

The Secret Daughter A Beautiful Novel Of Adoption Heartbreak And A Mothers Love

Her Mother's Daughter Linda Carroll 2007-01-09 The daughter of esteemed writer Paula Fox and the mother of Courtney Love relates “the curse of the first-born daughter” that has haunted four generations of her family As an adopted child, Linda Carroll created a magical world of her own, made up of dramatic adventures and the abiding fantasy that her real mother would come and take her away. When she finds herself pregnant at the age of eighteen, she is determined to have the perfect understanding with her child that she lacked with her adoptive mother. But readers will know better, for that baby grows up to be Courtney Love, desperately attention-seeking, deeply troubled, and one of the most talented women in rock. Even as a baby, Courtney is beset by mood swings that no doctor can explain or cure. Her dark moods and paranoia escalate as she grows up, driving mother and daughter apart. When Courtney has a daughter of her own, Linda finally decides to find her own biological mother, and end the estrangement of generations of first-born daughters. Her Mother's Daughter is Linda Carroll's story of self-discovery as an adopted daughter, a childlike hippie mother, and a woman determined to find herself before finding her roots. Set apart from the typical celebrity memoir by Carroll's gifted storytelling, Her Mother's Daughter gives a fresh perspective on the elusive yet enduring connections between mothers and daughters, and reveals the true history of the wildly confabulatory Courtney Love.

The Warsaw Orphan Kelly Rimmer 2021-06-01 Instant New York Times bestseller! Inspired by the real-life heroine who saved thousands of Jewish children during WWII, *The Warsaw Orphan* is Kelly Rimmer's most anticipated novel since her bestselling sensation, *The Things We Cannot Say*. “Gripping... This one easily stands on its own.” —Publishers Weekly “Heart-stopping.” - Lisa Wingate, #1 New York Times Bestselling Author “A surefire hit.” - Kristin Harmel, #1 New York Times Bestselling Author In the spring of 1942, young Elzbieta Rabinek is aware of the swiftly growing discord just beyond the courtyard of her comfortable Warsaw home. She has no fondness for the Germans who patrol her streets and impose their curfews, but has never given much thought to what goes on behind the walls that contain her Jewish neighbors. She knows all too well about German brutality--and that it's the reason she must conceal her true identity. But in befriending Sara, a nurse who shares her apartment floor, Elzbieta makes a discovery that propels her into a dangerous world of deception and heroism. Using Sara's credentials to smuggle children out of the ghetto brings Elzbieta face-to-face with the reality of the war behind its walls, and to the plight of the Gorka family, who must make the impossible decision to give up their newborn daughter or watch her starve. For Roman Gorka, this final injustice stirs him to rebellion with a zeal not even his newfound love for Elzbieta can suppress. But his recklessness brings unwanted attention to Sara's cause, unwittingly putting Elzbieta and her family in harm's way until one violent act threatens to destroy their chance at freedom forever. From Nazi occupation to the threat of a communist regime, *The Warsaw Orphan* is the unforgettable story of Elzbieta and Roman's perilous attempt to reclaim the love and life they once knew. Don't miss Kelly Rimmer's next historical suspense, *The Paris Agent*, coming July 2023! For more by Kelly Rimmer, look for: *Before I Let You Go* *The Things We Cannot Say* *Truths I Never Told You* *The German Wife*

Because of You Dawn French 2021-06 Tick-tock, tick-tock, tick-tock... midnight. The old millennium turns into the new. In the same hospital, two very different women give birth to two very similar daughters. Hope leaves with a beautiful baby girl. Anna leaves with empty arms. Seventeen years later, the gods who keep watch over broken-hearted mothers wreak mighty revenge, and the truth starts rolling, terrible and deep, toward them all. The power of mother-love will be tested to its limits. Perhaps beyond...

A Little Life Hanya Yanagihara 2016 Moving to New York to pursue creative ambitions, four former classmates share decades marked by love, loss, addiction, and haunting elements from a brutal childhood.

