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'Powerful and compelling' - Delia Owens, number one international bestselling author of *Where The Crawdads Sing* 'The Four Winds seems eerily prescient in 2021 . . . Its message is galvanizing and hopeful' - New York Times *The Four Winds* is a deeply moving, powerful story about the strength and resilience of women and the bond between mother and daughter, by the multi-million copy number one bestselling author of *The Nightingale*, Kristin Hannah. She will discover the best of herself in the worst of times . . . Texas, 1934. Elsa Martinelli had finally found the life she'd yearned for. A family, a home and a livelihood on a farm on the Great Plains. But when drought threatens all she and her community hold dear, Elsa's world is shattered to the winds. Fearful of the future, when Elsa wakes to find her husband has fled, she is forced to make the most agonizing decision of her life. Fight for the land she loves or take her beloved children, Loreda and Ant, west to California in search of a better life. Will it be the land of milk and honey? Or will their experience challenge every ounce of strength they possess? From the overriding love of a mother for her child, the value of female friendship and the ability to love again – against all odds, Elsa's incredible journey is a story of survival, hope and what we do for the ones we love. Praise for Kristin Hannah 'A rich, compelling novel of love, sacrifice and survival' - Kate Morton 'A masterclass' - Karen Swan **** What readers LOVE about *The Four Winds* 'Everyone should read this book. This is the new American classic' 'It will break your heart and bring you to tears. It will also be one of the best books you read all year!' 'This is historical fiction at its best: compelling, compassionate, enraging and courageous. I absolutely loved this book!' 'Gripping and captivating . . . heartbreaking and

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An unforgettably powerful new novel of the indelible bond between two siblings, the house of their childhood, and a past that will not let them go - from the Number One New York Times bestselling author of *Commonwealth* and *Bel Canto*'The book of the autumn. The American author of *Commonwealth* (brilliant) and *Bel Canto* (even better) releases perhaps her finest novel yet' - Sunday Times 'The buzz around *The Dutch House* is totally justified. Her best yet, which is saying something' - John Boyne'"Do you think it's possible to ever see the past as it actually was?' I asked my sister. We were sitting in her car, parked in front of the Dutch House in the broad daylight of early summer."Danny Conroy grows up in the Dutch House, a lavish mansion. Though his father is distant and his mother is absent, Danny has his beloved sister Maeve: Maeve, with her wall of black hair, her wit, her brilliance. Life is coherent, played out under the watchful eyes of the house's former owners in the frames of their oil paintings. Then one day their father brings Andrea home. Though they cannot know it, her arrival to the Dutch House sows the seed of the defining loss of Danny and Maeve's lives. The siblings are drawn

back time and again to the place they can never enter, knocking in vain on the locked door of the past. For behind the mystery of their own exile is that of their mother's: an absence more powerful than any presence they have known. Told with Ann Patchett's inimitable blend of humour, rage and heartbreak, *The Dutch House* is a dark fairy tale and story of a paradise lost; of the powerful bonds of place and time that magnetize and repel us for our whole lives.

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than seven hours. By the time it was extinguished, it had consumed four hundred thousand books and damaged seven hundred thousand more. Investigators descended on the scene, but more than thirty years later, the mystery remains: Did someone purposefully set fire to the library—and if so, who? Weaving her lifelong love of books and reading into an investigation of the fire, award-winning New Yorker reporter and New York Times bestselling author Susan Orlean delivers a “delightful...reflection on the past, present, and future of libraries in America” (New York magazine) that manages to tell the broader story of libraries and librarians in a way that has never been done before. In the “exquisitely written, consistently entertaining” (The New York Times) *The Library Book*, Orlean chronicles the LAPL fire and its aftermath to showcase the larger, crucial role that libraries play in our lives; delves into the evolution of libraries; brings each department of the library to vivid life; studies arson and attempts to burn a copy of a book herself; and reexamines the case of Harry Peak, the blond-haired actor long suspected of setting fire to the LAPL more than thirty years ago. “A book lover’s dream...an ambitiously researched, elegantly written book that serves as a portal into a place of history, drama, culture, and stories” (Star Tribune, Minneapolis), Susan Orlean’s thrilling journey through the stacks reveals how these beloved institutions provide much more than just books—and why they remain an essential part of the heart, mind, and soul of our country. An essential tool for all reading groups! In this comprehensive book club companion, Kathryn Cope guides readers through Margaret Atwood's Booker Prize-winning novel, *The Testaments*. Designed to make your reading experience more rewarding and enjoyable, this study guide encompasses a wealth of information. Inside this guide you will find thought-provoking discussion questions; plot summaries; literary context; character breakdowns; themes & imagery; a discussion of the HULU TV adaptation, and even a quick quiz. Study Guides for Book Clubs are designed to help you get the absolute best from your book club meetings. They enable reading group members to appreciate their chosen book in greater depth than ever before. Please be aware that this is a companion guide and does not contain the full text of the novel.

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