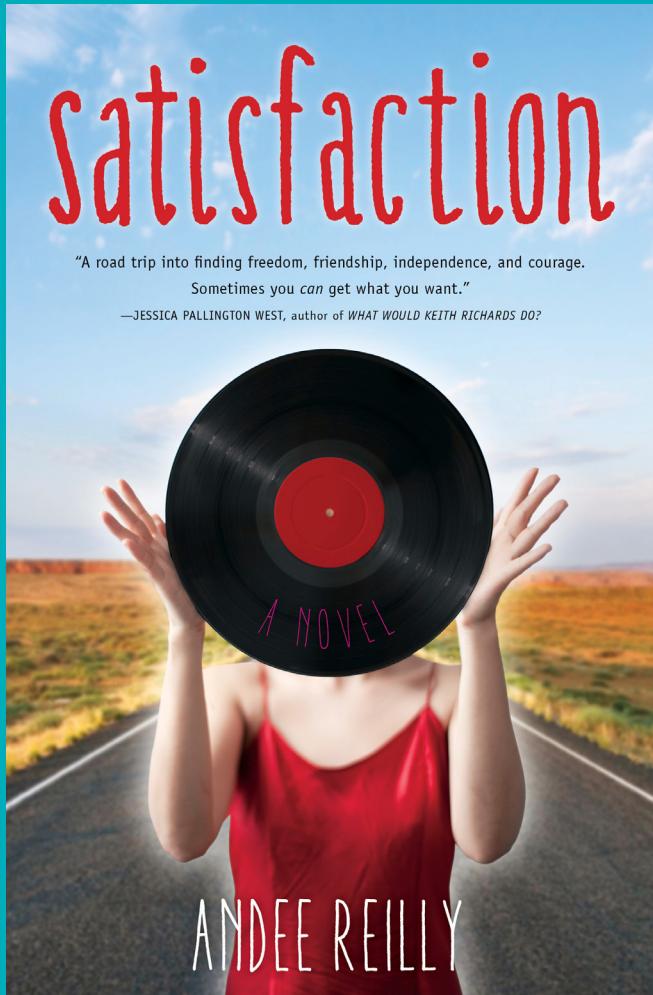
- Susie Orman Schnall, author of *The Balance Project* and *On Grace*

“In *Star Craving Mad*, Maddy Braverman searches for her happily-ever-after in Hollywood’s leading heartthrob only to find him as vacant as the latest tabloid magazine. Written with precision and wit, Elise Miller examines our obsession with celebrity in this big, warm-hearted novel.”

- Andee Reilly, author of *Satisfaction*



AUGUST 2015



Type: Book

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Vendor/Author: Andee Reilly

Collections: Fiction, For Women

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SATISFACTION

ANDEE REILLY

DESCRIPTION:

When 22-year-old Ginny Martin discovers her husband has been cheating on her, she strikes back. Buying tickets to every concert on the Rolling Stones North American tour, this devastated suburban housewife packs up the car and takes to the road. Following the Rolling Stones from Los Angeles to Oklahoma City, Ginny experiences freedom for the first time, while coping with the insecurities and limiting beliefs that had kept this small town girl's life far too small.

Bree Cooper is a nomad, a free-spirited drifter, and a mother who abandoned responsibility – and her young daughter – years before. When Ginny meets Bree at a roadside diner, they impulsively make the decision to throw their lot in together. In each other they find a friendship that they both had longed for. Bree also gives Ginny a chance to have a mother-figure who inspires independence and encourages confidence, while Ginny gives Bree a chance to get parenting right on the second try.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

Andee Reilly was born and raised in Los Angeles. She received her MFA in Creative Writing from the University of California, Riverside and teaches literature and writing at California State University, Channel Islands. When not teaching or writing, she can be found surfing the beaches of Southern California and Maui. She fell in love with the Rolling Stones as a teenager, and their music has long served as an inspiration to her writing. *Satisfaction* is her debut novel.

COMPARATIVE TITLES:

- **Where You'd Go, Bernadette?** by Maria Semple
- **I Think I Love You** by Allison Pearson
- **High Fidelity** by Nick Hornby

KEY SELLING POINTS:

- Deals with themes of self acceptance, friendship and freedom
- A blend of *Almost Famous* and *Thelma and Louise*, with a healthy dose of *The Rolling Stones*

PRAISE FOR SATISFACTION:

“Smart, funny, and exhilarating, *Satisfaction* is more than a rock ‘n’ roll-fueled road trip – it is a poignant look at our struggle for independence amidst the bonds of love and friendship.”

– Tiffany Hawk, author of *Love Me Anyway*

“A road trip into finding freedom, friendship, independence, and courage. Sometimes you can get what you want.”

– Jessica Pallington West, author of *What Would Keith Richards Do?*

“Reilly’s *Satisfaction* deftly synthesizes the magic of the Stones with a modern coming of age tale that overflows with soul and leaves you shouting for more.”

– Elise Miller, author of *Star Craving Mad: A Novel*

“If you’ve ever wanted to leave it all behind to tour with the Stones but weren’t the type, Andee Reilly’s funny and charming debut novel will give you that *Satisfaction* and then some. Start it up!”

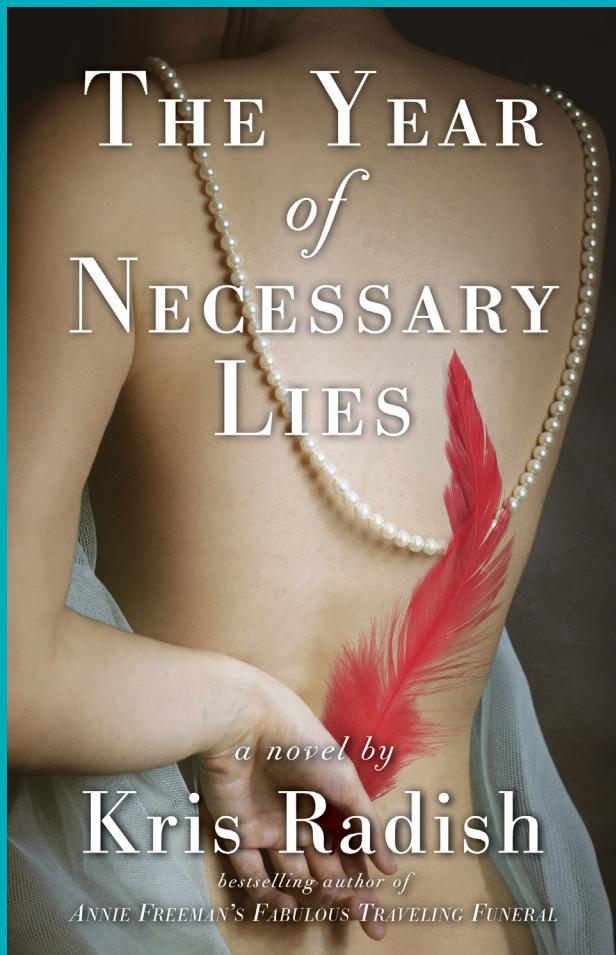
– Elizabeth Crane, author of *We Only Know So Much*

“A poignant story about two women’s search for family, forgiveness...and front-row seats.”

– Beth Kendrick, author of *New Uses for Old Boyfriends*



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Vendor/Author: Kris Radish

Collections: For Women, Fiction

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- Paperback ISBN: 978-1-940716-51-0

THE YEAR OF NECESSARY LIES

KRIS RADISH

NATIONAL BESTSELLING AUTHOR

DESCRIPTION:

One amazing year in a remarkable woman's life journey becomes the inspiration for generations when she takes a huge risk, follows her heart, embraces forbidden love, and unwittingly becomes the champion of a winged world that is on the brink of extinction.

It's 1903, the world is poised for drastic change, and Julia Briton is a naive, beautiful Boston socialite who suffers a series of devastating losses and discovers that her beloved husband is involved in the plume trade—the massive slaughter of birds for use in the fashion industry.

When Julia is secretly ushered into the early 20th century by a group of brazen female activists, she boldly risks everything and embarks on a perilous journey to the wilds of untamed Florida, a place of great danger where men will stop at nothing to get what they want and where one man, and a faithful friend, force her to make yet more life-changing decisions.

Years later, when Julia's great-granddaughter, Kelly, discovers some hidden tape recordings in her famous great-grandmother's dresser and learns the real truth about Julia's year, a year that changed the course of history, she must decide what to do with her grandmother's incredible legacy. Will she keep the real secret of "The Year" or will she be brave enough to follow her own heart?

COMPARATIVE TITLES:

- *The Secret Life of Violet Grant* by Beatriz Williams
- *The Joy Luck Club* by Amy Tan

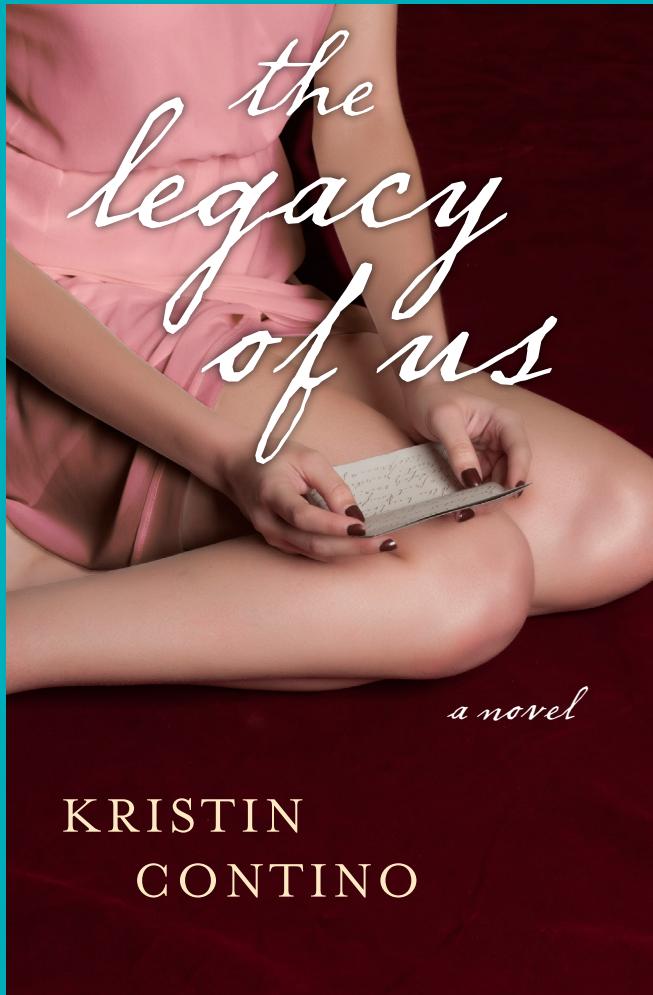
KEY SELLING POINTS:

- Multi-generational story from national bestselling author Kris Radish.
- For fans of Beatriz Williams and Jodi Picoult, and anyone who loves a little mystery mixed in with their women's fiction.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

Kris Radish is the author of nine novels and two works of non-fiction. A former award-winning journalist, magazine writer, nationally syndicated columnist, Radish is also co-owner of a wine lounge, the Wine Madonna, in downtown St. Petersburg, Florida, where she hosts books clubs and special literary events with groups from across the globe. She calls her genre "Broads Who Have Been There," and it takes one to know one. Her widely popular novels include *The Elegant Gathering of White Snows*, *Dancing Naked at the Edge of Dawn*, *Annie Freeman's Fabulous Traveling Funeral*, *The Sunday List of Dreams*, *Searching for Paradise in Parker P.A.*, *The Shortest Distance Between Two Women*, *Hearts on a String*, *Tuesday Night Miracles* and *A Grand Day to Get Lost*.

AUGUST 2015



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Vendor/Author: Kristin Contino

Collections: Fiction, For Women,
Historical fiction

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• **Paperback ISBN:** 978-1-940716-17-6

THE LEGACY OF US

KRISTIN CONTINO

DESCRIPTION:

Taking readers from 1905 Italy to present-day Philadelphia, *The Legacy of Us* uncovers how the lives of three generations of women are changed by love, loss and one little necklace. Liz Moretti thought she knew almost everything about her grandmother, Ella, from her love of "The Golden Girls" to the perfect pound cake recipe. But when Ella passes away and Liz finds a cameo locket with a marriage proposal engraved inside (from a man who was not her grandfather), she realizes that sometimes a person's secrets are discovered only after they're gone.

On top of losing Ella, Liz's career as a jewelry designer is stagnant and her love life lacks sparkle, too. When she reconnects with the one who got away, Liz thinks maybe things are finally starting to look up. But after a few drinks and a trip down a flight of stairs, Liz wakes up to realize the cameo is gone. Her ex offers to look for it, but so does Justin, the intriguing new guy in her apartment building.

While dealing with her feelings for two very different men and generally trying to reinvent her mess of a life, Liz finds answers and solace in Ella's diary. The story of the cameo, and the relationship between her grandmother and great-grandmother, an outspoken socialite from Italy, inspires Liz to grow up and accept responsibility for her missteps. Eventually she must choose between the life she thought she wanted and the promise of something better.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

Kristin Contino has been writing stories for as long as she can remember. Her childhood love of reading and writing translated into a career as a freelance writer, editor, and women's fiction reviewer. When she's not writing, Kristin enjoys travel, photography and spending time with her family, and dreams of moving to her favorite city, London. *The Legacy of Us* is her debut novel.

COMPARATIVE TITLES:

- *The Violets of March* by Sarah Jio
- *The Secret Life of Violet Grant* by Beatriz Williams

KEY SELLING POINTS:

- Debut author
- Crossover appeal for women's fiction and historical fiction fans
- Multi-generational appeal

PRAISE FOR THE LEGACY OF US:

Forthcoming blurb

- Josie Brown, author of *The Secret Lives of Husbands and Wives*

"*The Legacy of Us* is a sweet story about love, family secrets, and the notion that everyone deserves a few secrets that don't have to be shared."

- national bestseller Kris Radish, author of *The Year of Necessary Lies*

AUGUST 2015



Type: Book

Pub date: Aug 14, 2015

Vendor/Author: Alane Adams

Collections: Young Adults, Fiction

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- **Paperback ISBN:** 978-1-940716-24-4
- **Hardcover ISBN:** 978-1-940716-26-8

RED SUN ALANE ADAMS

DESCRIPTION:

Sam Baron is about to get the shock of his life. First his substitute English teacher claims to have turned his old teacher into a lizard; then a strange dwarf named Rego arrives and claims Sam is from a magical realm called Orkney. When his friends are taken prisoner, it's up to Sam to save them.

Sam embarks on a journey to Orkney through a *stonefire* to find his friends—but when he arrives, he discovers that an ancient curse has turned the sun a poisonous red and threatens to destroy the land. With only a young witch girl to guide him, Sam must choose: save his friends, or stop the red sun from consuming the land?

Drawing on Norse mythology, *The Red Sun* follows Sam's journey to uncover the truth about his past—a journey during which he has to overcome the simmering anger inside of him, learn to channel his growing magical powers, and find a way to forgive the father who left him behind.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

Alane Adams is an author, professor, and literacy advocate. She is the author of the Legends of Orkney fantasy mythology series for tweens and *The Coal Thief*, a picture book for early-grade readers. She lives in Southern California.

COMPARATIVE TITLES:

- *The Lightning Thief* by Rick Riordan
- *Odin's Ravens* by K. L. Armstrong and M. A. Marr
- *Gregor the Overlander* by Suzanne Collins

KEY SELLING POINTS:

- There is a large audience for tween adventure fantasy novels right now, with competitors like Rick Riordan bringing out similarly themed books.
- The Red Sun offers a unique mix of Norse mythology and legends entwined with the land of Orkney.
- An accompanying game app and online site will enrich and deepen the experience; fantasy buffs will love the tie-in.