My Real Name Is Hanna Tara Lynn Masih 2018-09-15 Hanna Slivka is on the cusp of fourteen when Hitler's army crosses the border into Soviet-occupied Ukraine. Soon, the Gestapo closes in, determined to make the shtetle she lives in "free of Jews." Until the German occupation, Hanna spent her time exploring Kwasova with her younger siblings, admiring the drawings of the handsome Leon Stadnick, and helping her neighbor dye decorative pysanky eggs. But now she, Leon, and their families are forced to flee and hide in the forest outside their shtetle--and then in the dark caves beneath the rolling meadows, rumored to harbor evil spirits. Underground, they battle sickness and starvation, while the hunt continues above. When Hanna's father disappears, suddenly it's up to Hanna to find him--and to find a way to keep the rest of her family, and friends, alive. Sparse, resonant, and lyrical, weaving in tales of Jewish and Ukrainian folklore, *My Real Name Is Hanna* celebrates the sustaining bonds of family, the beauty of a helping hand, and the tenacity of the human spirit.

Daughter Asha Bandele 2010-05-11 The gifted author of the acclaimed memoir *The Prisoner's Wife* delivers a deeply penetrating work—an emotionally shattering first novel that explores the perils of silence and illuminates the fragile complexity of the mother-daughter bond. On a winter night in Brooklyn, Aya Rivers, a vibrant nineteen-year-old black girl, is shot by a white police officer in a case of mistaken identity. Her mother, Miriam, a rigid and guarded woman, rushes to the hospital. As Miriam desperately waits at Aya's bedside, she falls back into memories of her own youth, when her life took a series of tragic turns as she struggled for independence and dealt with the end of her relationship with Aya's father. But as Miriam's recollections of love and regret descend upon her, this woman who has spent nearly every day of her life in an emotional prison finds that her wounds slowly give way to healing and a tentative hopefulness. With the lyrical economy of poetry, Asha Bandele tells a powerful story that boldly confronts timely and troubling issues. *Daughter* is an unforgettable portrait of one extraordinary woman and her journey—from secrecy to openness, from the silence of isolation to the beauty of connection. This version of the ebook contains an updated introduction by the author and a very special survival guide for today's activists and advocates against police violence, including the founders and members of Black Lives Matter, and Michelle Alexander, Harry Belafonte, Susan L. Taylor, Marc Lamont Hill, journalists Esther Armah and Kirsten West Savali, and Kadiatou Diallo.

Why Be Happy When You Could Be Normal? Jeanette Winterson 2011-10-27 The shocking, heart-breaking - and often very funny - true story behind *Oranges Are Not the Only Fruit*. In 1985 Jeanette Winterson's first novel, *Oranges Are Not the Only Fruit*, was published. It was Jeanette's version of the story of a terraced house in Accrington, an adopted child, and the thwarted giantess Mrs Winterson. It was a cover story, a painful past written over and repainted. It was a story of survival. This book is that story's the silent twin. It is full of hurt and humour and a fierce love of life. It is about the pursuit of happiness, about lessons in love, the search for a mother and a journey into madness and out again. It is generous, honest and true. 'Unforgettable... It's the best book I have ever read about the cost of growing up' Daisy Goodwin, Sunday Times **ONE OF THE GUARDIAN'S 100 BEST BOOKS OF THE 21st CENTURY**

No Time to Say Goodbye Kate Hewitt 2019-09-27 It hit me, the reality of it, in a way it hadn't before like a sledgehammer straight to the chest. Laura was gone. She was never coming back. I'd never see her again; she'd never hum in the kitchen, she'd never pull Ruby onto her lap and tickle her tummy as she buried her face in the sweet curve of our daughter's shoulder. Nathan West loved his wife Laura with all his heart. But now she's gone, taken from him in a seemingly random act of violence. Laura was the glue that held their family together. And for Nathan, life without her feels almost meaningless. As he tries to find hope in the darkness, his three young daughters express their grief in different and challenging ways—with one set on a path of self-destruction that could devastate their family all over again. Desperate to understand his own heartbreak better, he reaches out to others who had known Laura. Including her new friend Maria, whose light and warmth are exactly what their grieving family needs, and who is soon helping out and providing emotional support for them all. But the picture Maria paints of Laura is unfamiliar to Nathan—of a wife who felt ignored, a mother who felt she couldn't do enough—and he struggles to reconcile it with his own memories of the woman he loved. Is it possible he didn't know his wife after all? And can he trust Maria? He can't escape the feeling that she's keeping something from him. Maria is hiding a secret with the power to rock Nathan's family to its core. Because it is about what happened the day that Laura died... An insightful and powerful novel guaranteed to break your heart, about how the unthinkable can sometimes help us see the world in a powerful new way. Perfect for fans of Jodi Picoult, Diane Chamberlain, and Susan Lewis. Readers are loving *No Time To Say Goodbye*: “All the feels... A beautiful story—a heartbreaking,

