

The Marriage Pact The Bestselling Thriller For Fans Of The Couple Next Door

THE COMPELLING MYSTERY FROM THE BESTSELLING AUTHOR OF THE MARRIAGE PACT Her sister was murdered. The killer was never found. Until now... All her childhood Ellie Enderlin had lived in her sister's shadow. But then Lily was murdered and their family changed forever. Now, decades later, Ellie comes into possession of Lila's lost notebook and has a chance to finally discover the truth about her sister's death. But her search for justice will lead her to uncover her sister's darkest secrets... From the Sunday Times bestselling author of THE MARRIAGE PACT, a Richard and Judy Book Club Selection.

** The #1 eBook bestseller! ** 'Utterly compelling!' Lisa Hall, bestselling author of Between You and Me 'A good, old-fashioned page-turner, with a poisonous sting in the tail.' Daily Mail

From Michele Campbell, the bestselling author of It's Always the Husband comes a new blockbuster thriller in The Wife Who Knew Too Much. Meet the first Mrs. Ford Beautiful. Accomplished. Wealthy beyond imagination. Married to a much younger man. And now, she's dead. Meet the second Mrs. Ford. Waitress. Small-town girl. Married to a man she never forgot, From a summer romance ten years before. And now, she's wealthy beyond imagination. Who is Connor Ford? Two women loved him. And knew him as only wives can know. Set amongst the glittering mansions of the Hamptons, The Wife Who Knew Too Much is a decadent summer thriller about the lives of those who will do anything for love and money. Who is the victim? Who is the villain? And who will be next to die?

On her 30th birthday, Marci Thompson's life is nothing like she always imagined. Instead of the family and career she hoped for, she's far from home, stuck in an endless temp job, and a hopeless relationship with her married boss, Doug. When her college friend Jake reminds her of their promise to marry each other if they're still single at 30, Marci's life gets even more complicated. How can she say no to her old friend without explaining her new entanglement? But how could she say yes without giving Jake her whole heart? As Marci navigates the lines between right and wrong, friendship and romance, fantasy and reality, she will make the most difficult choices of her life. Will she earn the happiness she's always wanted, or lose everything and face her next birthday alone? This debut by M. J. Pullen launches a charming series about a group of 30-somethings in Atlanta making surprising discoveries about friendship, love, and happily ever after.

It started with a secret pact to marry. It ended in tears. Kate blamed her disgraced siblings for Michael's sudden disinterest in their budding romance. After what they'd done, she couldn't blame him for not wanting to marry her, but did he have to fall in love with her best friend and leave their Amish community? Disappointment over his double standards and broken promise filled her heart with bitterness. When a handsome and suitable Amish man shows his interest in Kate, can she open her heart to love again? Or will her heart forever pine for the man she'd promised it to all those years ago? A stand-alone Amish Romance from USA Today Bestselling, and multiple Kindle All-Stars author Samantha Price.

I was sixteen when I vowed I would never marry him. We shook on it. Pinky swore. Even put it in writing and all but signed our names in blood. It was the one and only thing we ever agreed on. To the world, he's Prince Ian, Duke of Montcroix, second in line to the Chamont throne. Panty-melting accent. Royal charm. Hypnotic presence. Blindingly gorgeous. Laundry list of women all over the world who would give their first born for the chance to marry him. Most eligible bachelor in the free world ... But to me, he's nothing more than the son of my father's best friend—the pesky blue-eyed boy who made it his mission to annoy the ever-loving hell out of me summer after summer as our families vacationed together, our parents oblivious to our mutual disdain as they joked about our "betrothal." He was also my first kiss. And my first taste of heartbreak so cataclysmic it almost broke me. I meant it with every fiber of my soul when I swore I'd never marry him. But on the eve of my 24th birthday, His Royal Highness has the audacity to show up at my door after years of silence and make a demand that will forever change the trajectory of our lives: "We have to break our pact."