PRAISE FOR THE RED SUN:

“Percy Jackson meets Norse mythology in this captivating and unique adventure.”

- *Foreword Reviews* (4 stars out of 5)

“*The Red Sun: Legends of Orkney* by Alane Adams is a book that will take children on a roller coaster ride of adventure and fantasy where whimsical and menacing creatures and witches will enthral readers.”

- *Readers' Favorite* (5 stars out of 5)

“A fast-paced adventure quest full of Norse mythology and spellbinding fun. Fans of Percy Jackson and Harry Potter will love *The Red Sun*.”

- Kristen Hunt, author of *Blonde Eskimo*

AUGUST 2015



Type: Book

Pub date: August 18, 2015

Vendor/Author: Sandra Denneler

Collections: Non-Fiction, Cooking, Crafts

Price: \$24.95 paperback/\$15 eBook

- **eBook ISBN:** 9781940716893
- **Paperback ISBN:** 978-1-940716-70-1

KEY SELLING POINTS:

- Step-by-step directions and photos make it easy to recreate these treats
- The author is the creator of the infamous Pinata Cookie that took the internet by storm in 2012
- Author is a well respected contributor and SheKnows Expert on SheKnows.com, the largest women's website with over 75 million unique visitors per month

OH, WHAT A TREAT

SANDRA DENNELER

DESCRIPTION:

What can you do with peanut butter wafer cookies, tootsie rolls and a dash of imagination? Create edible high heel treats, of course! And that's just one of the 36 delightful edible crafts you'll find in *OH, WHAT A TREAT!*

These crafts are good enough to eat! Follow along as Sandra Denneler, a graphic designer by day and food wizard by night, and a SheKnows.com Expert reaching over 75 million women readers each month, creates delightfully delicious recipe that you can easily recreate in your own kitchen.

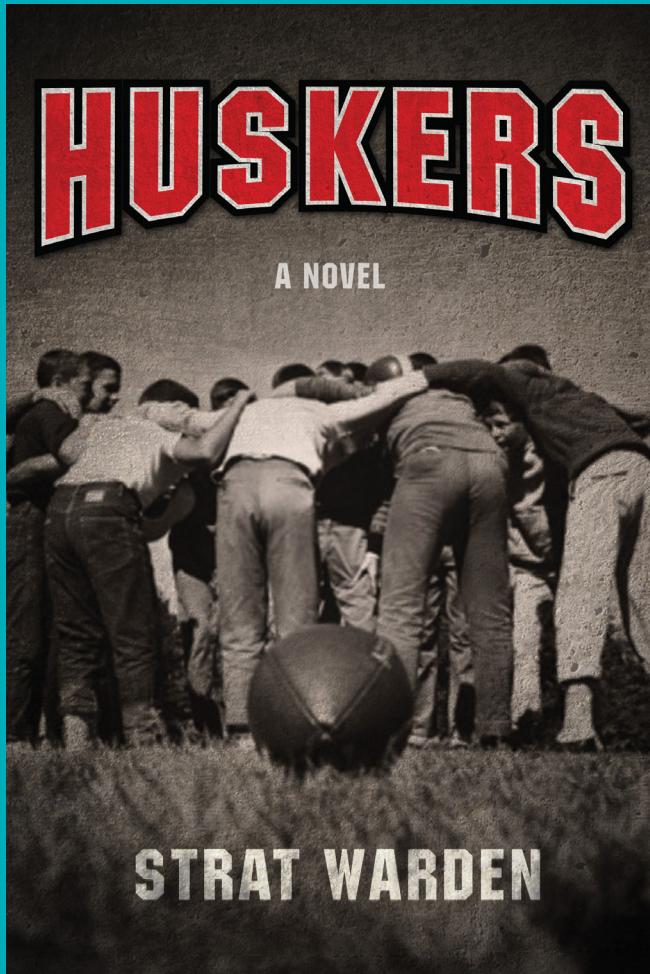
ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

Growing up, Sandra Denneler's favorite book was the 1973 World Book Encyclopedia's Childcraft Volume 11, Make and Do. She's been making and doing her entire life. An art director at Wichita State University, Sandra also enjoys creating edible art in her kitchen. Her son, Gus, and daughter, Bea, are completely unimpressed with her crazy baking skills. If given the choice, they would rather eat an Oreo cookie. Sandra and her super-talented, woodworker-hobbyist-husband, Eric, have made a fun home together in Wichita, Kansas and do creative projects that can be seen on their blog Project Denneler. Sandra is also a SheKnows Expert in food.

COMPARATIVE TITLES:

- *Surprise Inside Cakes* by Amanda Retke
- *Candy Aisle Crafts* by Jodi Levine

SEPTEMBER 2015



Type: Book

Pub date: September 8, 2015

Vendor/Author: Strat Warden

Collections: Middle Grade

Price: \$17.00 Paperback/\$9.99 eBook

• **eBook ISBN:** 978-1-940716-98-5

• **Paperback ISBN:** 978-1-940716-99-2

COMPARATIVE TITLES:

• *The Sandlot* by Alison Hendrie

• *The Underdogs* by Mike Lupica

HUSKERS

STRAT WARDEN

DESCRIPTION:

Huskers is about an introspective and resourceful young boy who becomes a reluctant leader when six of his friends, losers all, choose to follow him on a journey. It is about their desire and their need to become more than the little boys they perceive themselves to be.

Huskers is an account of their quest and how, together, they learn to accept and overcome their individual flaws, struggle with their growing awareness of girls, and confront and conquer their personal demons. Along the broken and rocky climb, each finds inner strength and, as a team, they discover their character and realize the true value of sport. Seen through the clarity of a simpler time and place—rural Nebraska in 1960, *Huskers* is a testimony to the true values children should be learning through participation in youth sports.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

Strat Warden grew up in Nebraska in the 1960s, was an accomplished high school and college athlete, and served as a corpsman with the US Marines before earning a commission in the US Navy Medical Corps. He completed his training as a general surgeon in the US Navy and served in that capacity until he entered private practice in Elizabethtown, Kentucky. Dr. Warden retired in 2005 to spend more time with his children; devote more attention to ZirMed, Inc., where he currently serves as chairman of the board; and to write *Huskers* to help his children understand the true rewards of participating in sports.



SEPTEMBER 2015



Type: Book

Pub date: September 8, 2015

Vendor/Author: Julie Long

Collections: Fiction, For Women

Price: \$17.00 Paperback/\$9.99 eBook

- **eBook ISBN:** 9781940716596
- **Paperback ISBN:** 9781940716602

ROOVILLE JULIE LONG

DESCRIPTION:

Rooville is the story of California weatherman Owen Martin, who can't predict the atmospheric pressure he'll encounter when he decides to return to his childhood home in Iowa, which he left after his father died.

Thinking he's moving back to the simple life his father intended for him, Owen is stunned to learn that Martinville has become a Mecca for meditators, and the mayor is scheming to turn the family farm into a New Age theme park.

Making matters worse, Owen is attracted to the mayor's levitating daughter Trishna instead of the down-to-earth girl he had in mind. In a town where old beliefs and open minds are clashing like warm and cold fronts, Owen gets caught in a veritable tornado.

In the end, he realizes that he can calm the storm and bring the town back together, but he must accept that even the simple life has its compromises and complications.

COMPARATIVE TITLES:

- *This is Where I Leave You* by Jonathan Tropper

KEY SELLING POINTS:

- Quirky, commercial fiction

ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

Julie Long has always made her living writing – except when she interned at an ad agency, where she wrote and didn't get paid. But they ended up hiring her, so that actually paid off, too. Eventually, she ventured out on her own as a freelance writer. Today, she is also a published author.

Julie co-authored BABY: An Owner's Manual (Broadway Books), a humorous book of operating instructions for new parents, which went into its second printing just four months after its release and remains a perennial favorite baby gift. She co-authored the business parable Fat, Dumb and Lazy and the self-improvement guide A Mouthful of Truth: The real deal on food and eating. Julie is a long-standing member of Pennwriters, co-coordinator of the Pennwriters 2011 Conference, and a charter member of Chapter CH of the P.E.O. Sisterhood.

Born and raised in Iowa, in a small town with a bandstand in the middle of the square, Julie lived for several years in southern California, where she never did find the center of town. Today she lives on a farm in Pennsylvania with her husband and two English bulldogs.

PRAISE FOR ROOVILLE:

“Transcendent and down-to-earth all at once, Long has penned an inventive, warm and funny adventure steeped in quirky, very real American history.”

- Elise A. Miller, author of *Star Craving Mad*

“Anyone who has ever longed to go home again will fall madly in love with this us-versus-them, then-versus-now, mindfulness-versus-midwestern love story. Funny, spellbinding, and smart.”

- Kristin Bair O'Keeffe, author of *The Art of Floating*

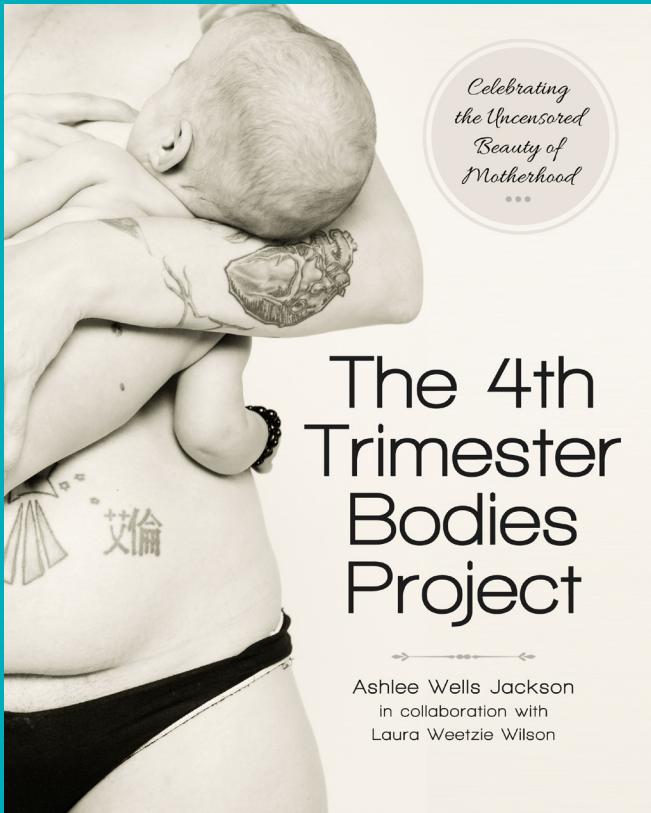
“Long has created a ‘perfect storm’ of a novel: a quirky cast of characters, a town divided, a narrative voice that is wise, witty, and warm. You’ll fall in love with Rooville.”

- Meredith Mileti, author of *Aftertaste: A Novel in Five Courses*

“Fast-paced and fun. This heartwarming tale of love and self-discovery is set in a wholly unique locale, with an unexpected hero.”

- Kathleen Shoop, author of *Love and Other Subjects*

SEPTEMBER 2015



Type: Book
Pub date: September 1, 2015
Vendor/Author: Ashlee Wells Jackson
Collections: For Women
Price: \$50.00 Paperback/\$17.99 eBook

- **eBook ISBN:** 978-1-940716-23-7
- **Paperback ISBN:** 978-1-940716-22-0

4TH TRIMESTER BODIES PROJECT

ASHLEE WELLS JACKSON

DESCRIPTION:

In 2013, Ashlee Wells Jackson turned personal tragedy into a worldwide movement promoting body acceptance and open dialogue about the pregnancy and postpartum issues women face. In the Fourth Trimester Bodies Project, she has compiled photographs of women after they've delivered their babies and shares their personal stories. The images are meant to shed light on the true beauty of a woman's body, celebrate differences, and acknowledge the physical and emotional impacts of childbearing on a woman's life.

PRAISE FOR FOURTH TRIMESTER:

“The beauty and power of Ashlee’s photographs can’t be overstated. The images and narratives contained in her work are reshaping the way we understand motherhood and helping to move the needle on what we celebrate toward a more authentic, whole embrace of what it means to create a life.”

- Heidi Stevens, *Chicago Tribune* columnist

“Through one woman’s processing of her journey in motherhood, a project and movement was born to help thousands more women do the same. What makes *The 4th Trimester Bodies Project* special is the rawness and vulnerability that Ashlee and Laura allow women to safely feel. You feel completely validated, beautiful, and perfect as you are in that moment so that your flaws become your unique beauty and your vulnerabilities become your strengths. When Laura and Ashlee take you into your care, they make sure you are changed by the time you leave them. It is truly a transformative experience.”

- January Harshe, creator of *Birth Without Fear*

“*The Fourth Trimester Bodies Project* sends healing into the world. Ashlee’s emotional and empowering photographs are clearly and authentically underwritten by her own moving story. Our bodies tell our stories, with heart and integrity. We have never been more ready for a celebration of women and motherhood. Women of all shapes and sizes, take heart—your body is beautiful. Mothers, embrace the changes in your body—you are goddesses.”

- Laura Dodsworth, creator of BareReality.net

“A photo series . . . meant to normalize, embrace, and glorify women’s post-pregnancy bodies.”

- Jezebel.com

“I’d love for both my daughter and my son to grow up seeing these images instead of the ones of ‘perfection’ they currently see every time we go to the grocery store.”

- Laura Willard, contributor to Upworthy.com

“ . . . celebrates authentic moms’ post-baby bodies.”

- Good Morning America

“Inspiring . . . Stunning.”

- Daily Mail

“Given the insane pressure put on ‘losing the baby weight’ . . . it’s no wonder that many women feel ashamed of their bodies . . . this is why *The 4th Trimester Bodies Project* is such a welcome idea.”

- BabyCenter

“It’s time that we, as mothers, embrace our changes, and be proud of what our bodies have accomplished.”

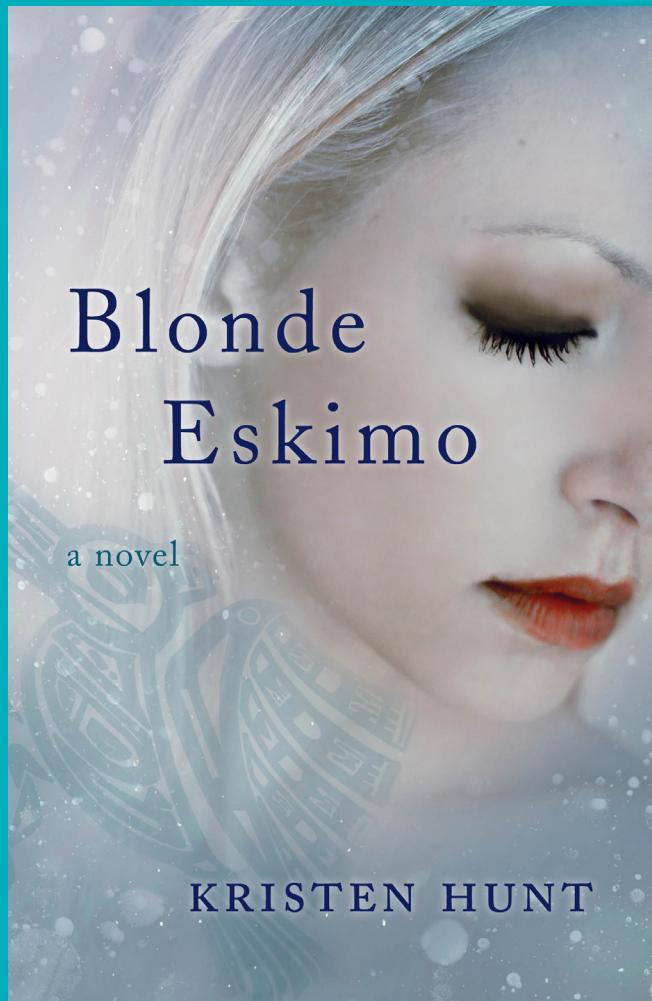
- Los Angeles Times

“A call to arms . . . motherhood isn’t always pretty, and it certainly isn’t perfect. But it is its imperfection and messiness that makes it so remarkable—so please. Let’s #StopCensoringMotherhood.”