breathless read that will leave you running for more tissues time and again... My reaction to the ending was visceral; it was both vivid and shocking. Absolutely brilliant. Powerful story that will haunt you. A must read. 5+ stars." NetGalley reviewer, 5 stars "A book has never had me cry so much through heartbreak and devastation. This author nailed it without a doubt." NetGalley reviewer, 5 stars "If ever there was a story that reminds you how life can change in an instant, this is it... heart breaking and tender, it also offers up hope... A story that touched my heart and soul and makes me want to hug my loved ones that little bit tighter." By the Letter Book Reviews, 5 stars "Heartbreakingly sad... It's a story of death, war and crime. However, this is also a story of family, love, and hope. The emotions ran the gamut with this one... sadness, grief, anger and hope. It's a story that will stay with you." Goodreads reviewer "The storytelling was exquisite, full of understanding and empathy... This is women's literature at its very best." NetGalley reviewer, 5 stars "A heart rendering journey... I read the book armed with a box of tissues... Left me shell-shocked... Kate Hewitt is an amazing storyteller." Book Reviews by Shalini, 5 stars "Oh wow! This book just hit me and took me on this incredible journey of love, hate, passion, fear and more. You must read this book." Goodreads reviewer, 5 stars "An incredible read, so much emotion... Broke my heart and had me tearing up so frequently and yet smiling at the hope through the darkness... Beautiful yet painful." Goodreads reviewer, 5 stars "Beautifully written... So moving I was in tears...I loved every single character... Wonderful... Written with great compassion and sensitivity. It will stay in my thoughts for a long time." NetGalley reviewer, 5 stars

Before I Let You Go Kelly Rimmer 2018-02-27 Your sister or her baby. Who do you choose? A moving page-turner with a heart-pounding dilemma. Fans of Jodi Picoult and Jojo Moyes will love Kelly Rimmer. As children, Lexie and Annie were incredibly close. Bonded by the death of their beloved father, they weathered the storms of life together. When Lexie leaves home to follow her dream, Annie is forced to turn to her leatherbound journal as the only place she can confide her deepest secrets and fears... As adults, sisters Lexie and Annie could not be more different. Lexie is a successful doctor and happily engaged. Annie is an addict - a thief, a liar and unable to remain clean. When Annie's newborn baby is in danger of being placed in foster care, Annie picks up the phone to beg her sister for help. Will Lexie agree to take in her young niece? And how will Annie survive, losing the only thing in her life worth living for? What readers are saying about the stunning *Before I Let You Go*... 'One of the best books for discussion that I've read in years' Diane Chamberlain 'A heartbreaking book about an impossible decision. A novel about the deepest love possible' Luanne Rice 'A heartrending tale...captures the unbreakable bond of two sisters' Publishers Weekly 'Ripped from the headlines and from the heart, *Before I Let You Go* is an unforgettable novel that will amaze and startle you with its impact and heart' Patti Callahan Henry 'A deeply emotional and thought-provoking read. It was impossible to not be moved by this beautifully written book' Vanessa Carnevale, AU 'Another incredible, gripping read from an exceptionally talented author. This book takes you through a myriad of emotions, whilst opening your eyes to some very important issues for women. I read this in one sitting, because I had to. So will you. A magnificent read I can't praise or recommend highly enough' Heather Hill, UK 'Heartbreaking and life-affirming. *Before I Let You Go* captures the bittersweet nature of existence and turns it into something truly beautiful' Tilly Tennant, UK 'Heartbreaking, soul-searching but ultimately uplifting, this thought-provoking book challenges the judgements society makes and weaves a heartwarming story around the bonds we forge as sister, mother and partner' Zara Stoneley, UK 'Being a mother means you are open to criticism from every angle, but if you are a pregnant addict, what then? Children are protected in society, but what about those who gave them life? Kelly Rimmer writes from the heart and soul. Be prepared to lose and gain a little of each as you read her stories' Rachel Dove, UK