"In this novel of psychological suspense, a young journalist struggles to keep the demons of her alcoholism at bay as she finds her purpose again in tackling the mystery of a shocking headline-making crime, still unsolved after fifteen years."--

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Phoebe Hall's Manhattan life is unexpectedly derailed off the fast track when her long-term boyfriend leaves her just as she is accused of plagiarizing her latest bestselling celebrity biography. Looking for a quiet place to pick up the pieces, Phoebe jumps at the offer to teach at a small private college run by her former boarding school roommate and close friend Glenda in a sleepy Pennsylvania town. But behind the campus's quiet cafés and looming maple trees lies something darker. The body of a junior co-ed washes up from the nearby river, and soon rumors begin to swirl of past crimes and abuses wrought by a disturbing secret society known as The Sixes. Determined to find answers and help Glenda, Phoebe secretly embarks on a search for clues—a quest that soon raises dark memories of her own boarding school days. Plunging deeper into danger with every step, Phoebe knows she's close to unmasking a killer. But with truth comes a deeply terrifying revelation: the past can't be outrun . . . and starting over can be a crime punishable by death.

From A to Z, the Penguin Drop Caps series collects 26 unique hardcovers—featuring cover art by Jessica Hische It all begins with a letter. Fall in love with Penguin Drop Caps, a new series of twenty-six collectible and hardcover editions, each with a type cover showcasing a gorgeously illustrated letter of the alphabet. In a design collaboration between Jessica Hische and Penguin Art Director Paul Buckley, the series features unique cover art by Hische, a superstar in the world of type design and illustration, whose work has appeared everywhere from Tiffany & Co. to Wes Anderson's recent film Moonrise Kingdom to Penguin's own bestsellers Committed and Rules of Civility. With exclusive designs that have never before appeared on Hische's hugely popular Daily Drop Cap blog, the Penguin Drop Caps series debuted with an 'A' for Jane Austen's Pride and Prejudice, a 'B' for Charlotte Brönte's Jane Eyre, and a 'C' for Willa Cather's My Ántonia. It continues with more perennial classics, perfect to give as elegant gifts or to showcase on your own shelves. Z is for Zafón. Barcelona, 1945: A city slowly heals in the aftermath of the Spanish Civil War. Daniel, an antiquarian book dealer's son who mourns the loss of his mother, finds solace in what he finds in the "cemetery of lost books," a mysterious book entitled The Shadow of the Wind, by one Julián Carax. But when he sets out to find the author's other works, he makes a shocking discovery: someone has been systematically destroying every copy of every book Carax has written. In fact, Daniel may have the last of Carax's books in existence. Soon Daniel's seemingly innocent quest

opens a door into one of Barcelona's darkest secrets--an epic story of murder, madness, and doomed love.

Two friends. One pact. The performance of their lives. Hannah Abbott is stuck in a dead-end relationship and at a job she loves but that barely pays the bills. The four walls of her tiny New York City apartment have never seemed so small. She's barely toasted her thirtieth birthday when her old college friend Will knocks on her door with an unexpected proposal. Will Thorne never forgot the marriage pact he made with Hannah, but he also never imagined he'd be the one to initiate it. One ex-fiancée and an almost-career-ending mistake later, however, he finds himself outside Hannah's door, on bended knee, to collect on their graduation-night pinky promise. With both of their futures at stake, Hannah and Will take a leap of faith. Now, all they have to do is convince their friends and family that they're madly in love. As long as they follow the list of rules they've drafted, everything should go smoothly. Except Will has never been good with rules, and Hannah can't stop overthinking the sleeping arrangements. Turning thirty has never been so promising. He was a man exiled from society - handsome, unpredictable, and proud. Dark rumours surrounded his name. But Anne Burnett had signed a marriage contract binding her to Aiden Black, the Earl of Tiebauld. And although she'd never met him, she's determined to keep her word and make theirs a marriage in truth. Because a well-bred lady with little fortune to recommend her has no choice. From the moment she arrived, Anne fell in love with Kelwin Castle and its roguishly handsome laird. By day, he instils a fierce loyalty in his people with his masterful ways...and by night, he tempts Anne to surrender her innocence to him. But while he is willing to offer his body, Aiden refuses to give Anne his heart...making her wonder what prevents him from truly claiming her as his wife.