- Bustle.com



OCTOBER 2015



Type: Book

Pub date: October 13, 2015

Vendor/Author: Kristen Hunt

Collections: Fiction, For Women, For Teens

Price: \$17.00 Paperback/\$9.99 eBook

- **eBook ISBN:** 978-1-940716-61-9

- **Paperback ISBN:** 978-1-940716-62-6

KEY SELLING POINTS:

- Debut YA/teen author

- An authentic story written by an author with Alaskan and Eskimo heritage

THE BLONDE ESKIMO

KRISTEN HUNT

DESCRIPTION:

Neiva Ellis knew the town of Spirit, Alaska held some kind of secret; a secret that her Grandmother and the whole town were keeping from her. It was something so mysterious that Neiva was determined to find out what it was, but she wasn't prepared for what lay ahead. On the night of her seventeenth birthday, the Eskimos rite of passage, Neiva is suddenly thrown into another world; a world full of mystical creatures, old traditions, and a masked stranger who awakens feelings deep within her heart. Along with her best friends, she uncovers the truth behind the town of Spirit and herself, but when an evil force threatens those closest to her Neiva will stop at nothing to defend her family and friends. Eskimo traditions and legends become real as two worlds merge together to fight a force so ancient and evil it could destroy not only Spirit but the rest of humanity.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

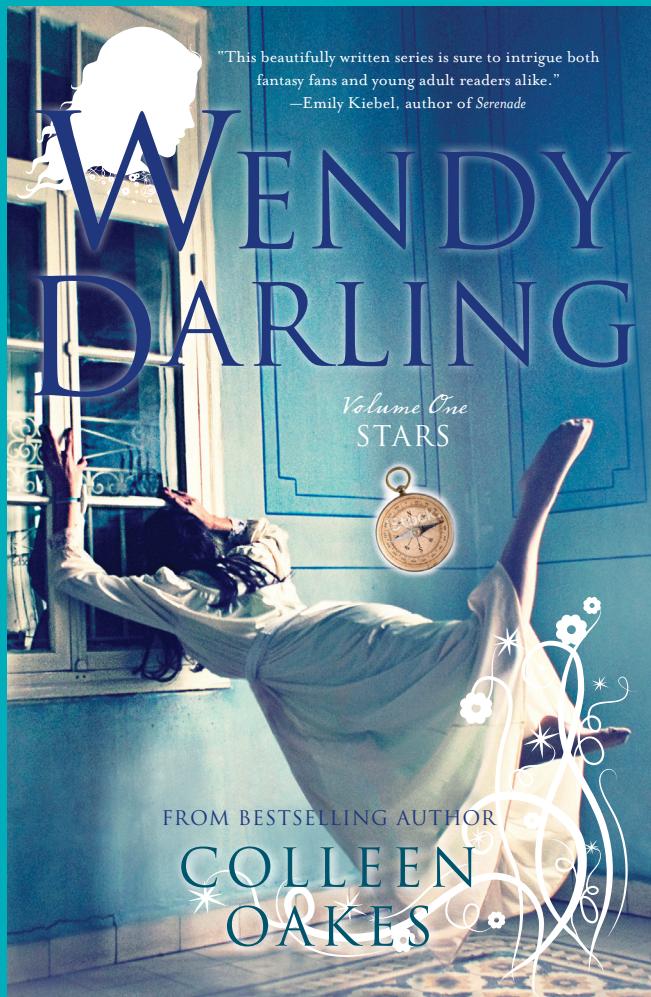
Kristen Hunt is an artist and writer based in Phoenix, Arizona. She is an avid fan of movies, graphic novels and Young Adult literature. Anything evolving fantasy and supernatural experiences captures her interests. As a young child Kristen visited her family in Nome, Alaska and learned of her Eskimo heritage. Her Grandmother, known as the blonde Eskimo because of her golden hair and blue eyes, told Kristen the many legends found throughout Alaska, such as the Ishegocks, totems, and much more. It was these stories that inspired Kristen to write her current novel.

COMPARATIVE TITLES:

- *Doon* by Carey Corp and Lorie Langdon

- *The Raven Boys* by Maggie Stiefvater

OCTOBER 2015



Type: Book

Pub date: Oct 13, 2015

Vendor/Author: Colleen Oakes

Collections: Fiction, For Women

Price: \$17.00 Paperback/\$9.99 eBook

• **eBook ISBN:** 978-1-940716-94-7

• **Paperback ISBN:** 978-1-940716-95-4

WENDY DARLING

COLLEEN OAKES

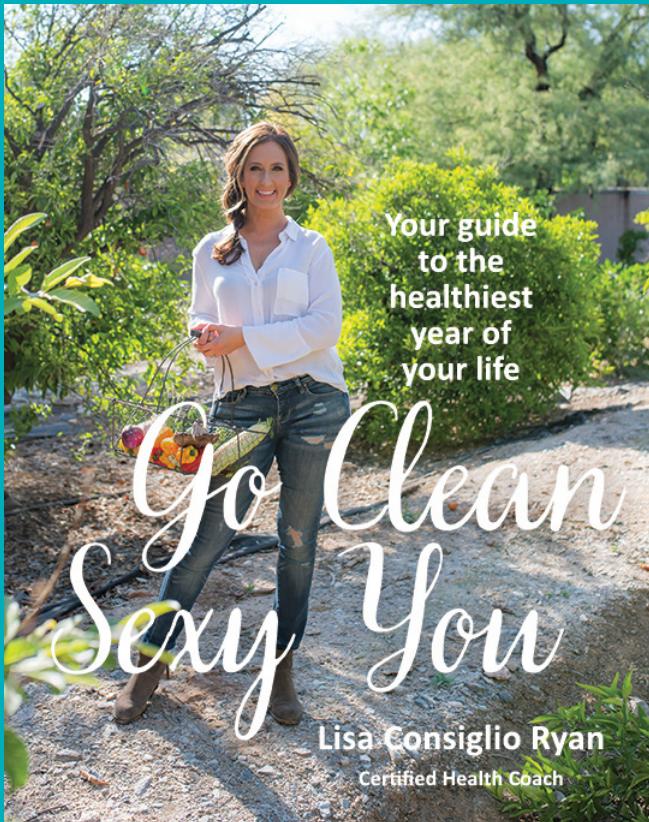
DESCRIPTION:

Wendy Darling takes readers far beyond the second star to the right and straight on till morning. It is the story of a girl loved by two men—the steady and handsome bookseller's son from London and Peter Pan, dashing, charming, and dangerous. From the cobblestone streets of London to the fantastical world of Neverland's many secrets, readers will love watching Wendy's journey as she grows from a girl into a woman, and realizes that Neverland, like her heart, is a wild place, teaming with dark secrets and dangerous obsessions.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

Colleen Oakes is the author of the bestselling *Queen of Hearts* saga and the *Elly in Bloom* series. She received her BA in creative writing at Concordia College in Bronxville, NY, and is currently signed under the BookSparks Imprint. A proud member of the Rocky Mountain Fiction Writers, Oakes lives in Denver with her husband and son, where she reads, swims, and writes. You can follow her (very) personal blog at The Ranunculus Adventures, or through her website at www.colleenoakes.com.

NOVEMBER 2015



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Type: Book

Pub date: November 3, 2015

Vendor/Author: Lisa Consiglio Ryan

Collections: Fiction, For Women

Price: \$17.00 Paperback/\$9.99 eBook

- **eBook ISBN:** 978-1-940716-90-9
- **Paperback ISBN:** 978-1-940716-91-6

COMPARATIVE TITLES:

- *The Food Babe Way: Break Free from the Hidden Toxins in Your Food and Lose Weight*

GO CLEAN, SEXY YOU

LISA CONSIGLIO RYAN

DESCRIPTION:

Go Clean, Sexy You not only serves up a collection of delicious recipes, but offers a holistic approach on how to live a healthier life—putting whole foods into your body, detoxing every season to regularly cleanse your system, associating with those who fuel you not bring you down, and managing stress with activities that bring you back to balance.

A certified health and nutrition coach, author Lisa Consiglio Ryan provides straightforward guidance on how to overcome the obstacles that keep you from losing those last ten pounds, make you feel exhausted every afternoon, and compel you to indulge in unhealthy habits. Lisa's approach incorporates easy-to-adopt eating habits, free from counting calories and fat grams. As you navigate through the seasons with Lisa's whole food-based detox plans, you'll be tapping into your body's wisdom, forming sustainable habits, and developing loving, respectful relationship with your body. Not only will you feel better, you'll look better too!

ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

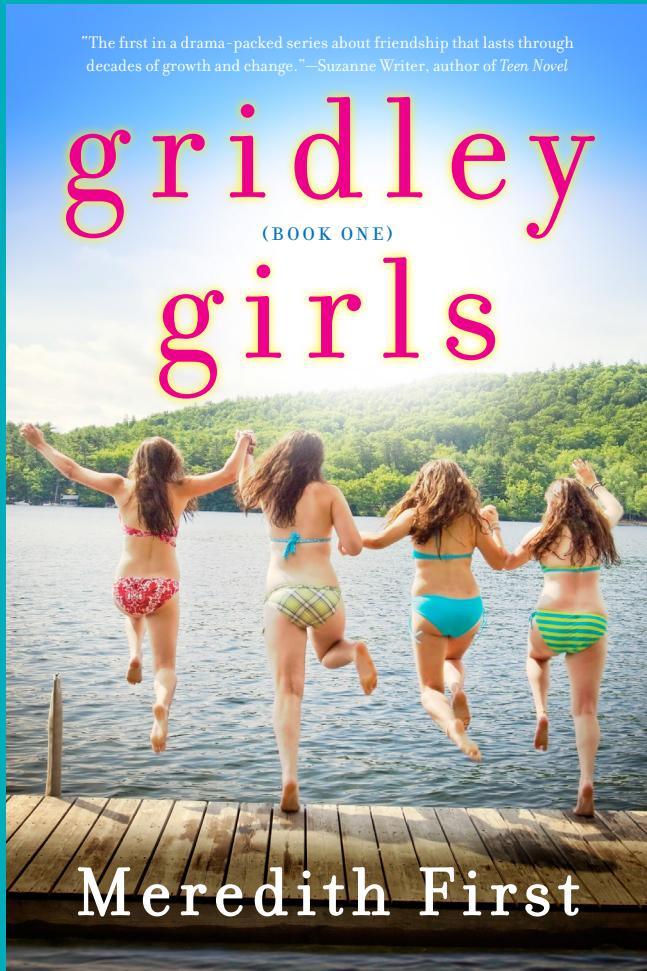
Lisa Consiglio Ryan is a certified health and nutrition coach, and the founder and CEO of Whole Health Designs, LLC, which provides detox programs and private coaching for those who desire to embrace clean living. She has a bachelor's of science degree and master's degree in education. Her work has been featured in *Fitness Magazine*, *Tiny Buddha*, *Elephant Journal*, *Kris Carr's Crazy Sexy Life*, *The Daily Meal*, and *Mind Body Green*. She loves green juice, Bikram yoga, and hanging out with her family in the Baltimore, Maryland.



2016



SPRING 2016



Meredith First

Type: Book

Pub date: Spring 2016

Vendor/Author: Meredith Carlin

Collections: Fiction, For Women

Price: \$17.00 Paperback/\$9.99 eBook

- eBook ISBN: 978-1-940716-22-0 EBK
- Paperback ISBN: 978-1-940716-23-7 PBK

COMPARATIVE TITLES:

- *Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants*
- *The Divine Secrets of the Ya Ya Sisterhood*

GRIDLEY GIRLS

MEREDITH CARLIN

DESCRIPTION:

Meg Monahan is hosting the wedding of her dreams for her best friend, Anne Calzaretta, while also keeping a secret she's not prepared to face, let alone share. On the eve of the wedding, Meg and Anne flash back to high school, when things seemed so much easier to Anne. Meg doesn't remember it that way. Torn between her half-Mormon upbringing and her yearning for adventure, Meg feels like she just might lose her mind.

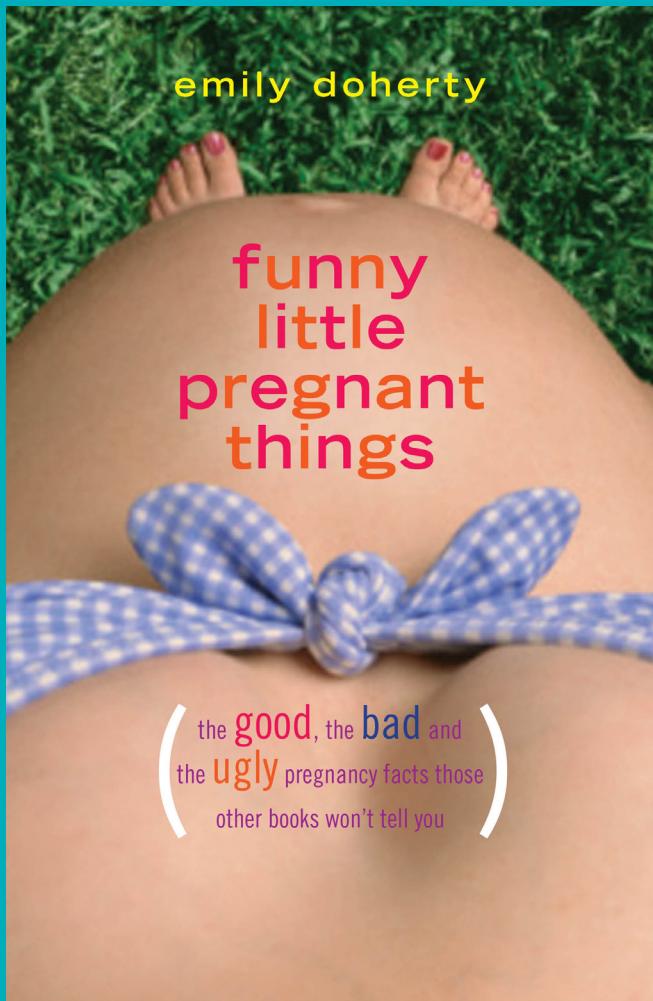
Meg, Anne, Jennifer, and Tonya were known as The Group in their rural town of Gridley, California, in the 1970s. Now living professional lives in Sacramento, they discover that in many ways they are still trapped by their high school reputations. In her debut novel, the first in a series based on true events, Meredith First tells a timeless story about the bonds of friendship, loss, betrayal, and the forgiveness that is within everyone.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

Meredith Carlin First left an insanely great recruiting career with Apple, Inc., to write books for anyone who survived high school with a little help from friends. The books were literally haunting her dreams. After studying abroad at the University of London, she received a BA in communications/broadcasting from Oregon State University where she was a news anchor and reporter for KBVR Television. Through her books and website, www.meredithfirst.com, and the donation of 10 percent of the profits of the Gridley Girls series of books to children's charities, she hopes to help young people who struggle with similar issues that she experienced. She lives with her family in suburban Minneapolis and Sacramento, and is hard at work on book two in the *Gridley Girls* series, due out in 2016.