My Only Child: A Completely Gripping and Emotional Page-turner Sam Vickery 2020-11-02 There he is, my baby boy. His eyes are closed, his tiny rosebud mouth is pursed in sleep. My eyes well up as I catch a whiff of his newborn skin and I swallow back a wave of emotion. I should feel happy, I should feel grateful, but all I can think about is everything I just lost... It's a miracle when Katherine's baby boy is born healthy. But his twin sister doesn't survive, and when Katherine is told she can't have any more children the loss is almost too much for her to bear. Katherine always saw herself having a big family: she remembers how the loneliness of being an only child used to overwhelm her, and she is desperate to adopt a sibling for her son. But her husband Davis won't agree. He worries that Katherine will struggle when the new baby arrives. What if growing their family only adds to the grief she feels over losing her little girl? What if this breaks their marriage apart? And Katherine is forced to make a choice. Give up the second child she has always dreamed of or risk losing the family she already has? An unforgettable and heart-wrenching page-turner about fighting for those we love. Readers of Jodi Picoult, Diane Chamberlain and Kate Hewitt will remember this story forever. What readers are saying about Sam Vickery: 'Wow! This book blew me away... Will make you think and break your heart in equal measure and is a breathtakingly beautifully written story of a mother's love. I will be looking out for more from this author.' Goodreads reviewer, 5 stars 'This one pulls you in and tugs at your heart. Make sure you have plenty of tissues on hand. A tear-jerker for sure.' Goodreads reviewer, 5 stars 'Wow! Such a brilliant read! A devastatingly frank, honest depiction of the power and intensity of a mother's love and belief and the lengths she will go to to protect her child!... I really didn't want to put it down and read it in one glorious sitting!' Goodreads reviewer, 5 stars 'This book is so heart rending!!... Beautifully written... It draws you in right from the first page and I couldn't stop myself from turning the pages to reach the end.' Goodreads reviewer, 5 stars 'A stunningly heartfelt novel, written so beautifully. I read it in one go and felt a whole rollercoaster of emotions.' NetGalley reviewer, 5 stars

An Affair with My Mother Caitriona Palmer 2016-03-03 'Incredibly moving' --Anne Enright, winner of the Man Booker Prize *An Affair with My Mother* by Caitriona Palmer: a moving and gripping story of love, denial and a daughter's quest for the truth. Caitriona Palmer had a happy childhood in Dublin, raised by loving adoptive parents. But when she was in her late twenties, she realized that she had a strong need to know the woman who had given birth to her. She was able to locate her birth mother, Sarah, and they developed a strong attachment. But Sarah set one painful condition to this joyous new relationship: she wished to keep it - to keep Caitriona - secret from her family, from her friends, from everyone. Who was Sarah, and why did she want to preserve a decades-old secret? *An Affair with My Mother* tells the story of Caitriona's quest to answer these questions, and of the intense, furtive 'affair' she and her mother conducted in carefully chosen locations around Dublin. By turns heartwarming and heartbreaking, *An Affair with My Mother* is a searing portrait of the social and familial forces that left Sarah - and so many other unwed Irish mothers of her generation - frightened, traumatized and bereft. It is also a beautifully written account of a remarkable relationship. 'Caitriona Palmer has called out the false shame of her origins, with a kind of anguished courage that is incredibly moving. *An Affair With My Mother* is a forensic account of how it feels to be - in the interests of Catholic "respectability" - excluded from the facts of your own life. In its commitment to family love, to joy and truth, it is a gift.' Anne Enright, winner of the Man Booker Prize

The Zen of Midlife Mothering Cyma Shapiro 2013-12-27 Share the triumphs, tragedies, losses and love of midlife mothers -- women choosing motherhood over age 40 for the first, repeat, or last time. This book features the depth, breadth and beauty of well-known and established midlife mother-writers, up-and-coming writers, and those just finding their voice(s).