"If you loved Liane Moriarty's Big Little Lies, put this thriller on the top of your list...you won't be sure "whodunit" until the very (shocking) end." —Today *Named one of "50 Best Books for the Beach" by Coastal Living *Named one of "7 Books You Won't Be Able to Put Down This Month" by InStyle *Named one of "6 Books to Cure Your Little Big Lies Withdrawal" by Elle.com *Named one of "20 Must-Read Books for Spring 2017" by Redbook *Named one of "8 Thrillers You Will Devour This Summer" by BuzzFeed Kate, Aubrey, and Jenny first met as college roommates and soon became inseparable, despite being as different as three women can be. Kate was beautiful, wild, wealthy, and damaged. Aubrey, on financial aid, came from a broken home, and wanted more than anything to distance herself from her past. And Jenny was a striver—brilliant, ambitious, and determined to succeed. As an unlikely friendship formed, the three of them swore they would always be there for each other. But twenty years later, one of them is standing at the edge of a bridge, and someone is urging her to jump. How did it come to this? Kate married the gorgeous party boy, Aubrey married up, and Jenny married the boy next door. But how can these three women love and hate each other? Can feelings this strong lead to murder? When one of them dies under mysterious circumstances, will everyone assume, as is often the case, that it's always the husband? A suspenseful, absorbing novel that examines the complexities of friendship, It's Always the Husband will keep readers guessing right up to its shocking conclusion. Praise for It's Always the Husband: "A page-turning whodunnit that will speak to anyone who's ever had a frenemy." —Ruth Ware, bestselling author of The Woman in Cabin Ten "This book is perfect for fans of Liane Moriarty's Big Little Lies." —Redbook Magazine "Fans of Ruth Ware and Gillian Flynn meet your next obsession." —BuzzFeed "In the tradition of Big Little Lies comes the excellently titled It's Always the Husband, a thriller about three friends—frenemies, really—who met as college roommates." —New York Post 'Funny, warm and insightful.' Dorothy Koomson, bestselling author "I just need to know...which one of you slept with my husband?" You know that "till death do us part" bit in the wedding vows? Well, Zoe Danton believed it. One month after she said "I do", the man she loved is gone, given his marching orders after Zoe discovered a devastating secret. As teenagers facing a crushing loss, Zoe made a pact with her three sisters to stick together no matter what. Now she's discovered that one of them may have been the reason her husband betrayed her. She's lost her happy-ever-after, but has she lost a sister too?

The third book in the New York Times and USA Today bestselling The Wedding Pact series. Libby St. Clair believes in fate—so much so, she's willing to pin everything on a curse a fortune teller placed on her and her two best friends when they were kids. The curse, that each of them will marry before thirty, have a disaster of a wedding, and end up with a man other than her original fiance, has come to fruition for both of her friends, who are now deliriously happy. But Libby's attempt to quick-start the curse by proposing to her wrong-for-her boyfriend ends in a wild dash from the altar. She's rescued by her friend Noah, the only person who understands her impulsive decisions—because he's the same way. Having spent most of his adulthood fleeing responsibility and commitment, Noah McMillan is finally ready to grow up. Of course, figuring out how is still a work in progress. When he realizes he's in love with Libby, he flies to Kansas City to put a stop to her wedding. But Libby's already pulled a runaway bride. Eager to cheer her up and prove that he can be the man she deserves, he takes her on a madcap car trip that will bring them all the way to the City of Sin. In Vegas, those who risk it all either win big or lose everything, so what will happen if Libby and Noah take a gamble on love? The Wedding Pact Series: #1 The Substitute (Megan) #2 The Player (Blair) #3 The Gambler (Libby)"

'Till death us do part' is starting to have a whole new meaning . . . Newlyweds Jake and Alice are invited to join The Pact; a club which promises a lifelong happy marriage. Until one of them breaks the rules. Now, the marriage of their dreams is about to become their worst nightmare . . . An original, gripping and fast-paced thriller for anyone who loved The Couple Next Door, The Girl Before and Behind Closed Doors _____ THE RICHARD & JUDY BOOK CLUB THRILLER AND SUNDAY TIMES BESTSELLER 'A pacey page-turner of a novel' Richard & Judy Book Club 'A brilliant premise . . . tautly plotted and deftly written' J P Delaney 'Ranks with Gone Girl' Joseph Finder 'Beware. This will keep you up all night' Lisa Gardner

Some blazes, once ignited, can't be extinguished. Just one burning touch connects a Dante with his soul mate. The Inferno ? curse or blessing? A one night stand? A secret baby? When Draco Dante experiences The Inferno with Dante family rival, Shayla Charleston, he isn't the least opposed. In fact, he sweeps her off her feet and straight into his bed.