APRIL 2016



Type: Book

Pub date: April 12, 2016

Vendor/Author: Emily Doherty

Collections: Non-Fiction, For Women

Price: \$17.00 Paperback/\$9.99 eBook

• **eBook ISBN:** 978-1-940716-57-257

• **Paperback ISBN:** 978-1-940716-58-9

FUNNY LITTLE PREGNANT THINGS

EMILY DOHERTY

DESCRIPTION:

This book is not designed to tell you the “best” way to do anything. You’ll have plenty of people telling you, “This is how I did it and my way is, in fact, the best.” All pregnancies are different and so are the babies they produce, so one method of preparation may work for one baby and not the next. “They,” whoever “they” are, seem to change the rules each year anyway. “Microwave your deli meat, never mind just use caution while eating.” Good cause I wasn’t going to do that anyway. “Feel free to gain lots of weight while pregnant. Actually, we are only going to budget you 20lbs.” Whoops too late. “Have a martini and a cigarette it will help you relax, sorry we got that one wrong.” Yeah no shi*, Sherlock.

As a mom-to-be, I read a few of the prerequisite pregnancy books, and although factual, I found most of them to be very dull. When Chapter 3 let me know my baby was now the size of lemon, I gave up. Is there actual practicality in knowing that my child resembles produce? Where was the good stuff? After having two babies, I realized these books left out so many little details that you would only know if you had delivered a child. Details that are very important. For example, beware of the baby registry and all the crap you will never use, or be prepared to get breast milk all over everything you own! At least provide me with a pregnancy book with some humor, then maybe I can make it to Chapter 6, where my baby now resembles a melon.

In order to help those like me, who want some realistic tips in an easy to read fashion, this book is an account of some of the ridiculous things you may encounter while pregnant. It also includes, “the good, the bad and often gross stuff,” people forget to mention. For example, there is a greater than average chance you will shi* yourself while giving birth. (Pregnancy: who ever said it would be easy?).

COMPARATIVE TITLES:

- **Belly Laughs** by Jenny McCarthy
- **The Baby Bump: 100s of Things to Help You Survive Those 9 Long Months** by Carley Roney
- **What to Expect When You're Expecting** by Heidi Murkoff
- **The Girlfriend's Guide to Pregnancy** by Vicki Iovine

KEY SELLING POINTS:

- A humorous look at the pregnancy secrets other books won't share with you
- Frank, conversational style from one girlfriend to another
- A helpful blend of humor and information to help women understand pregnancy

ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

Emily Doherty is a mother of two and a full-time working mom. She is currently a director of mutual fund sales for MFS Investment Management where she has spent the last eight years educating financial advisors as well as doing public presentations on the stock market and other investment related topics. When she is not traveling around the state of Virginia and Washington DC, she is at home with her husband Patrick raising her two young sons, Cullen and Lachlan. It was her time spent with the family that inspired her to write her recent book, Funny Little Pregnant Things. This hilarious pregnancy guide takes the reader from the womb to the world in an all-too-real fashion.

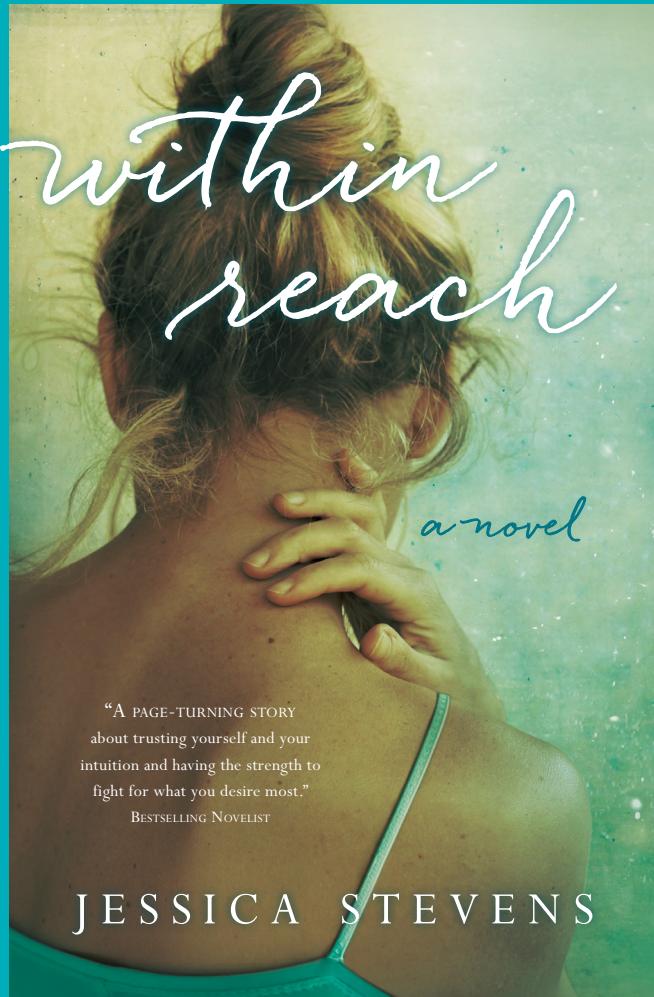
A graduate of Northeastern University and once an avid rugby player, Emily is driven to succeed. She looks forward to her upcoming book tours and speaking engagements, as well as authoring a series of children's books.

PRAISE FOR FUNNY LITTLE PREGNANT THINGS :

"A no-holds barred and funny glimpse into all things pregnancy, *Funny Little Pregnant Things* made me cringe and laugh, sometimes at the same time. Emily covers gritty, grimy intimate bodily changes, baby prep, and life post-child with candor and humor. I thought I knew everything there was to know from my girlfriends and other books—but Emily's book is a much better resource!"

- Lori Green LeRoy, author of *The Inadequate Conception From Barry White to Blastocutes*

AUGUST 2016



Type: Book

Pub date: August 11, 2016

Vendor/Author: Jessica Stevens

Collections: Fiction, For Women, For Teens

Price: \$15.00 Paperback/\$9.99 eBook

- **eBook ISBN:** 978-1-940716-68-8

- **Paperback ISBN:** 978-1-940716-69-5

WITHIN REACH

JESSICA STEVENS

DESCRIPTION:

What if, after you died, you had a chance to come back? Fix the one fatal mistake that turned everything around. One more chance with the one you left behind?

Dying wasn't on sixteen-year-old Xander Hemlock's summer to-do-list. Finding ways to spend more time with his girlfriend, Lila, was the most critical thinking he planned on doing. That was before he found himself trapped in a realm of darkness with thirty days to convince Lila he's not dead, well, not completely.

As Xan tries to show Lila she isn't alone, she struggles to comprehend why six months ago her life was perfect, she was on her way to becoming a professional dancer, her parents were still married, and her boyfriend was alive. Now, with her anorexic tendencies stronger than ever, she must decide which is the lesser of two evils; letting go, or holding on to the unreasonable, yet overpowering feeling that Xan is trying to tell her something.

Within Reach is a story of two teenagers discovering that sometimes, it takes more than one lifetime to get it right. Join Lila and Xan as they struggle to find the inner strength to trust in their intuition. It will leave you believing in the impossible and questioning life as you have always known it.

COMPARATIVE TITLES:

- ***If I Stay* by Gayle Foreman**
- ***Black Ice* by Becca Fitzpatrick**
- ***Perfect Chemistry series* by Simone Elkeles**

KEY SELLING POINTS:

- **Debut YA/teen author**
- **Moving, supernatural teen love story**

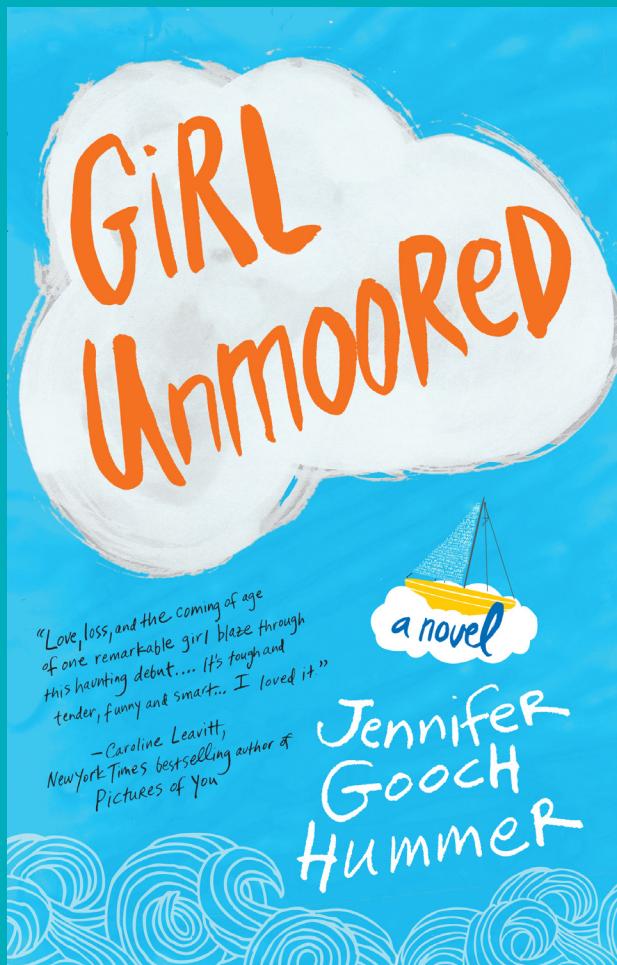
ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

Jessica Stevens grew up knowing without a doubt that she would become a professional ballet dancer. When life told her otherwise, she went to college like the rest of the world and earned a degree in psychology. Shortly after, while raising her two boys, she found herself glued to her computer all hours of the night while everyone else slept. Today she lives in suburbs of Milwaukee spending as much time as possible on lakes and rivers.

A photograph of a person from the waist up, wearing a dark purple ribbed sweater over a white shirt. They are holding a light-colored wooden bookend with both hands. On top of the bookend sits a white ceramic cup and saucer filled with a warm, brown liquid, likely tea. A plume of white steam rises from the cup. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

BACKLIST

NOVEMBER 2013



Type: Book

Pub date: Nov 23, 2013

Vendor/Author: Jennifer Gooch Hummer

Collections: Fiction, For Teens,
Award-Winning, Bestsellers

Price: \$15.00 Paperback / \$9.99 eBook

- **eBook ISBN - 978-1-940716-06-0**
- **Paperback ISBN - 978-1-940716-07-7**

GIRL UNMOORED

JENNIFER GOOCH HUMMER

DESCRIPTION:

Apron Bramhall has come unmoored. It's 1985 and her mom has passed away, her evil stepmother is pregnant, and her best friend has traded her in for a newer model. Fortunately, she's about to be saved by Jesus. Not that Jesus—the actor who plays him in *Jesus Christ, Superstar*. Apron is desperate to avoid the look-alike Mike (no one should look that much like Jesus unless they can perform a miracle or two), but suddenly he's everywhere. Until one day, she's stuck in church with him—of all places. And then something happens; Apron's broken teenage heart blinks on for the first time since she's been adrift.

Mike and his grumpy boyfriend, Chad, offer her a summer job in their flower store, Apron's world seems to calm. But when she uncovers Chad's secret, coming of age becomes almost too much to bear. She's forced to see things the adults around her fail to—like what love really means and who is paying too much for it.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

Jennifer Gooch Hummer is the author of *Girl Unmoored* which has won more than a dozen awards for Young Adult, Teen and Cross-Genre fiction, including a Bronze for YA Fiction-Mature Issues from the Moonbeam Children's Book Awards. *Girl Unmoored* was named a Finalist in the 2013 Maine Literary Awards. Jennifer has worked as a script analyst for various agencies and major film studios. Her short stories have been published in *Miranda Magazine*, *Our Stories*, *Glimmer Train* and *Fish*. Jennifer lives in Southern California and Maine with her husband and their three daughters.

AWARDS:

- **Indie Excellence Awards 2012 – Winner Cross-Genre Fiction**
- **Next Generation Indie Book Awards 2012 – Winner YA Fiction**
- **The San Francisco Book Festival Awards 2012 – Winner Teen Fiction**
- **Maine Literary Awards 2013 – Winner YA Fiction**
- **ReaderViews Awards 2012 – YA Book of the Year**
- **BOTYA (Book of the Year Awards) 2012 – YA Fiction**
- **Moonbeam Children's Book Awards 2012 – YA Fiction Mature Themes**
- **The Paris Book Festival Awards 2012 – Winner YA Fiction**
- **USA Best Books Award, 2012 – Finalist Best New Book Finalist Cross-Genre Fiction**
- **Next Generation Indie Book Awards 2012 – Finalist Chick Lit Fiction**
- **Next Generation Indie Book Awards 2012 – Finalist Best Fiction Cover Art**
- **The International Book Awards 2012 – Finalist Best New Book**
- **The International Book Awards 2012 – Finalist YA Fiction**

COMPARATIVE TITLES:

- ***Tell the Wolves I'm Home* by Carol Rifka Brunt**
- ***The Fault in Our Stars* by John Green**

KEY SELLING POINTS:

- **Has been optioned for a movie, in the process of casting the characters.**
- **Deals with themes such as sexual identity, coming of age, death and dying, and discovering what love means to different people.**
- **Set in 1980s Maine.**

PRAISE FOR GIRL UNMOORED:

“...the undiscovered young-adult novel of the summer.”

- *Entertainment Weekly*

“Love, loss, and the coming of age of one remarkable girl blaze through this haunting debut like a shooting star you'd wish upon. It's tough and tender, funny and smart, and it frankly took my breath away. I loved it.”

- Caroline Leavitt, New York Times bestselling author of *Pictures of You*

“With stunning emotional honesty, *Girl Unmoored* shaves away layers of innocence to reveal the true meaning of love, and the power we have to save one another. Effortlessly funny and poignant, Jennifer Gooch Hummer's masterful debut offers surprises until the very end. I am head over heels for this book and will gladly scream its praises from the rafters — for sure a must-read!”

- Elise Allen, New York Times bestselling co-author of *Elixir* and author of *Populazzi*

“I have very rarely encountered a debut novel that would have touched me so deeply... I simply can not recommend this book highly enough.”

- *The Seattle Post*

“*Girl Unmoored* helps moor us all.”

- *The Portland Press Herald*

“Poignant, candid, and heartbreakingly unique, *Girl Unmoored* is the best debut novel I've read in 2012.”

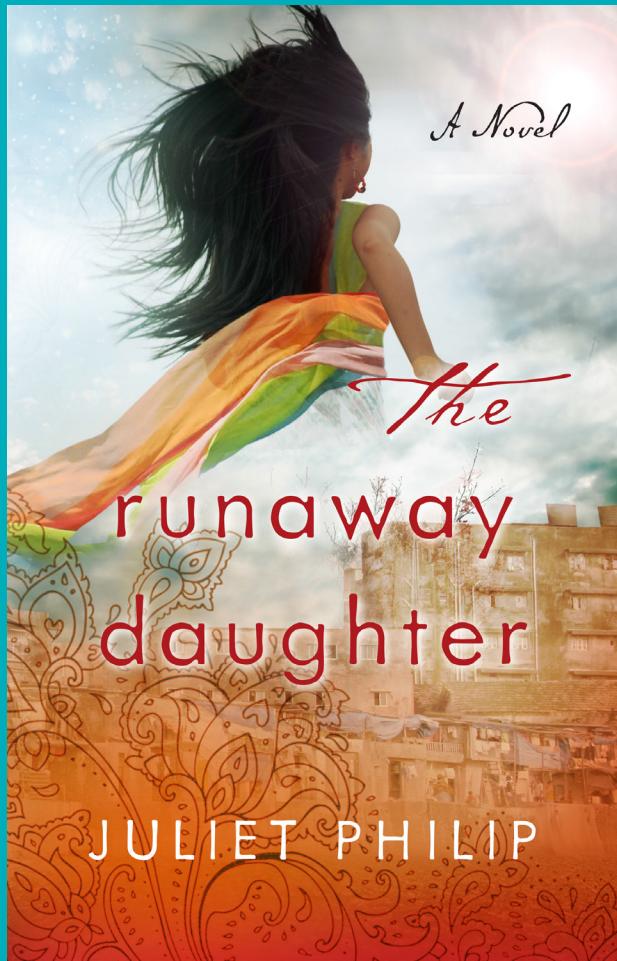
- *Reader Girls*

“*Girl Unmoored* is on its way to becoming a classic coming-of-age.”