No Names to Be Given Julia Brewer Daily 2021-08-03 "A gorgeous, thrilling, and important novel! These strong women will capture your heart." - Stacey Swann, author of *Olympus*, Texas 1965. Sandy runs away from home to escape her mother's abusive boyfriend. Becca falls in love with the wrong man. And Faith suffers a devastating attack. With no support and no other options, these three young, unwed women meet at a maternity home hospital in New Orleans where they are expected to relinquish their babies and return home as if nothing transpired. But such a life-altering event can never be forgotten, and no secret remains buried forever. Twenty-five years later, the women are reunited by a blackmailer, who threatens to expose their secrets and destroy the lives they've built. That shattering revelation would shake their very foundations-and reverberate all the way to the White House. Told from the three women's perspectives, this mesmerizing story is based on actual experiences of women in the 1960s who found themselves pregnant but unmarried, pressured by family and society to make horrific decisions. How that inconceivable act changed women forever is the story of *No Names to Be Given*, a heartbreaking but uplifting novel of family and redemption.

Bible John's Secret Daughter David Leslie 2011-04-29 There was one partner the pretty young women who danced away the 1960s in Glasgow's Barrowlands were desperate to avoid: Bible John, so named because he quoted scripture to his victims. He was being hunted for three brutal unsolved sex murders, and each of his victims had been picked up after a night at the famous dance hall. Police were still investigating the first terrifying murder when Hannah Martin was raped on her way home from the Barrowlands. When Bible John struck twice more, Hannah confided to

friends that his description matched that of her own attacker. The next shock came when Hannah discovered she was pregnant. Her distraught father banished her from the family home and forced her to give her child up for adoption. She would never see her daughter again, but in a bizarre twist three decades later, an investigation into the infamous World's End murder would result in Hannah's daughter discovering the identity of the mother she never knew. Tragically, the news came too late for them to be reunited, but it set her on a course to uncover the shocking secrets of her mother's life. Did Hannah know Bible John? What did Hannah Martin reveal of her baby's father? How did she then become a member of a multimillion-pound drug-smuggling gang? Why, after expecting a huge bounty, did she die in poverty? The answers are all here in Bible John's Secret Daughter.

Message from an Unknown Chinese Mother Xinran 2012-03-06 Originally published in Great Britain in 2010 by Chatto & Windus.

When I Lost You Kelly Rimmer 2016-04-21 'Heartbreaking ... I completely lost myself in this book' Louise Jensen Do you ever wish you had the chance to meet someone again for the first time? When Leo and Molly met and married, they believed they were invincible. Together they could take on the world. But Leo, a war correspondent, lives for life on the edge, and when he takes a step into the unknown, tragedy strikes and he loses his memory. Molly rushes to help him fill in the gaps and soon they start falling in love all over again. The trouble is, Molly is hiding something. Something big. The devoted wife at Leo's bedside is a sham; Leo and Molly's marriage was on the rocks long before Leo's accident. The closer Molly gets to her husband the more scared she becomes that he will remember. As Leo's memory begins to trickle back will Molly lose the man she loves for a second time? An emotional, heartbreaking read that will restore your faith in the power of love. If you like to lose yourself in Jojo Moyes or Nicholas Sparks then you will love WHEN I LOST YOU, the deeply moving new novel from Kelly Rimmer. What people are saying about When I Lost You: 'I couldn't put it down ... I got teary eyed quite a few times. It's a beautiful story.' One Hopeless Romantic's Booklandia Blog 'A celebration of love ...I was devastated when it ended' Big Little Sister 'I loved When I Lost You, it was full of deep raw emotion and had me hooked until the end' That Thing She Reads 'A beautiful second chance love story' Always Write Club What people are saying about Kelly Rimmer: 'I fell in love with this amazing book after the first sentence and would read it all over again. A wonderful mixture of emotions, real love, secrets, laughter and sadness.' Sky's Book Corner 'I was hooked right from the start, and it was just the most beautiful portrayal of falling in love I've ever read. It's the type of love you dream of and want for yourself... Kelly Rimmer has done an outstanding job with Me Without You, it's engaging, it warmed my heart to the very core, and then tore it out and stomped all over it. ... Me Without You is an unforgettable tale that I couldn't recommend more.' 5/5