What he doesn't expect is for her to disappear after their one night of passion. Unwilling to let her go and with The Inferno burning in his veins, he spends months searching for her ? only to discover Shayla is expecting his baby. Like, now! On the eve of her twenty-fifth birthday, Shayla Charleston has three goals. 1. Make sure her grandmother is taken care of. 2. Take off for Europe with her new boss. 3. Experience a one-night stand. Instead, she ends up in bed with the one man she should avoid at all costs ? a Dante, her grandmother's nemesis. Now nine months pregnant, Shayla is torn between families-her husband's and hers. Even though Draco is reluctant to trap Shayla in an unwanted marriage, he's determined his son will bear the Dante name. So they come to an agreement. She'll marry him and, unwillingly, he'll let her go. Can The Inferno resolve old rivalries? And more important, can it prove that love and family trumps everything, even a marriage pact?

"The word charm is pretty much synonymous with Lauren Layne." —Hypable One of O, The Oprah Magazine's "22 Romance Novels That Are Set to Be the Best of 2020" and one of Goodreads's "28 of the Hottest Romances of 2020" From New York Times bestselling author Lauren Layne, the "queen of witty dialogue" (Rachel Van Dyken, New York Times bestselling author), comes the final installment of the Central Park Pact series, a heartfelt and laugh-out-loud romantic comedy that's perfect for fans of Sally Thorne and Christina Lauren. Can guys and girls ever be just friends? According to Audrey Tate and Clarke West, absolutely. After all, they've been best friends since childhood without a single romantic entanglement. Clarke is the charming playboy Audrey can always count on, and he knows that the ever-loyal Audrey will never not play along with his strategy for dodging his matchmaking mother—announcing he's already engaged...to Audrey. But what starts out as a playful game between two best friends turns into something infinitely more complicated, as just-for-show kisses begin to stir up forbidden feelings. As the faux wedding date looms closer, Audrey and Clarke realize that they can never go back to the way things were, but deep down, do they really want to?

Re-read this classic romance by New York Times bestselling author Penny Jordan, previously published as in 1986! Harassed by her brother-in-law's loathsome advances, Jessica decides that the only solution is marriage. Besides, the experience could prove the thesis of her book: that romantic love is not the best foundation for marriage. Lyle Garnett needs a mother for his two troublesome sons. When he answers Jessica's newspaper advert, he's equally determined to keep their relationship on platonic grounds. But their pragmatic pact begins to crumble as they realise keeping this marriage strictly practical is going to be harder than either of them expected!

New York Times and USA Today bestselling author Katee Robert continues her smoking-hot series about the O'Malleys - wealthy, powerful, and full of scandalous family secrets. Carrigan O'Malley has always known her arranged marriage would be more about power and prestige than passion. But after one taste of the hard-bodied, whiskey-voiced James Halloran, she's ruined for anyone else. Too bad James and his family are enemy number 1. Hallorans vs. O'Malleys - that's how it's always been. James should be thinking more about how to expand his family's empire instead of how silky Carrigan's skin is against his and how he can next get her into his bed. Those are dangerous thoughts. But not nearly as dangerous as he'll be if he can't get what he wants: Carrigan by his side for the rest of their lives.

Megan Vandemeer meant to tell her parents about her broken engagement, but a month and a half later she finds herself boarding a plane home to her wedding. Having stretched avoidance to its limits, it's time to come clean--a terrifying prospect since her mother is sure to blame her rather than her cheating, emotionally frigid ex. A couple of drinks and two Dramamine later, Megan finds herself spilling her sob story to the tall, dark, and handsome stranger in the seat next to her. With only one week left to save his business, Josh McMillan boards a plane to Kansas City in a last-ditch effort, leaving the details to chance. An unexpected answer is delivered in the form of the beautiful brunette beside him. Though she's completely loopy, her honesty, openness, and humor charm him. So when she passes out before landing, he helps her off the plane--a good deed that leads to a colossal misunderstanding. Her parents assume he's her fiancé. In a twist of fate, the mix-up might help Josh save his business, so he plays along, figuring he can help Megan too. All he has to do is stage a public break up convincing enough to appease her mother. Josh is only supposed to be a substitute groom, but the more time he and Megan spend together, the more their pretend engagement starts to feel real...and the less they want to break it off. Can a relationship that began as a farce turn into happily ever after?