- *The Divining Wand*



DECEMBER 2014



Type: Book

Pub date: Dec 17, 2013

Vendor/Author: Juliet Philip

Collections: Fiction, For Teens, Bestsellers

Price: \$15.00 Paperback / \$9.99 eBook

- **eBook ISBN:** 978-0-9893159-8-2
- **Paperback ISBN:** 978-0-9893159-9-9

THE RUNAWAY DAUGHTER

JULIET PHILIP

DESCRIPTION:

Kamada lives in a world of magic. A world of gremlins, fairies and talking objects that shield her from a society where strange men act like they own the women walking down the street, and where her mother gives up her body in exchange for a life of luxury.

The dirty streets of Bombay do not feel like home to Kamada. She knows she does not belong, and her mother's house feels like a prison. To escape, Kammy wants to leave India to go study in America. Only her magical friends and a neighboring family know that her wish is getting closer to becoming a reality every day.

Follow Kammy as she bucks tradition in her quest to pass the GRE and follow her dreams. Will she be able to leave the land of curries and rickshaws?

ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

Juliet Philip loves magic, fairies, and creating things. She believes in infusing each of her creations with all the positive energy that she can manifest. Some of the things she likes to make are books, drawings, magic, and connections with people and the universe.

She leads a self-sustainable, simple (yet busy!) life and is so very excited to share her everyday magic with you all. *The Runaway Daughter* is her debut novel.

AWARDS:

- 2014 Next Generation Indie Book Awards, Finalist in Multicultural Fiction
- 2014 Indie Excellence Awards, Finalist in Multicultural Fiction
- 2014 International Book Awards, Finalist in Fiction: Young Adult

PRAISE FOR THE RUNAWAY DAUGHTER:

“The overlay of fantasy, always evocatively but matter-of-factly interwoven with the real-world narrative, is what lends the book its greatest charm... An extremely memorable and winning YA tale of the perseverance dreams require.”

- Kirkus Reviews

COMPARATIVE TITLES:

- *The Namesake* by Jhumpa Lahiri
- *Life of Pi* by Yann Martel

“This is an astonishing novel, at once a glimpse into the mind of a brave and imaginative heroine and a dizzying, gritty, and shockingly real snapshot of Indian city life. There is magic here, and ugliness, and the book’s triumph is in showing us how one unusual girl refuses to let the ugliness extinguish the magic.”

- Sangu Mandanna, author of *The Lost Girl*

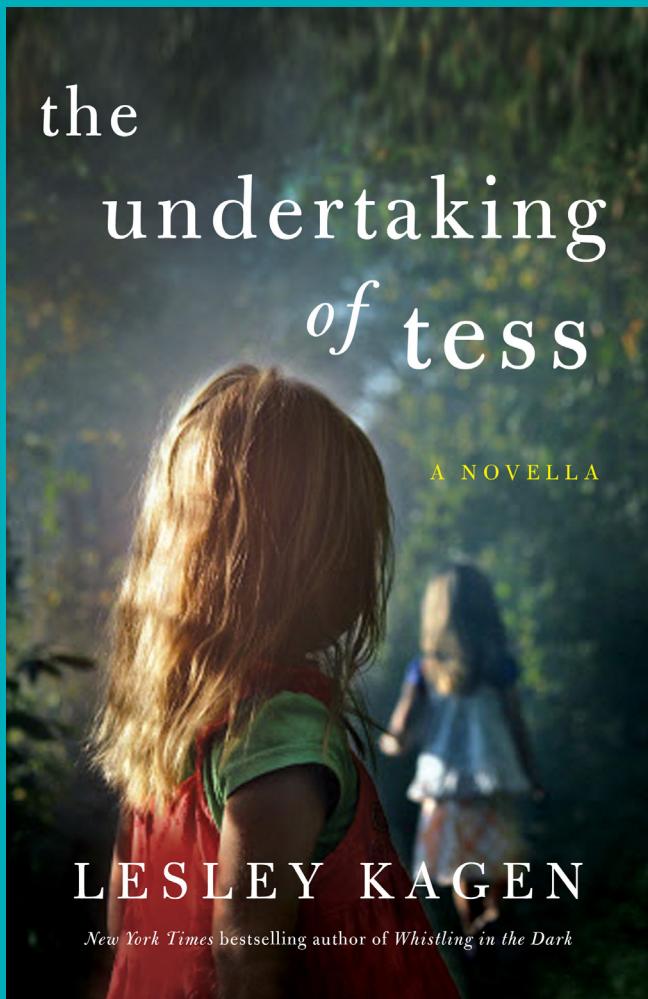
KEY SELLING POINTS:

- Gives a colorful and first-hand glimpse into the lives of people living on the street in Bombay, India.
- Culturally significant—transports readers into the exotic and exciting world of India.
- Deals with discrimination and misogyny.

“Fans of *The Kite Runner* and *Life of Pi* will be riveted by Juliet Philip’s stunning novel about a girl coming of age in Bombay. Philip’s vivid descriptions will have readers visualizing Kamada’s journey every step of the way.”

- SheKnows.com

DECEMBER 2014



Type: Book

Publication Date: Dec 16, 2014

Vendor/Author: Lesley Kagen

Collections: Fiction, For Women, Award-Winning, Bestsellers

Price: \$9.99 eBook

- **eBook ISBN:** 9781940716657
- **Paperback ISBN:** 9781940716541

THE UNDERTAKING OF TESS

LESLEY KAGEN

NEW YORK TIMES BEST SELLING AUTHOR

DESCRIPTION:

During the summer of 1959, ten-year-old Theresa "Tessie" Finley has her work cut out for her. Not only is she attempting to come to grips with the devastating loss and guilt she feels after she witnessed her father's drowning, her kid sister, Birdie, refuses to believe that their beloved Daddy is really gone.

Tessie needs to make sure that she does before their Mom gets wind of how much "weirder" her sister's getting. Stronger, and more down to Earth than ethereal Birdie, she's always watched over her sister, so it's only natural for her to come up with a plan that she jots down on one of her never-ending TO-DO lists. If Tessie can't achieve her goals, she's desperately worried that the beautiful but self-occupied Louise might send emotionally fragile Birdie to the County insane asylum.

Her Daddy always told her, "A Finley never throws in the towel," so more than anything Tess wants to make him proud, but despite her resourcefulness and grit, she's smart enough to know that the odds are stacked against her and her time is running out.

Heartbreaking, funny, nostalgic, and spiritually uplifting, you'll cheer the Finley sisters on from the first page to the last of this charming novella that sets the stage for the upcoming novel, *The Resurrection of Tess Blessing*.

PRAISE FOR THE THE UNDERTAKING OF TESS:

"A tender yet big-hearted coming-of-age story filled with heartbreak, secrets, and humorous observations of the convoluted adult world through which two young sisters must navigate."

- Beth Hoffman, *New York Times* bestselling author of *Looking for Me* and *Saving CeeCee Honeycutt*.

"Heart-rending, yet humorous and filled with hope, *The Undertaking of Tess* is a rare treat from an author who truly knows how to create unforgettable characters. Readers who loved Kagen's *Whistling in the Dark*, will adore Tess and Birdie in this delightful novella."

- Sandra Kring, author of the national bestseller, *The Book of Bright Ideas*.

"A bittersweet coming-of-age in the Fifties story that'll have you crying one minute and laughing out loud the next. Kagen's ability to capture children's deepest emotions never fails to impress."

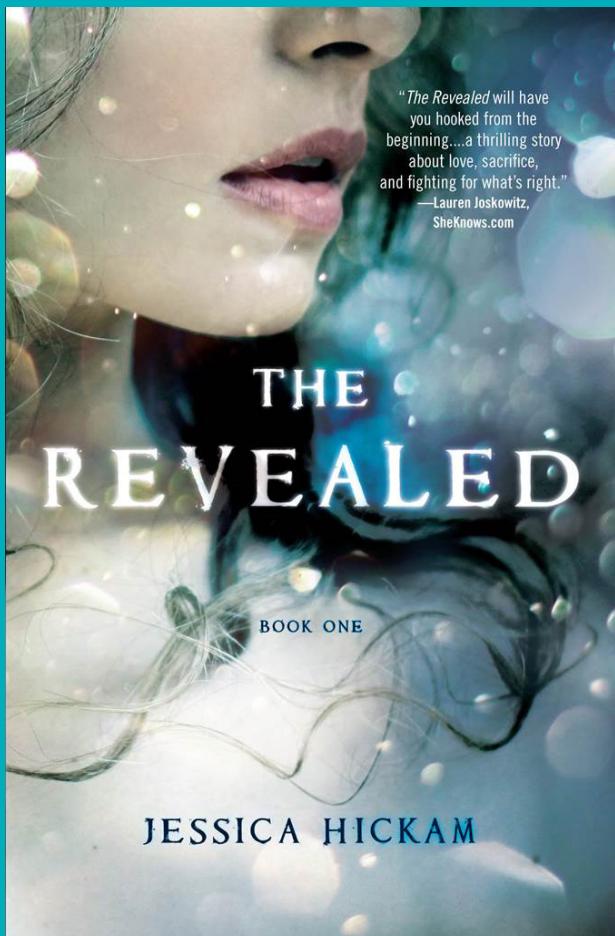
- Bonnie Shimko, award-winning author of *The Private Thoughts of Amelia E. Rye*

ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

Lesley Kagen is an actress, voice-over talent, former restaurateur, sought-after speaker, and award-winning, *New York Times* bestselling author of five previous novels. Her work has been translated into seven languages. She's the mother of two and grandmother of two. She lives in a hundred-year-old farmhouse in a small town in Wisconsin.



DECEMBER 2014



Type: Book

Pub date: Dec 10, 2013

Vendor/Author: Jessica Hickam

Collections: Fiction, For Teens, For Women

Price: \$15.00 Paperback/\$9.99 eBook

• **eBook ISBN:** 978-1-940716-01-5

• **Paperback ISBN:** 978-1-940716-00-8

THE REVEALED

JESSICA HICKAM

DESCRIPTION:

Lily Atwood lives in what used to be called Washington, D.C. Her father is one of the most powerful men in the world, having been a vital part of rebuilding and reuniting humanity after the war that killed over five billion people. Now he's running to be one of its leaders.

But in the rediscovered peace on Earth, a new enemy has risen. They call themselves the Revealed – a powerful underground organization that has been kidnapping 18-year-olds across the globe without reservation. No one knows why they are kidnapping these teens, but it's clear something is different about The Revealed. They can set fires with a snap of their fingers and create a wind strong enough to barrel over a tree with a flick of their wrist. No one has been able to stop them, and they have targeted Lily as their next victim.

But Lily has waited too long to break free from her father's shadow to let some rebel organization just ruin everything. Not without a fight.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

Jessica Hickam is a writer and actress living in Los Angeles, California. She graduated from Arizona State University. From acting to assisting on Paramount's *Star Trek: Into Darkness*, her experiences have only reinforced her love for living in other worlds — whether they be from her own imagination or someone else's. *The Revealed* is her debut novel.

COMPARATIVE TITLES:

- *Divergent* by Veronica Roth
- *Matched* by Ally Condie
- *The Hunger Games* by Suzanne Collins

KEY SELLING POINTS:

- **A dystopian fantasy centered around a government conspiracy.**
- **Story about forbidden love and trusting your instincts.**

PRAISE FOR THE REVEALED:

“Ripe with political intrigue, forbidden romance and a mysterious group of outsiders who threaten to turn Lily Atwood’s world upside down, *The Revealed* is a riveting story about love and courage. It’s also a captivating look at a future society where overcoming the odds means finding the power within yourself to become truly extraordinary. Jessica Hickam has written a story that will entrance readers.”

- Emily Kiebel, author of *Serenade*

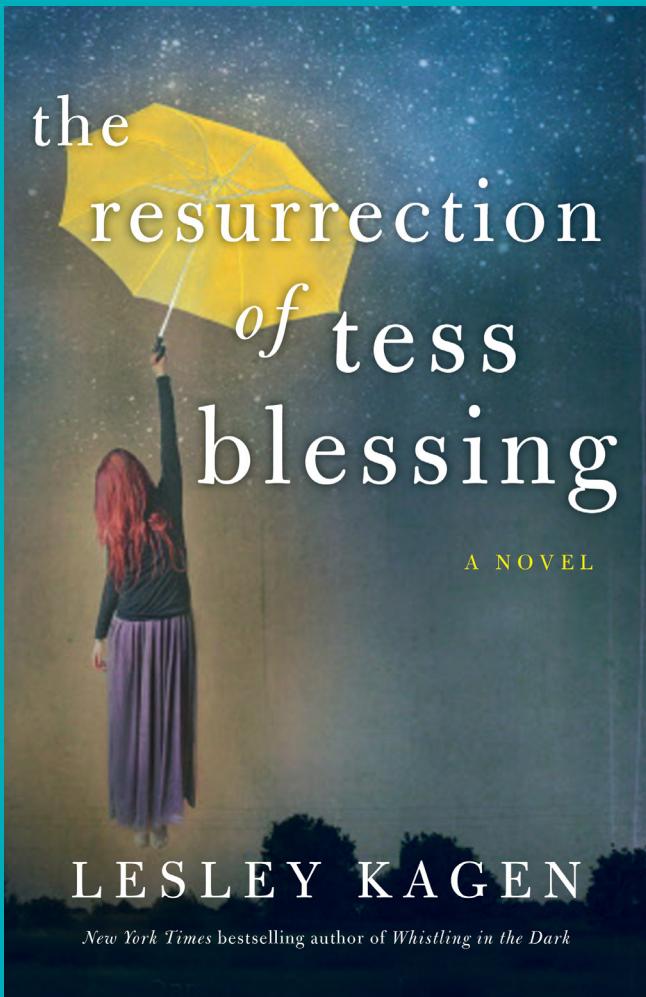
“*The Revealed* will have you hooked from the beginning. Jessica Hickam has written a thrilling story about love, sacrifice, and fighting for what’s right. This book will surely lead the pack in the next wave of popular YA novels.”

– Lauren Joskowitz, entertainment manager, SheKnows.com

“*The Revealed* weaves an adventurous tale of true love, deception and bravery. Along the way, Jessica Hickam captures the beauty — and heartache — of finding your first true love. And, most importantly, finding yourself.”

- Leesa Coble, *BOP and Tiger Beat*

DECEMBER 2014



Type: Book
Publication Date: Dec 9, 2014
Vendor/Author: Lesley Kagen
Collections: Fiction, For Women,
Award-Winning, Bestsellers
Price: \$15.00 Paperback / \$9.99 eBook

- **eBook ISBN:** 978-1-940716-55-8
- **Paperback ISBN:** 978-1-940716-56-5

THE RESURRECTION OF TESS BLESSING

LESLEY KAGEN
NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR

DESCRIPTION:

The Resurrection of Tess Blessing is by turns heartbreakingly and heartwarming, emotional, perceptive, slightly magical, and funny. It's a redemptive story about second chances and realizing what—and who—is really important before it's too late.

After she is diagnosed with breast cancer, fifty-one-year-old Tess sets forth on a mission to complete her final "to-do" list before what she's sure is her impending death.

She needs to make peace with her estranged sister, say goodbye to her mother's long-kept ashes that she keeps in the garage, rescue her daughter from the grip of an eating disorder, help her son grow-up, and reignite the spark in her marriage. One factor she never considers is that she might have to stick around and deal with her handiwork.

Tess is aided on her quest by narrator, Grace, who lends the story its most brilliant elements: subtle magical realism and deep psychological complexity. Is Grace an "imaginary friend," guardian angel, or a part of Tess who knows better than she?