GirlsLovetoRead.com 'Me Without You is the beautiful, moving story of Callum and Lilah and they turned me into a complete emotional wreck. I loved the banter and the chemistry between them both right from the first, brilliant chapter and then as the book went on, it warmed and broke my heart all at the same time... It's an incredible novel. Reviewed the Book 'It's been a while since I've read a book that made me 'ugly cry.' You know what I mean... big, fat tears rolling down your cheeks leaving you with eyes so puffy you look like you've had an allergic reaction. Think Claire Danes in... well... pretty much any role she's ever been in. Kelly Rimmer's Me Without You certainly broke that dry spell... a heartbreaker of a book that has great characters and a gut-wrenching ending that left me feeling a weird mix of bereft and yet hopeful.' JudgingCovers.co.uk 'There's not much I can say without giving the story away, other than how much I adore Callum and Lilah. Their love story is so genuine and heartfelt... This book is beautifully written, and I found myself highlighting like crazy throughout. I highly recommend this book, but I must warn you, it's one that will make you cry.' Mrs Leif's Blog

Three Women Marita Conlon-McKenna 2013 Kate has kept a secret for 25 years which is about to be discovered. Erin is discovering who she really is. Nina's daughter is running off to find a woman she doesn't know. There is no escaping the past. Kate, Erin and Nina all have to come to terms with what happened so many years before, and to find a way of dealing with it.

Under a Sky on Fire Suzanne Kelman 2020-10-13 The child stood in the road wearing a blue flannel nightie, her feet bare and dirt-splattered. Her blonde flyaway hair was golden, aglow from the fires behind her. Stumbling over, Lizzie reached her. The little girl's eyes were closed, her palms facing upwards. If she'd been in church, you would have thought she was praying. September 1940, London As the German Luftwaffe begin a terrifying bombing campaign that will come to be known as the Blitz, thousands are evacuated to safety. But Lizzie Mackenzie finds herself heading towards London. She knows she must help in the war effort. But she has another reason for leaving the security of her Scottish village: the illegitimate child she gave up for adoption nearly five years before is somewhere in the city. And - as the bombs rain down - she will stop at nothing to find her and make sure her little girl is safe. Then she finds herself trapped in a dark theatre during a bombing raid, where she meets Pilot Officer Jack Henson. Against all her instincts, she falls in love. But what chance is there for that love to flourish? Because if he discovers the secret shame of her past, he may never forgive her. And with Jack facing the enemy every day in the sky, and Lizzie's job guiding pilots into battle - life and love has never felt so fragile. Until a chance encounter with a little orphaned girl changes everything, forcing Lizzie to ask herself what truly matters.

Because, in the darkest days of war, every life counts. And - when tragedy strikes - saving one child's life might just give Lizzie a reason to survive... An unforgettable story about sacrifice, love and heartbreak set in World War Two London during the Blitz. If you liked All the Light We Cannot See, My Name is Eva and A Fire Sparkling, you will love Under a Sky on Fire. Readers love Under a Sky on Fire: 'OMG! I felt the fear and the terror within the pages as if I was there living it. ... It is heartbreaking but it is also heartwarming. I laughed and I cried and by the end I felt I had lived those lives alongside those women... You cannot come through Under a Sky on Fire unscathed... You will feel that you have lived it too... By the end of the story I was so moved and in tears... Will remain with you for a long time to come.' Confessions of a Bookaholic 'A 10 Star book in every aspect! It has intrigue, romance, action, drama, and twists... could not put the book down.' Goodreads Reviewer 'Historical fiction at its best! An amazing story of the bravery of women during the war... To read this story is to feel as though you were actually there during the Blitz.'