Jenny and Amanda Ruth were best friends in a small Alabama town until eighteen-years-old Amanda Ruth was murdered. Now, fourteen years later, Jenny has traveled with her husband to China to scatter Amanda Ruth's ashes and finally fulfill her friend's dream of visiting her Chinese father's homeland. It's also, Jenny hopes, an opportunity to repair her own troubled marriage. But as she journeys through a foreign landscape, the guilty secrets of Jenny's past rise up and her life will be inexorably altered. From the New York Times bestselling author of The Year of Fog ("Highly recommended [for fans of] authors like Jodi Picoult and Jacquelyn Mitchard" —Library Journal, starred review) and No One You Know ("Luminous . . . will keep you thinking long after the last page has been turned"—Family Circle), Michelle Richmond's stunning novel captivates with its depiction of the powerful intimacies of marriage, friendship, and family that shape our paths and the bonds of home that buoy us—wherever home may be. **The Marriage Pact** The bestselling thriller for fans of THE COUPLE NEXT DOOR Penguin UK

Hadleigh Stevens finds her plan to find a husband disrupted when her brother's best friend, cowboy Tripp Galloway, who prevented her making a marital mistake ten years earlier, returns to Bliss County to save his father's ranch.

I never thought I could fall for my rival after just one night. Shayla attended a party organized by the Dante clan...not to celebrate with them, but to find ways to exploit them. While there, she came across a marvelously beautiful man?Draco. In no time, he and Shayla were in bed together. Shayla fulfilled her wish of giving up her virginity to someone wonderful. However, she has yet to notice that she is falling in love...and Draco, her lover, is destined to lead her either to heaven or to hell.

Alice and Jake are the perfect couple - sort of. On the day of their wedding, a stranger offers them the chance to join a mysterious group, known as The Pact. With its promise of a lifelong marriage of happiness, Jake and Alice are persuaded to accept. But then one of them breaks the rules. Alice and Jake are about to discover that, like marriage, The Pact is for life. The members will go to any lengths to ensure nobody leaves - until the marriage of their dreams becomes their worst nightmare. Under The Pact, 'Till death us do part' has a whole new meaning . . .

From the author of It's Always the Husband comes a riveting new suspense novel about privilege, power, and what happens

when we let ambition take control. For Rose Enright, enrolling in a prestigious New England boarding school is the opportunity of a lifetime. But for Rose's vulnerable twin sister Bel, Odell Academy is a place of temptation and danger. When Bel falls in with a crowd of wild rich kids who pressure her into hazing Rose, the sisters' relationship is shattered. Rose turns to her dorm mother, Sarah Donovan, for advice. But Bel turns to Sarah's husband Heath, a charismatic and ambitious teacher. Is Heath trying to help Bel or take advantage of her? In a world of privilege, seduction, and manipulation, only one sister will live to tell the truth. In a novel full of twists, turns, and dark secrets, Michele Campbell once again proves her skill at crafting intricately spun and completely compelling plots. Praise for *She Was the Quiet One*: "Campbell's skillful characterization and her shocking final twist make this follow-up to *It's Always the Husband* well worthwhile. Readers who enjoyed Simone St. James' boarding-school mystery, *The Broken Girls*, should give this a try." —Booklist Praise for *It's Always the Husband*: "Twists, turns, and a puzzling mix of suspects . . . will keep readers turning the pages." —Booklist "An intriguing whodunit that examines the explosive potential of secrets to destroy friendships, marriages, and lives . . . a page-turner." —Kirkus Reviews

A series of locations both familiar and exotic make up the nineteen linked stories in this award-winning debut collection by the New York Times bestselling author of *The Year of Fog*. Whether leaving, returning, or staying put, the women who narrate these stories are bound to Alabama by history and habit, their voices informed by the landscape and lore of the deep South.