The Resurrection of Tess Blessing is authentic, funny, sad, and at its heart...redemptive.

COMPARATIVE TITLES:

- **Where'd You Go, Bernadette? by Maria Semple**
- **The Secret Life of Bees by Sue Monk Kidd**
- **Mister Owita's Guide to Gardening by Carol Wall**
- **Me Before You by Jojo Moyes**
- **The Rosie Project by Graeme Simsion**

KEY SELLING POINTS:

- Themes include perseverances against all odds, love and redemption.
- Deals with emotional issues like breast cancer, eating disorders and post traumatic stress disorder.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

Lesley Kagen is an actress, voice-over talent, former restaurateur, sought-after speaker, and award-winning, *New York Times* bestselling author of five previous novels. Her work has been translated into seven languages. She's the mother of two and grandmother of two. She lives in a hundred-year-old farmhouse in a small town in Wisconsin.

PRAISE FOR THE RESURRECTION OF TESS BLESSING:

"In *The Resurrection of Tess Blessing*, Kagen deftly illustrates her gift for blending the serious and the funny, the light and the dark. With a touch of magical realism, she once again creates a story that's as hopeful as it is poignant. As a reader, I feel safe in her hands."

- Entertainment Weekly- Diane Chamberlain, international bestselling author of *Necessary Lies* and *The Secret Life of CeeCee Wilkes*

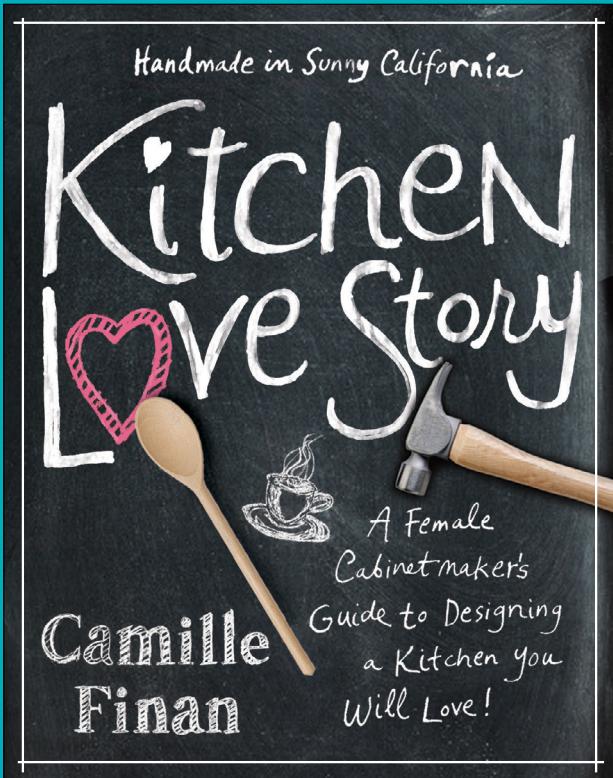
"Read *The Resurrection of Tess Blessing*, but don't read it in public because it'll yank the emotions out of you. You'll laugh, you'll cry, and by the end you'll be Tess Blessing's best friend."

- Cathy Lamb, bestselling author of *What I Remember Most*

"Kagen's talent shines in this wholly original and richly imagined story where unbearable heartache is softened with humor and a touch of magic."

- Beth Hoffman, New York Times bestselling author of *Looking for Me*

SEPTEMBER 2014



Type: Book

Publication Date: Sept 30, 2014

Vendor/Author: Camille LeVasseur

Collections: Non-Fiction, DIY, For Women

Price: \$15.00 Paperback/\$9.99 eBook

- **eBook ISBN:** 978-1-940716-52-7
- **Paperback ISBN:** 978-1-940716-53-4

KITCHEN LOVE STORY

CAMILLE FINAN
DEBUT AUTHOR

DESCRIPTION:

Professional carpenter Camille Finan looks at a kitchen remodel very differently from most cabinet makers or carpenters by bringing a fresh approach to design and functionality.

In *Kitchen Love Story*, Camille shares what she's learned throughout her years as a professional carpenter and gives simple instructions on how to manage the remodel of your own kitchen, while using the ideas and strategies she uses with her own clients. Together Camille will help you explore the tricks to designing a kitchen that is perfect for you and how you live – AND she'll show you exactly how to avoid being ripped off.

Unlike current offerings on the market, *Kitchen Love Story* is not an envy-inducing photo journey through the ideal yet often unattainable kitchens seen in the pages of design magazines and on every remodeloholic's frenemy – Pinterest. Instead, this is a book customers will actually put into practice in their own homes, with enviable results. *Kitchen Love Story* is a woman-to-woman guide to creating the kitchen of your dreams.

AWARDS:

- 2014 IndieFab Book of the Year Award
Finalist for Crafts & Hobbies and Home & Garden

COMPARATIVE TITLES:

- *Mike Holmes Kitchen and Bathrooms: Make It Right* by Mike Holmes
- *Kitchen Ideas* by Better Homes and Gardens

KEY SELLING POINTS:

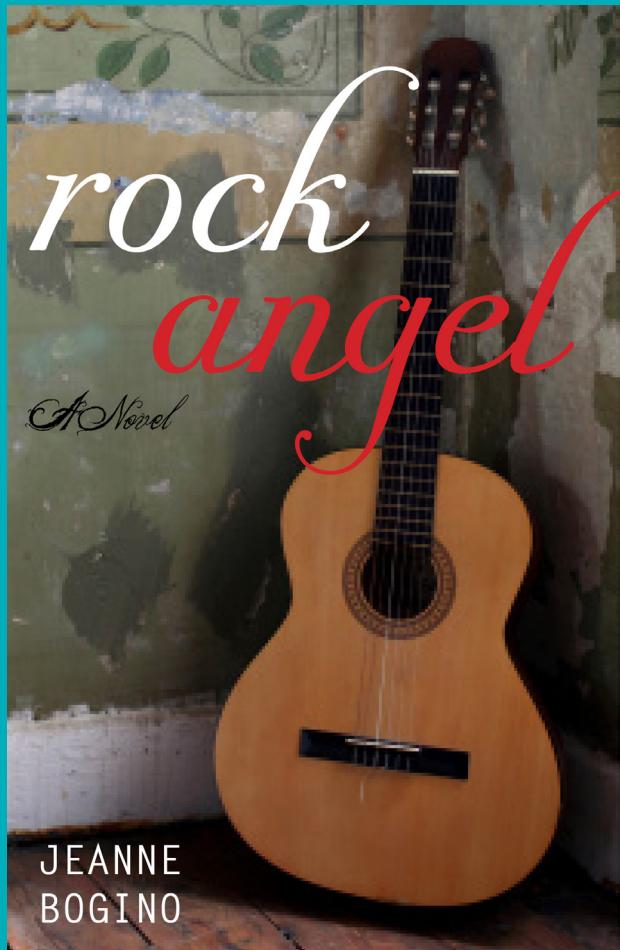
- Camille brings a fresh approach to design and functionality from a woman's perspective while maintaining her expertise as a professional carpenter.
- Provides a uniquely feminine perspective on the often overlooked details that truly matter in kitchen design, focusing on function and form.
- The book will empower women and give them honest, authentic and straightforward answers about carpentry and remodeling.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

For more than 20 years, professional carpenter Camille Finan has worked with hundreds of women who have hated their kitchens and has helped these women rewrite their Kitchen Love Story to have a happily ever after.



SEPTEMBER 2014



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Type: Book

Publication Date: Sept 9, 2014

Vendor/Author: Jeanne Bogino

Collections: For Women, For Teens, Fiction

Price: \$19.00 Paperback/\$9.99 eBook

- **eBook ISBN:** 978-0-985231-35-4
- **Paperback ISBN:** 978-0-985231-36-1

ROCK ANGEL

JEANNE BOGINO

DEBUT AUTHOR

DESCRIPTION:

Shan is young, beautiful, talented, and addicted to heroin in *Rock Angel*, a novel that follows her meteoric rise to guitar goddess stardom in the '90s. She is discovered in New York by a handsome, arrogant musical genius named Quinn and sparks fly between them when he hires her as lead guitarist of his band.

Although Quinn is accustomed to bedding a different groupie every night, he can't ignore his deepening feelings for his new bandmate. From gritty Greenwich Village clubs to L.A.'s Troubadour, gigging and touring the country to the cover of *Rolling Stone*, *Rock Angel* is infused with the passionate music and intense sexual chemistry of Shan and Quinn. Shan must work out her personal demons and learn to trust Quinn enough to love him but still remain true to the music that has always been her salvation.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

By day, Jeanne Bogino is the director of a small but busy library in rural New York. By night, she writes at her western Massachusetts homestead. She's published short horror, fantasy, romance, memoir, and gay fiction, and is a regular contributor at *Library Journal*, where she was named 2011's fiction reviewer of the year. An expert on zombie lit and horror films, Jeanne has published articles and appeared on panels devoted to these subjects. *Rock Angel* is her debut novel.

COMPARATIVE TITLES:

- ***Girls to the Front*** by Sara Marcus
- ***Just Kids*** by Patti Smith

KEY SELLING POINTS:

- For fans of the movies ***Almost Famous*** (2000) and ***The Runaways*** (2010).
- For anyone who was a fan of '90s rock music.

PRAISE FOR ROCK ANGEL:

“In a show business tale filled with ego clashes, sexual tension, drug addiction, dreams of success and nightmares of stardom, the rarefied world of ambitious musicians is rendered with a relentlessly keen eye and ear.”

- *Music Connection magazine*

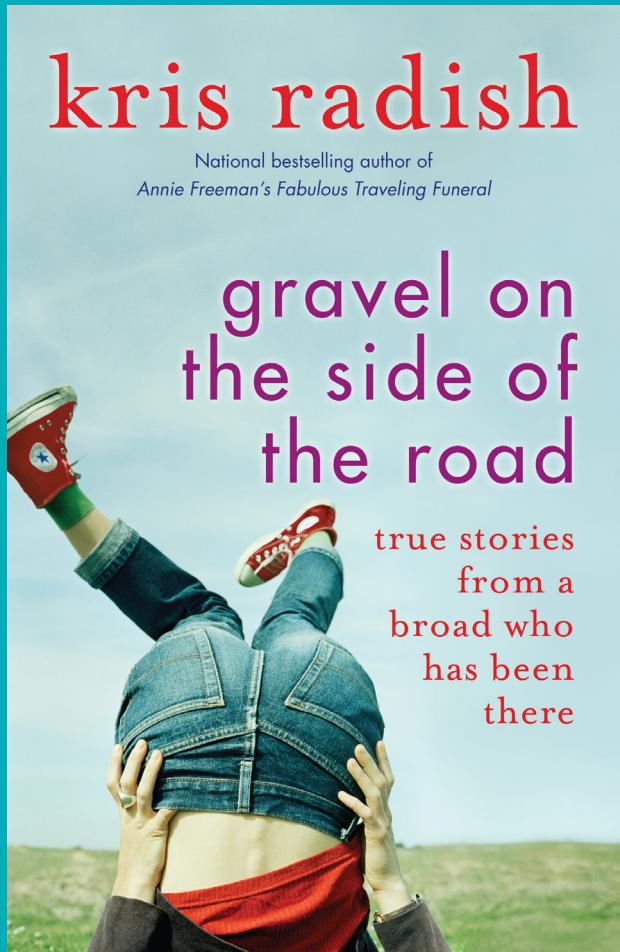
“Debut novelist Bogino clearly has a passion and great understanding of Nineties-era rock culture. Shan is a complex and well-written character whose struggles have the reader rooting for her.”

- *Library Journal*

“Bogino portrays an authentic landscape of what it's like to be a rock band in the early 90s. Shan and Quinn both read as fully realized, flawed characters.”

- *Kirkus Review*

JULY 2014



Type: Book

Publication Date: July 22, 2014

Vendor/Author: Kris Radish

Collections: Non-Fiction, Memoir

Price: \$15.00 Paperback/\$9.99 eBook

• **eBook ISBN:** 978-1-940716-42-8

• **Paperback ISBN:** 978-1-940716-43-5

GRAVEL ON THE SIDE OF THE ROAD

KRIS RADISH

NATIONAL BESTSELLING AUTHOR

DESCRIPTION:

A woman who worries about carrying a .38 special in her purse, nearly drowns in a desert canyon, flies into the war in Bosnia, dances with the FBI, tells Geraldo he shouldn't put guests in hotel rooms with rats and spends time with murderers has more than a few stories to tell.

Gravel on the Side of the Road-True Stories From a Broad Who Has Been There is a daring and revealing adventure itself.

Beloved novelist Kris Radish returns to her non-fiction beginnings with her first, but not last, book of autobiographical essays. Her writing career has spanned four decades and has included award-winning newspaper work, magazine features, a national syndicated column, eleven books and enough stories and adventures to fill up many more.

Radish's talent for telling it like it is, sharing the wit and wisdom of a life lived mostly on her own terms, and her keen sense of humor are highlighted in these stories—some of them old, some of them new, but all of them a glimpse into worlds many never dare to enter. This author always lives in a world where nothing is sacred but the sweet emotions of the heart.

Kris is definitely a broad who has been there.

COMPARATIVE TITLES:

- *Wild* by Cheryl Strayed
- *Eat, Pray, Love* by Elizabeth Gilbert

KEY SELLING POINTS:

- Bestselling author of women's fiction tells her own stories in this memoir.
- Sends a message of female empowerment in an uplifting and irreverent way.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

Kris Radish is the author of nine novels and two works of non-fiction. A former award-winning journalist, magazine writer, and nationally syndicated columnist, Radish is also co-owner of a wine lounge, the Wine Madonna, in downtown St. Petersburg, Florida where she hosts book clubs and special literary events with groups from across the globe. She calls her genre "Broads Who Have Been There", and it takes one to know one. Her widely popular novels include *The Elegant Gathering of White Snows*, *Dancing Naked at the Edge of Dawn*, *Annie Freeman's Fabulous Traveling Funeral*, *The Sunday List of Dreams*, *Searching for Paradise in Parker P.A.*, *The Shortest Distance Between Two Women*, *Hearts on a String*, *Tuesday Night Miracles* and *A Grand Day to Get Lost*. Her tenth novel, *The Year of Necessary Lies*, will be published by SparkPress in 2014.

PRAISE FOR KRIS RADISH:

"Radish unrolls a rollicking yet reflective read that adds to her robust repertoire of beloved fiction. What's a reader to do but relish the ride."

- BookPage on *Searching for Paradise in Parker, PA*

"Kris Radish creates characters that seek and then celebrate the discovery of women's innate power."

- *The Denver Post*

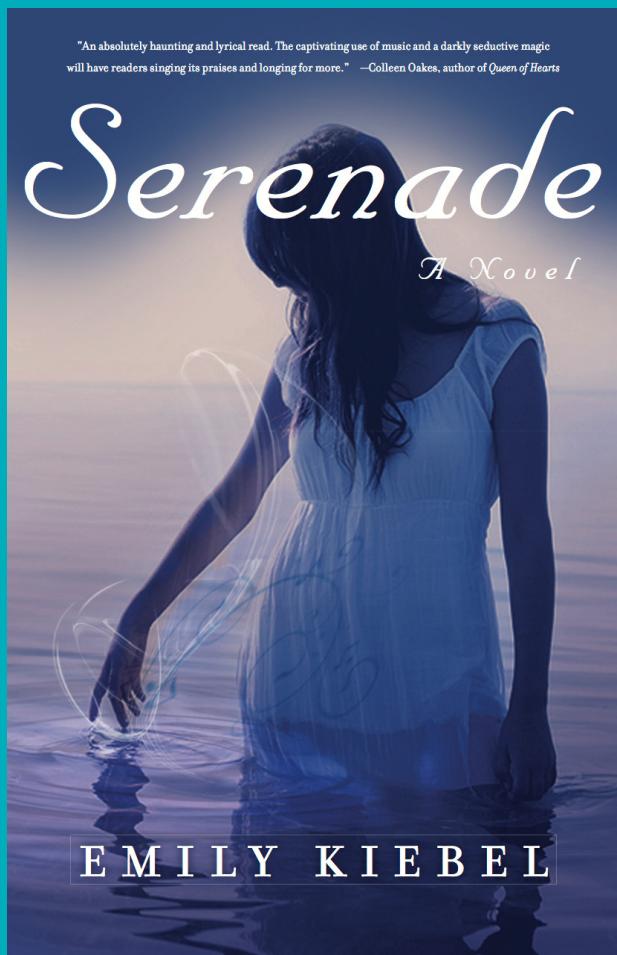
"Radish's characters know how to have a good time on their way to matriarchal nirvana."