Goodreads Reviewer 'Three words: Have. Tissues. Ready... Fantastic... The emotion that pours from the pages is absolutely heart-wrenching. I loved every minute of this book, even though it left me a sniffling mess by the end.' Fireflies and Free Kicks 'A spine-chilling account of Hitler's relentless bombing of the city, against the backdrop of the equally relentless courage of the British... A book you will not be able to put down!... A gripping story, and one you do not want to miss!' Christian Novel Review 'By reading Under a Sky on Fire, you understand what life was like in England during WWII, the sacrifices everyone made... The incredible determination, faith and enduring spirit of English people... I highly recommend the book.' Goodreads Reviewer 'Under a Sky on Fire is a story of tenacity, endurance, love and friendship. Above all it is a story of bravery during World War 2. I felt like I was in the shelters with them... Suzanne Kelman is a born storyteller.' Goodreads Reviewer

The Center of the World Jacqueline Sheehan 2016-01-01 From the New York Times-bestselling author of Picture This—a stunning revelation sends a mother and her adopted daughter on a journey of self-discovery. How do you keep a secret so huge that it could devastate everyone you care about? For Kate Malloy, the answer is simple: one lie at a time. That's how she has protected her daughter for more than a dozen years, shielding her from a terrible truth. Sofia, a fifteen-year-old soccer star living in New England, believes she was born in Mexico and legally adopted by Kate. But a posthumous letter from her stepfather tells Sofia a different story—one of civil unrest and bloodshed, death-defying heroism and child-smuggling, harrowing sacrifice and desperate decisions. Sofia's trust in her mother is shattered. At last Kate must do what she knows is right—accompany Sofia back to Guatemala—the place where Kate found horror and heartache but also the greatest joy of her life. As mother and daughter confront the damage done by years of dangerous yet necessary deceptions, they discover how much love, hope, and happiness may still remain—if they have the courage to face their past. Praise for The Center of the World: "Sheehan's writing is lively and vivid and her feel for historical detail is fine." —The New York Times "Sheehan uses her skills as both a psychologist and a writer to create a solid, insightful story." —Kirkus "An emotionally charged tale that explores the mother-daughter bond, set against the backdrop of the Guatemalan Civil War and complete with beautiful prose despite the atrocities. . . . Sheehan places the reader in the middle of war-torn Guatemala and expertly carries her narrative through war and peace, fear and security, and love and redemption." —Publishers Weekly

Tangled Vines Kay Bratt 2013 The pain of China's Cultural Revolution well behind them, Benfu and his treasured Calla Lily are content in their old age surrounded by their family of adopted daughters. Once abandoned, the girls are now cherished members of the Zheng family. Yet there remains an emptiness in their hearts: their only biological daughter, Dahlia, was abducted as a newborn 30 years before. When their daughter Linnea

discovers an unexpected clue about what really happened to Dahlia, the elderly couple's hopes are reignited. Will their search bring their daughter back to them, and are they ready to face the secrets of the past?

The Heart's Invisible Furies John Boyne 2017-08-22 Named Book of the Month Club's Book of the Year, 2017 Selected one of New York Times Readers' Favorite Books of 2017 Winner of the 2018 Goldsboro Books Glass Bell Award From the beloved New York Times bestselling author of *The Boy in the Striped Pajamas*, a sweeping, heartfelt saga about the course of one man's life, beginning and ending in post-war Ireland Cyril Avery is not a real Avery -- or at least, that's what his adoptive parents tell him. And he never will be. But if he isn't a real Avery, then who is he? Born out of wedlock to a teenage girl cast out from her rural Irish community and adopted by a well-to-do if eccentric Dublin couple via the intervention of a hunchbacked Redemptorist nun, Cyril is adrift in the world, anchored only tenuously by his heartfelt friendship with the infinitely more glamorous and dangerous Julian Woodhead. At the mercy of fortune and coincidence, he will spend a lifetime coming to know himself and where he came from - and over his many years, will struggle to discover an identity, a home, a country, and much more. In this, Boyne's most transcendent work to date, we are shown the story of Ireland from the 1940s to today through the eyes of one ordinary man. *The Heart's Invisible Furies* is a novel to make you laugh and cry while reminding us all of the redemptive power of the human spirit.