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Book two in the USA Today bestselling *The Wedding Pact* series. Divorce attorney Blair Hansen is convinced that marriage should be based on practicality, not passion. But as her own wedding approaches, she finds herself remembering her law school boyfriend, the only man she's ever loved, and regretting what might have been. Then a twist of fate lands Garrett back in her life, and the man who loomed large in her past is suddenly casting a shadow over her wedding, making her question everything. To complicate matters further, the job she loves is in peril, and she can feel the 'perfect' life she's fashioned for herself start to crumble under her feet. Could everything she's believed about life and love be wrong? Garrett Lowry is a divorce attorney who's ready to settle down. The problem is that he can't find a woman who suits him nearly as well as the one he loved and lost. He broke her heart by playing the field after their break up—something he's always regretted. But after months of pining for Blair, Garrett stumbles across her in a freak coincidence—and then destiny keeps throwing them together, the coincidences becoming ever more unlikely. He's convinced it's a sign they should give their love a second chance, but Blair is engaged to another man—a man who is absolutely wrong for her. Can Garrett convince Blair that a player once isn't a player forever, and that happy endings aren't just for dreamers?

Shortlisted for the Hearst Big Books Award, 2019 Sometimes a promise becomes a prison. Fearing eternal singledom, childhood friends Kate and Paul make the age-old vow that if they don't find love by thirty, they will marry each other. Years later, with the deadline of their 30th birthdays approaching, the unlikely couple decide to keep their teenage promise. After all, they are such good friends. Surely that's enough to make a marriage? Now, on the eve of their 10th wedding anniversary, they will discover that love between men and women is more complex, and more precarious, than they could ever have imagined. As Kate struggles with a secret that reaches far into their past, will the couple's vow become the very thing that threatens their future? *Love Will Tear Us Apart* is a moving and heart-breaking exploration of modern love and friendship, from the bestselling author of *Try Not to Breathe*. Sometimes platonic friends make the best spouses. Years ago ex-lovers and coworkers Moe and Amy agreed on a marriage pact—if they're not married by thirty, the jaded duo will head down the aisle and start a family together. Tomorrow Amy hits the big Three-Oh. One marriage coming right up! The problem is, neither of them can afford help from a fertility clinic which means they're going to have to start their family the old-fashioned way. Can these two friends withstand the pressures of baby-making as their minds begin to turn down avenues that are anything but platonic? And what will Amy do when she does the unthinkable and begins to fall for her husband of convenience? Find out in this sweet friends to lovers romance! Read the entire *Veils and Vows* series! *The Promise* (Devon and Olivia--prequel) *The Surprise Wedding* (Devon and Olivia) *A Pinch of Commitment* (Ethan and Lily) *The Wedding Plan* (Luke and Emma) *Accidentally Married* (Burke and Jill) *The Marriage Pledge* (Moe and Amy) *Mail Order Soulmate* (Zach and Catherine) "This book had it all...friends to lovers, marriage of convenience, interfering friends and relatives...plus lots of love, humor and deep friendship. Once I started, I couldn't put it down!" --reader review from Cheryl H.

"Plenty of funny and sexy moments in this best friends romantic comedy with a mystery." --reader review from Marie B. "This is one of the sweetest romances I have ever read ... This is my favorite in this series." --reader review from Renee. * * * * *

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'Fremantle builds the tension with delicious skill in this page-turning thriller' Times The compelling, transfixing novel about the bond between three sisters from the author of *The Poison Bed* _____ Three sisters. Three secrets. Three ways to fall . . . George Villiers is rich, powerful and has the King's ear. Doctor's daughter Hester is a mere servant - to be cast aside when he has done with her, especially since she is pregnant. Returning to her family, Hester vows that Villiers will never lay eyes on their son. She and her sisters Melis and Hope will protect the boy. But Villiers is a man who will not be defied. He will claim his son - and the secret letters he believes Hester has stolen. What can three defenceless women do against one very powerful man? Yet secret letters are a weakness - and, in the right hands, a weapon . . . _____ 'Rich and fascinating' Guardian 'Wonderfully inventive and darkly satisfying, this story of three sisters resonates with myth and mystery' Andrew Taylor, bestselling author of *The Ashes of London* 'Gripping and page-turning. Propels a trio of vivid women towards their complex destinies . . . Hugely enjoyable' V.B. Grey, author of the forthcoming *Tell Me How It Ends*