- *Kirkus Reviews*

"Through the women in her popular novels, author Kris Radish reveals what has value and meaning in her life friendships and a passion for living."

- *Albuquerque Journal*

JULY 2014



- Type:** Book
Pub date: July 15, 2014
Vendor/Author: Emily Kiebel
Collections: Fiction, For Teens,
For Women
Price: \$15.00 Paperback/\$9.99 eBook
- **eBook ISBN:** 978-1-940716-05-3
 - **Paperback ISBN:** 978-1-940716-04-6

SERENADE

EMILY KIEBEL

DESCRIPTION:

When Lorelei Clark's father is killed, she is haunted by the feeling that she could have prevented it. If only she had done something – anything – besides simply singing to him while his life drained from his body, perhaps he would have survived.

Eighteen-year-old Lorelei Clark was a gifted singer at a music conservatory until the day her father was struck by an oncoming car. His death leaves her emotionally shattered, so when she receives an invitation from her great-aunt Helen to visit her home in Cape Cod, Lorelei accepts.

She quickly discovers that Helen and her two nieces are harboring a frightening secret – they are sirens, terrifying mythical creatures responsible for singing doomed sailors to their deaths. Even more astounding, Lorelei is one of them, a siren called to do fate's bidding.

In this new world where water comes alive at her touch and an ancient power pulses beneath the tide, the most important rule Lorelei must learn is that a siren never EVER interferes with fate. When she breaks this rule by rescuing a handsome sailor who was supposed to die at sea, the sirens vow that she must finish the job or face grave consequences. Unable to bring herself to murder the young man and finding herself inexplicably attracted to him, she must fight to keep him safe from the others, even if it means risking her own life, and her heart, in the process.

PRAISE FOR SERENADE:

“Fast-paced with a vivid setting and strong focus on music, Kiebel’s novel will appeal to YA readers looking for a well-developed romantic fantasy.”

- Kirkus Reviews

“An absolutely haunting and lyrical read. The captivating use of music and a darkly seductive magic will have readers singing its praises and longing for more.”

- Colleen Oakes, bestselling author of *Queen of Hearts*

“Emily Kiebel seamlessly blends reality and fantasy. *Serenade* hits resonant and real emotional notes, while at the same time enchanting the reader with a rich, fantasy mythology.”

- Kayleigh Roberts, *BOP* and *Tiger Beat*

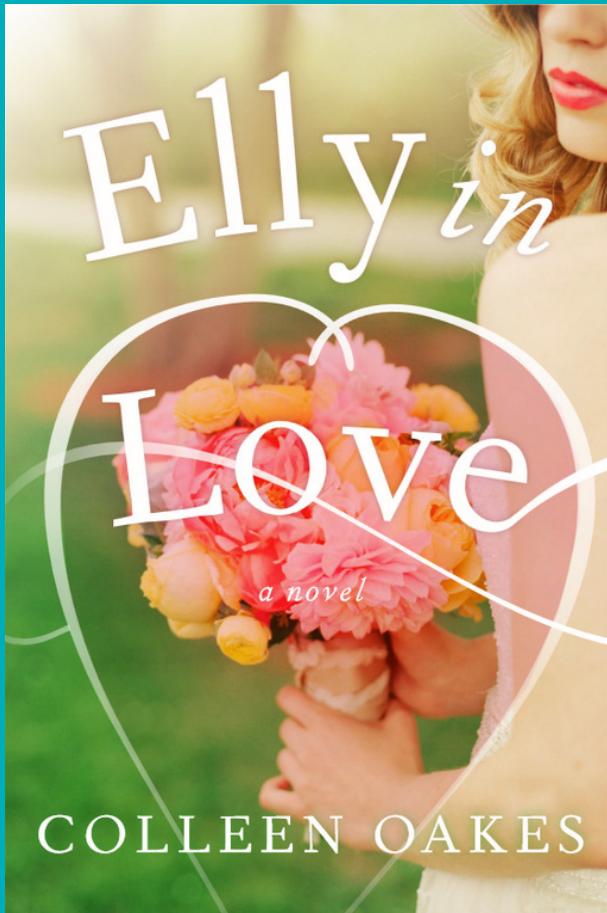
“*Serenade* will surprise you at every turn! Emily Kiebel’s novel is the perfect blend of supernatural self-discovery and a poignant story about the bonds of family.”

- Jessica Hickam, author of *The Revealed*

ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

Emily Kiebel was raised in Colorado and went on to study classical music and English at Concordia University. She found a love for singing early in life and now sings professionally and directs a local church choir. In her spare time, she can be found exploring the natural beauty of the great outdoors with her beloved dogs, Ginny and Diggory, cooking for friends and family, traveling or dragging her friends along to obscure historical sites. *Serenade* is her debut novel.

JUNE 2014



Type: Book

Pub date: June 24, 2014

Vendor/Author: Colleen Oakes

Collections: Fiction, For Women, Bestsellers

Price: \$15.00 Paperback/\$9.99 eBook

- **eBook ISBN:** 978-1-940716-18-3
- **Paperback ISBN:** 978-1-940716-19-0

ELLY IN LOVE

COLLEEN OAKES

DESCRIPTION:

Curvy wedding florist Elly Jordan has had quite a year. First, she had to design her ex-husband's wedding to the mistress who split them up, and then she broke up with the hottest musician this side of St. Louis. Three months have passed since then, and now Elly is primed for what promises to be the best wedding season of her life.

Encouraged by her loyal friends (and one pushy coworker), Elly considers opening a chic flower boutique uptown when *BlissBride*, a popular wedding reality show, asks her to design the wedding of a famous—make that infamous—celebrity. Elly is about to get everything she's ever wanted when a stranger shows up at her store with a request that changes every aspect of her life—including her budding relationship with deli owner Keith. As she struggles to stay calm in the midst of growing chaos, Elly will learn the true meaning of love and sacrifice.

Filled with the heart, humor, and horticulture that made *Elly in Bloom* a bestseller, *Elly in Love* welcomes readers back to Elly's big, beautiful, and messy life.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

Colleen Oakes is the author of the *Elly in Bloom* series and the YA fantasy *Queen of Hearts* saga. She lives in North Denver with her husband and son. When not writing, Colleen enjoys swimming, traveling, and immersing herself in nerdy pop culture. She is currently at work on the last *Elly* novel and her second YA fantasy series, *Wendy Darling*.

PRAISE FOR ELLY IN LOVE :

“Elly is someone you can’t help but love. For all her quirks, there’s something about her that tugs at your heart and you want to root for her until she gets the happy-ever-after she so deserves! I can’t wait to read more.”

- Steena Holmes, bestselling author of *The Memory Child* and *Stillwater Rising*

COMPARATIVE TITLES:

- **Bridget Jones: Mad About the Boy** by Helen Fielding
- **Wedding Night** by Sophie Kinsella
- **Good in Bed** by Jennifer Weiner

“Elly is so endearing that you can’t help falling in love with her. I thoroughly enjoyed being on her journey as she dealt with love, loyalty, friendship and following her dreams. *Elly in Love* is a delightful story and I can’t wait to see what’s next for this character!”

- Susie Orman Schnall, author of *On Grace*

KEY SELLING POINTS:

- A continuation of the bestselling *Elly in Bloom* series.
- Centers around self-acceptance and opening yourself up to the possibility of love and long-lost relatives.

PRAISE FOR COLLEEN OAKES :

“Colleen Oakes is a crisp, intelligent new voice in chick lit fiction, adept at handling both a character’s inner and outer world. Her dialogue is brisk and clever, and her plotting is a smooth invitation to keep turning pages.”

- Andrea Waggener, author of *Alternate Beauty*

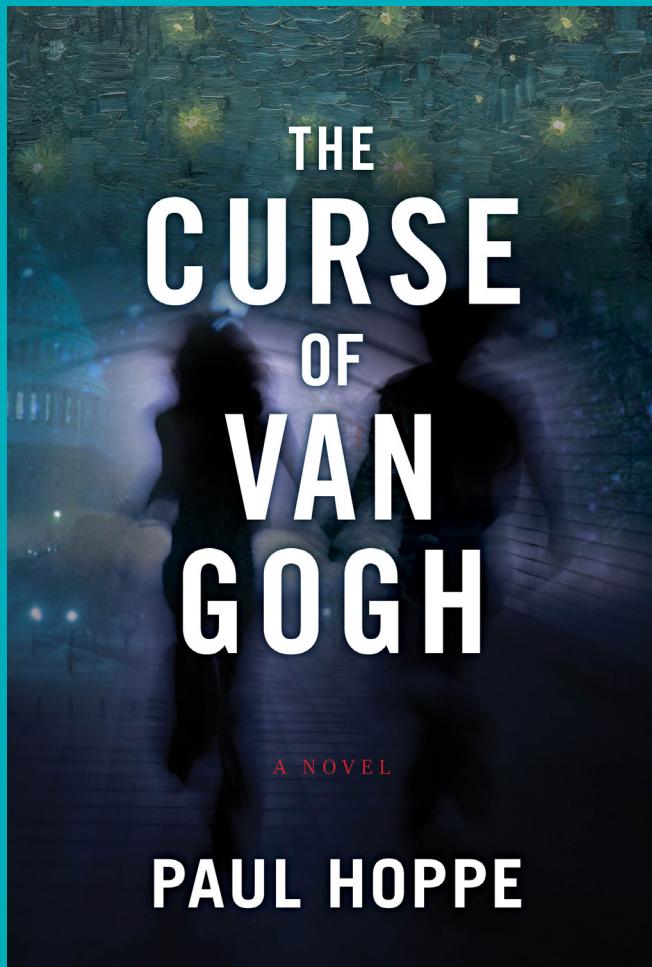
“I really loved *Elly in Bloom*. Despite her insecurities, Elly forges ahead to make a nice little life for herself after her divorce. It is a refreshing change of pace from the formulaic chick lit novels.”

- Emily Kiebel, author of *Serenade*

“I highly recommend this book to anyone looking for a delightful story that flows beautifully.”

- Peggy Strack, author of *A Stop in the Park*

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Collections: Fiction, For Men
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- **Paperback ISBN:** 978-1-940716-15-2

THE CURSE OF VAN GOGH

PAUL HOPPE

DESCRIPTION:

Tyler Sears, art thief, just released from a Federal prison, vows never again.

He slides into a simple life bartending in NYC until one day an invitation arrives to the hottest art event of the season, where Tyler meets Komate Imasu, famed art collector. Suddenly Tyler's vows of abstinence slip away as Imasu uses threats against Tyler's family. Tyler decides to gamble and ups the ante to a breathtaking level.

Tyler quickly learns that gambling against a ruthless billionaire is never a good idea. Forgetting his own safety, Tyler plunges headfirst into a world of art forgers, hit men, Yakuza, a femme fatale named Chanel N°5, and the hideous curse of Van Gogh, in order to pull off... the greatest art heist in history.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

Paul Hoppe worked as a lobbyist in Washington DC, a stockbroker on Wall Street, and a screenwriter in Hollywood before writing his first novel. He has lived on four different continents and currently splits his time between the High Sierras and the beaches of Australia.

PRAISE FOR THE CURSE OF VAN GOGH:

"I blazed through Paul Hoppe's fun, fast-paced, and thoroughly entertaining *The Curse of Van Gogh*, knowing after only a few pages that I should save it for some transcontinental flight. But, caught up in the perfectly drawn world of the high stakes, high commerce, and high egos of the international art market and its surrounding riff raff of forgers and thieves and wannabes, I was unable to stop myself. Dive in yourself. You won't come up for air until you reach the last sentence."

- Pete Fromm, author of *As Cool As I Am* and *How All This Started*

COMPARATIVE TITLES:

- *The Lost Symbol* by Dan Brown
- *The Historian* by Elizabeth Kostova

KEY SELLING POINTS:

- For anyone who loves a fast-paced story dripping in history.
- It's Ocean's Eleven meets *The DaVinci Code*.

"Hoppe offers a crime thriller about the difficulty of stealing famous art....an inviting story of a modern-day gentleman thief."

- Kirkus Reviews

"We think of an art thief as Pierce Brosnan, rich, handsome, too cool to come within miles of arrest. In *The Curse of Van Gogh*, Paul Hoppe gives us a more credible character: recently out of jail, burdened by family problems, forced to commit the world's biggest art heist by a billionaire who plans to kill him as soon as he delivers. Oh, and there's a curse. This is a nail-biter."

- Jesse Kornbluth, HeadButler.com

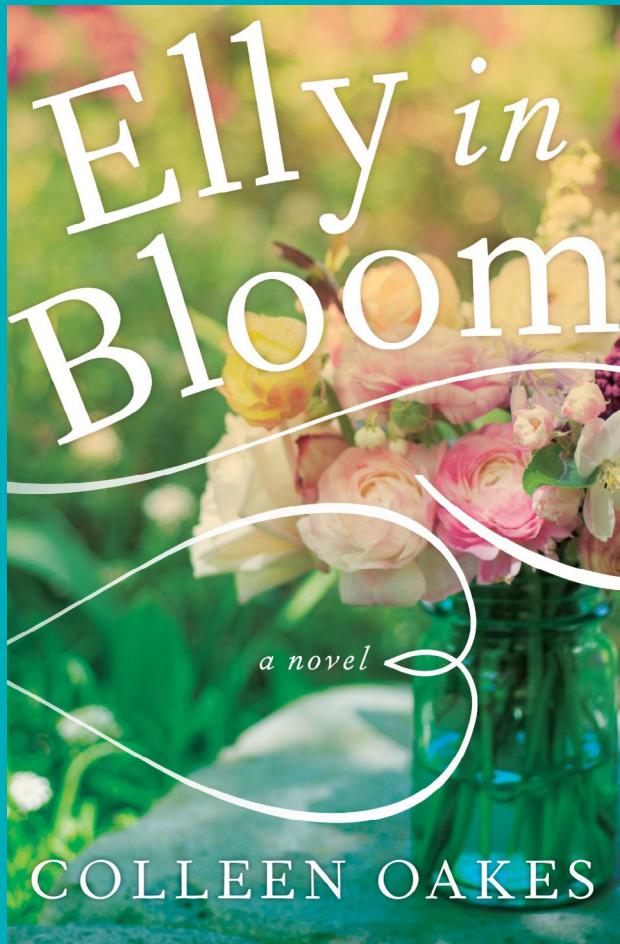
"A suspenseful crime thriller, deliciously told ... witty and intelligent. You don't need to know anything about art to be gripped by Hoppe's story of the 'greatest heist in history.'

- Barbara Lynn-Davis, Lecturer in Art and Writing, Wellesley College

"*The Curse of Van Gogh* is a great fast-paced read. It has all of the makings of a story that's soon to be a major motion picture."

- Susan Eisenhower, President of The Eisenhower Group

MAY 2014



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Vendor/Author: Colleen Oakes

Collections: Fiction, Bestsellers,
For Women

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• **Paperback ISBN:** 978-1-940716-09-1

ELLY IN BLOOM

COLLEEN OAKES

DESCRIPTION:

Surrounded by lush flowers and neurotic brides, Elly Jordan has carved out a sweet life for herself as the owner of Posies, a boutique florist in St. Louis. Not bad for a woman who drove away from her life two years earlier when she found her husband entwined with a redhead artist.

Sure, Elly has an embarrassingly beautiful best friend, a badly behaved sheepdog, and a sarcastic assistant she simply calls "Snarky Teenager," but overall her days are pleasantly uneventful. As a bonus, her new next-door neighbor just happens to be an unnervingly handsome musician who has an eye for curvy Elly.

Just when she feels that she is finally moving on from her past, she discovers that an extravagant wedding contract, one that could change her financial future, is more than she bargained for. With the help of her friends, staff, and more than a few tasty sandwiches, Elly bravely agrees to take on the event that threatens to merge her painful history with her bright new life, and finds herself blooming in a direction she never imagined.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

Colleen Oakes is the author of the *Elly in Bloom* series and the YA fantasy *Queen of Hearts* saga. She lives in North Denver with her husband and son. When not writing, Colleen enjoys swimming, traveling, and immersing herself in nerdy pop culture. She is currently at work on the last *Elly* novel and her second YA fantasy series, *Wendy Darling*.

PRAISE FOR ELLY IN BLOOM:

“Colleen Oakes is a crisp, intelligent new voice in chick lit fiction, adept at handling both a character’s inner and outer world. Her dialogue is brisk and clever, and her plotting is a smooth invitation to keep turning pages.”

- Andrea Waggener, author of *Alternate Beauty*

COMPARATIVE TITLES:

• *Bridget Jones's Diary* by Helen Fielding

• *Rachel's Holiday* by Marian Keyes

KEY SELLING POINTS:

• **Main character is plus-size—book includes themes such as loving your body at any size, finding true love, and starting over after divorce.**

• **Great for brides-to-be.**

• **Quirky and cute dialogue makes readers connect with the characters easily.**

“I really loved *Elly in Bloom*. Despite her insecurities, Elly forges ahead to make a nice little life for herself after her divorce. It is a refreshing change of pace from the formulaic chick lit novels.”

- Emily Kiebel, author of *Serenade*

“I highly recommend this book to anyone looking for a delightful story that flows beautifully.”

- Peggy Strack, author of *A Stop in the Park*

“Elly herself is a delight. You want to root for her, as clumsy and socially awkward as she sometimes is, even though she makes choices that make you want to look away from the train wreck.”

- 5 Minutes for Mom

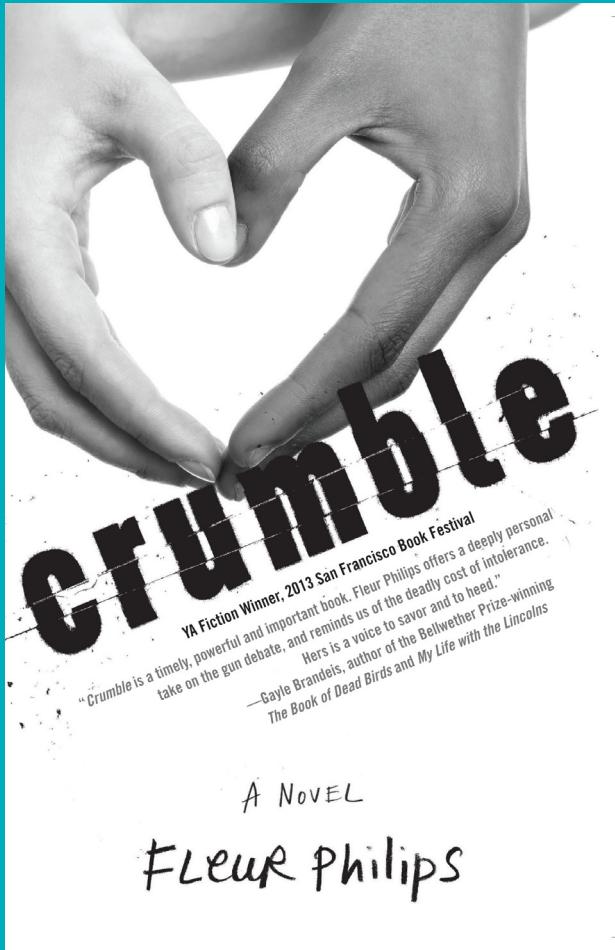
“There will be times you’ll laugh with [Elly] and others you’ll want to cry with her. I enjoyed this novel so much, Elly became a fast friend and I look forward to many more adventures.”

- Bookworm Babblings

“Have you ever read a book and the main character is so much like yourself that you just knew that if they were to become a real person that they would totally be your new best friend? That is how I feel about Elly.”

- Book Cover Justice

MAY 2014



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CRUMBLE

FLEUR PHILIPS

DESCRIPTION:

Eighteen-year-old Sarah McKnight has a secret. She's in love with David Brooks. Sarah is white. David is black. But Sarah's not the only one keeping secrets in the close-knit community of Kalispell, Montana.

Her father, George, who owns a local gun shop and proudly drives a truck with a Confederate flag bumper sticker, hides his own complicated past. When he discovers Sarah's relationship, George decides to share his feelings with Alex Mackey—a lonely classmate of Sarah's whom George has taken under his wing. As Alex embraces the power of Sarah's father's dark hatred, the hopes and dreams of young lives hang in the balance. In just a few short months, Sarah and David will graduate from high school and leave Kalispell for a new life together in Los Angeles. Maybe in California, they can stop hiding their love—and the other secret they share...something George McKnight and Alex Mackey will never accept.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

Fleur Philips is an award-winning author who holds an MFA in Creative Writing from Antioch University and a Bachelor's of Arts in English from the University of Montana. Her first novel, *I Am Lucky Bird*, was selected as a General Fiction Finalist for the 2011 Book of the Year Award from ForeWord Reviews. Her current novel, *Crumble*, was named Young Adult Winner from the 2013 San Francisco Book Festival and was selected as a Young Adult Fiction Finalist by the 2013 International Book Awards. She lives in Whitefish, Montana, and when she's not writing, she's cheering for her son in his athletic endeavors.

COMPARATIVE TITLES:

- *Romeo and Juliet* by William Shakespeare
- *Tiger Eyes* by Judy Blume

KEY SELLING POINTS:

- **Deals with issues such as interracial dating, teen pregnancy, racism, gun control, and single-parenthood.**
- **Author wrote the book because of the Columbine shootings—she was inspired to use the book to educate and enlighten young adults about tough issues.**
- **A story of a young love ripped apart by ignorance and prejudice.**

PRAISE FOR CRUMBLE:

“*Crumble* is a timely, powerful and important book. Fleur Philips offers a deeply personal take on the gun debate, and reminds us of the deadly cost of intolerance. Hers is a voice to savor and to heed.”

- Gayle Brandeis, author of Bellwether Prize-winning *The Book of Dead Birds*

AWARDS:

2013 USA Best Book Awards – YA Fiction Finalist

2013 Moonbeam Children’s Book Awards – Silver Medalist in the category of Young Adult, Mature Issues

2013 San Francisco Book Festival – Winner YA Fiction

2013 International Book Awards – YA Fiction Finalist

APRIL 2014



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Vendor/Author: Susie Orman Schnall

Collections: Fiction, For Women

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- **Paperback ISBN:** 978-1-940716-13-8

ON GRACE

SUSIE ORMAN SCHNALL

DESCRIPTION:

Grace May is truly excited about turning 40 in a few months. And now that her boys are both in school and she has a stimulating new writing job, the next chapter in her life can finally begin. She can't wait to rediscover the intelligent and interesting woman deeply buried under the layers of mother and wife.

But when Grace loses her job and gets unexpected news from her husband and her best friend, life suddenly gets complicated. Grace stands to lose everything: her marriage, her best friend, and her sense of self. But by her 40th birthday party, Grace will realize who and what matter most. With laughter. With tears. With grace.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

Originally from Los Angeles, Susie Orman Schnall graduated from the University of Pennsylvania. Schnall has written for national and local publications about parenting and health. She lives in New York with her husband and their three young boys. *ON GRACE* is her debut novel.

AWARDS:

- **2014 Independent Publisher Book Awards, Bronze Winner in Popular Fiction**
- **2014 International Book Awards, Finalist in Fiction: Women's Chick Lit/Women's Lit**

ON GRACE IN THE MEDIA:

- **Kirkus Reviews**
- **SheKnows book pick for April**
- **MindBodyGreen article - 5 Things That Kept Me Sane While Mothering 3 Toddlers**
- **Working Mother book pick for Mother's Day**
- **Redbook: Authors share Mother's Day plans**
- **Martha LIVE (sirius xm) guest**

COMPARATIVE TITLES:

- **Something Borrowed by Emily Giffin**
- **Little Earthquakes by Jennifer Weiner**

KEY SELLING POINTS:

- **Great for any woman reaching her 40th birthday or middle-ages.**
- **Story about starting over later in life and embracing change that are beyond your control.**
- **For fans of Emily Giffin and Jennifer Weiner.**

PRAISE FOR ON GRACE:

“[Schnall’s] blend of girl talk and self-help wisdom reads like a conversation overheard at Starbucks. Faced with real-world problems, Grace adjusts her priorities, confronts her fears, and in the process of being true to herself, learns the real meaning of the word ‘grace.’ A cozy, conversational read.”

- Kirkus Reviews

“A moving and vibrant debut that packs a sweet emotional punch. You’ll laugh and cry along with Grace as she treads the complicated waters of marriage, motherhood, an unexpected betrayal, and a revelation that changes everything. Susie Schnall is a fresh new voice in fiction.”

- Kristin Harmel, internationally bestselling author of *The Sweetness of Forgetting*

“Grace is an imperfect woman with a less than perfect life, but readers will find themselves drawn to her authenticity and grit.”

- Colleen Oakes, bestselling author of *Elly in Bloom*

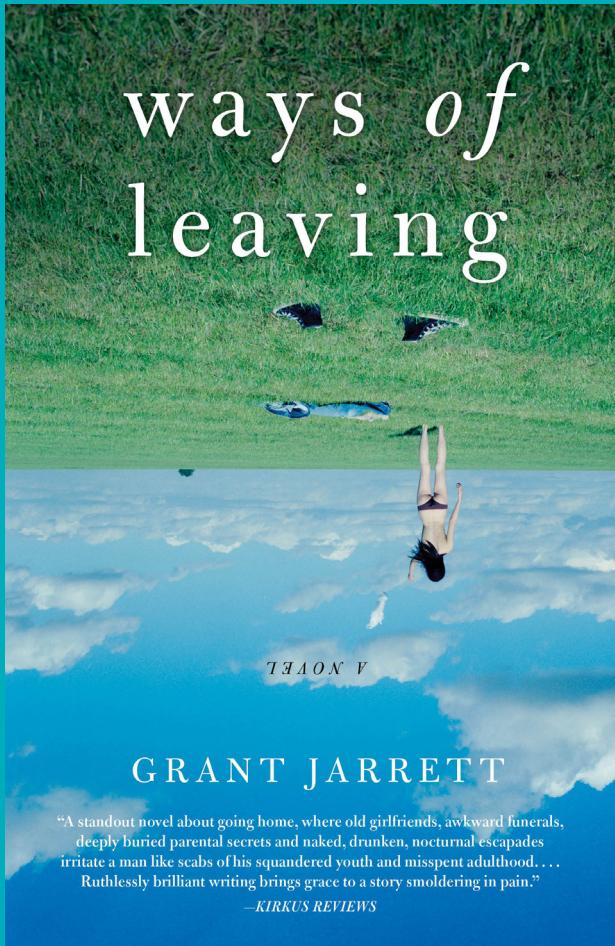
“A telling, touching exploration of modern marriage, fidelity, and friendship, Susie Schnall’s debut is riddled with the little truths that make up the texture of women’s daily lives. Fans of Emily Giffin will relate to this engaging read.”

- Beatriz Williams, internationally bestselling author of *A Hundred Summers*

“An authentic portrayal of the intricacies inherent in modern relationships. Susie Orman Schnall’s debut is relatable, honest, and insightful. I look forward to seeing what’s next from her.”

- Emily Liebert, bestselling author of *You Knew Me When*

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For Women

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• **Paperback ISBN:** 978-1-940716-41-1

WAYS OF LEAVING

GRANT JARRETT

DESCRIPTION:

Chase Stoller's life is crumbling. He just lost his job, his wife, Jennifer, has filed for divorce, and now his brother Aaron wants him to return to Pennsylvania and help care for their ailing father.

When he arrives at his brother's house, years of repressed rage float to the surface—along with two married women, one virtual church, several bottles of scotch, one schizophrenic sister, five helpings of Brussels sprouts, three boxes of purloined panties, and a gun-wielding husband with a grudge. But Chase's greatest challenge comes when his sister attempts to end her life.

Infused with empathy and compassion, bristling with humor, *Ways of Leaving* explores the impulses and actions of a troubled man whose struggles with isolation, despair, and desire illuminate the fierce yearning for a sense of purpose that characterizes the human condition.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

Grant Jarrett grew up in Northwestern Pennsylvania and currently lives in Manhattan where he works as a writer, musician, and songwriter. He has written for magazines including *FOW* and *Triathlon* and is the author of *More Towels*, a coming-of-age memoir about life on the road. He is an avid cyclist and a reasonably competent flosser. *Ways of Leaving* is his first novel.

AWARDS:

- 2014 International Book Awards, Winner in Fiction: Best New Fiction

WAYS OF LEAVING IN THE MEDIA:

- SheKnows.com – March book pick
- Kirkus Reviews
- San Francisco Book Review – essay featured in April issue
- Typographical Era – best new fiction of March
- Buzzfeed – 10 book covers guys will love
- Featured by 5 Minutes for Mom, Luxury Reading, Overstuffed Princess and many more top blogs

COMPARATIVE TITLES:

- For fans of David Sedaris, Chuck Palahniuk, Jonathan Franzen and Chuck Klosterman
- This Is Where I Leave You by Jonathan Tropper
- The Silver Linings Playbook by Matthew Quick

KEY SELLING POINTS:

- Book deals with sex and alcohol addiction, family secrets, complicated homecomings and long lost love.
- The witty and dry humor is perfect for anyone looking for a story that's unique.
- Has the twisted story-telling of Chuck Palahniuk and the witty dialogue of David Sedaris.

SPECIAL PROMOTIONS:

- Kindle promotion on Facebook (including targeted ad campaign and shareable memes)
- Goodreads giveaway

PRAISE FOR WAYS OF LEAVING:

“A standout novel about going home, where old girlfriends, awkward funerals, deeply buried parental secrets and naked, drunken, nocturnal escapades irritate a man like scabs of his squandered youth and misspent adulthood...Ruthlessly brilliant writing brings grace to a story smoldering in pain.”

- Kirkus Reviews

“Grant Jarrett has created the most entertaining, existential anti-hero since Tony Soprano. Whether you’re laughing out loud or wincing in recognition, *Ways of Leaving* will impress you with its raw honesty, keen writing, and, ultimately, its big heart.”

- Jess Riley, author of *Mandatory Release* and *Driving Sideways*

“Grant Jarrett’s vividly drawn characters, dark humor and empathetic voice build bridges that transport the reader through this intergenerational story of parents and siblings, in which the desire for salvation is challenged by the equally powerful impulse for destruction.”

- Jon Reiner, author of *The Man Who Couldn’t Eat*

“Chase Stoller is a beautifully mangled all-American mess... With pitch-perfect dialogue and writing that felt like a perfect summer day, *Ways of Leaving* was that rare book that when I read the last word on the last page, I went back to page one and read it all over again.”

- Paul Hoppe, author of *The Curse of Van Gogh*



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