A luminous memoir from the award-winning author of *The Vagrants* and *A Thousand Years of Good Prayers* 'What a long way it is from one life to another. Yet why write if not for that distance?' Startlingly original and shining with quiet wisdom, this is a memoir of a life lived with books. Written over two years while the author battled suicidal depression, *Dear Friend* is a painful and yet richly affirming examination of what makes life worth living. Li grew up in China, her mother suffering from mental illness, and has spent her adult life as an immigrant in a country not her own. She has been a scientist, an author, an immigrant, a mother - and through it all, she has been sustained by a deep connection with the writers and books she loves. From William Trevor and Katherine Mansfield to Kierkegaard and Larkin, *Dear Friend* is a journey through the deepest themes that bind these writers together. Interweaving personal experiences with a wide-ranging homage to her most cherished literary influences, Yiyun Li confronts the two most essential questions of her identity: Why write? And why live? *Dear Friend* is a beautiful, interior exploration of selfhood and a journey of recovery through literature.

A marriage built on a lie... Until her pregnancy test confirms the truth!

Life changes in an instant. On a foggy beach in San Francisco, Abby Mason - photographer, fiancée, soon-to-be-stepmother - looks away from six-year-old Emma for an instant. By the time she looks back, Emma has disappeared. Devastated by guilt, haunted by her fears about becoming a mother, Abby refuses to believe that Emma is dead. Now, as the days drag into weeks, as the police lose interest and fliers fade on telephone poles, Emma's father finds solace in religion. But Abby can only wander the beaches and city streets, attempting to recover the past and the little girl she lost.

A new collection of stories by bestselling author Michelle Richmond, *Hum* presents a cautionary political fable, a celebration of the complexities of marriage, and a meditation on modern-day alienation. Thirteen years after the publication of her first story collection, *The Girl in the Fall-Away Dress*, New York Times bestselling author Michelle Richmond returns with *Hum*, a collection of ten stories that examine love, lust, and loyalty from surprising angles. In "Hum," a young couple that is paid to live in a house filled with surveillance equipment becomes "quietly lost to each other," as the wife's infatuation with the subject of their surveillance turns to obsession. In "Medicine," a woman grieving over the death of her sister finds her calling as a manual medical caregiver. In "Boulevard," a couple who has been trying to have a child for seven years finds themselves in an unnamed country at the height of a revolution, summoned there by the enigmatic H. "Scales," the story of a woman who falls in love with a man whose body is covered with scales, parses the intersection of pain and pleasure. The narrator of "Lake" must choose whether to walk in the footsteps of her famous grandfather, The Great Amphibian, who disappeared while performing a feat of daring in Lake Michigan. What does it mean to be heroic? How much should one sacrifice in the name of love? These questions and more are explored with tenderness, wit, and unerring precision in *Hum*.

New York Times bestselling author Michelle Richmond introduces a tough and spirited new protagonist, FBI Agent Lina Connerly, in this exhilarating race to save Silicon Valley teens from their own parents' ambition and greed.

From No.1 New York Times bestselling author Linda Lael Miller comes the heartwarming story of a single dad flirting with forever... Now that Becca 'Bex' Stuart's two best friends have married the men of their dreams, she's thrilled for them...and a little envious, if she's being honest. If her own first love hadn't died serving the country years ago, everything would have been so different. Maybe she'd even have a family of her own by now. But when her sweet nephew, Josh, moves in with her for a while, Bex's life is turned upside down...and there's only one person she can rely on. Single dad Tate Calder came to Mustang Creek with his two sons in tow, looking for a fresh start. Love was the last thing on his mind...until he and Bex are constantly thrown together. Bex is unlike any woman he's ever known before and his sons adore her. But the last time Tate risked his heart, he crashed and burned. Could this season be different?

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