The Way The Light Bends Cordelia Jensen 2018-03-27 A powerful novel in verse about fitting in, standing out, defining your own self-worth, and what it takes to keep a fracturing family whole. Virtual twins Linc and Holly were once extremely close. But while artistic, creative Linc is her parents' daughter biologically, it's smart, popular Holly, adopted from Ghana as a baby, who exemplifies the family's high-achieving model of academic success. Linc is desperate to pursue photography, to find a place of belonging, and for her family to accept her for who she is, despite her surgeon mother's constant disapproval and her growing distance from Holly. So when she comes up with a plan to use her photography interests and skills to do better in school--via a project based on Seneca Village, a long-gone village in the space that now holds Central Park, where all inhabitants, regardless of race, lived together harmoniously--Linc is excited and determined to prove that her differences are assets, that she has what it takes to make her mother proud. But when a long-buried family secret comes to light, Linc must decide whether her mother's love is worth obtaining. A novel in verse that challenges the way we think about family and belonging. Praise for *The Way the Light Bends* "I fell into Linc's world and found myself changed by her journey. Readers will fall in love with her and her struggles." -Dhonielle Clayton, author of the *Tiny Pretty Things* series and *The Belles* "Achingly beautiful, honest and visceral. This is a must read for anyone who has questioned whether they belong." -Meg Wiviott, author of *Paper Hearts* "Linc's struggle to chart her own future, unfolding in graceful verse, makes a compelling read." --Kirkus Reviews "Give this book to any students who have ever felt invisible or who have ever struggled to feel at home in a traditional academic setting." --School Library Journal "The meshing of word choice and space integrates the protagonist's inner struggles with her undeniable talent as a budding photographer." --Voice of Youth Advocates "Rich with imagery that embodies longing and heart, a girl's desire to recapture what was, and her joy over discovering her own kind of success." --Booklist "The book tugs at the heartstrings by focusing on family dynamics and expectations that are universal experiences." --School Library Connection

This Child of Mine Sinéad Moriarty 2012 Sophie and Mandy, Anna and Laura - two daughters and two mothers and a story about the bond of motherly love. Sophie is a happy 18-year-old living in London with Anna, her Irish mother. Anna has devoted her life to Sophie. It may be just the two of them - no father nor grandparents, no uncles nor aunts - but Anna has more than enough love to give. Sophie has everything she could ever need. Laura is a not-so-happy artist. She too has a daughter, Mandy. But Laura is haunted by the loss of her first child, Jody. Happy-go-lucky as she is, Mandy lives in Jody's shadow and wonders why her mother can never let go. Both mothers carry secrets in their hearts and cannot forget the day their paths crossed. But a chance discovery is about to bring everything into the open and mothers and daughters, love and lies, past and future, will spectacularly collide . . . Praise for Sinéad Moriarty- 'The inevitable comparison with Marian Keyes are justified and well deserved - Moriarty's characters are likeable, well developed and funny.' Heat 'Well-drawn characters you can't fail to care about and plenty of laughs along the way. Double thumbs up.' Daily Mail 'If standard chick lit is a fast-food burger, then this is a Kobe steak- the same basic ingredients and idea, but delivered to much higher quality and far more satisfying.' thebookbag.co.uk

Me Without You Kelly Rimmer 2014-06-03 'An unforgettable tale that I couldn't recommend more.' 5/5 GirlsLovetoRead.com If you enjoyed *Me Before You* by Jojo Moyes, *One Day* by David Nicholls, or *The Notebook* by Nicholas Sparks - then make time for Kelly Rimmer's stunning, heartbreaking new novel *Me Without You*. A story of how love can break our hearts - and heal them. A year ago I met the love of my life. For two people who didn't believe in love at first sight, we came pretty close. Lilah MacDonald - beautiful, opinionated, stubborn and all kinds of wonderful in ways that words could never quite capture. The woman who taught me to live again. My Lilah, who gave me so much, and yet kept from me a secret that she knew would break my heart. My name is Callum Roberts, and this is our story. *Me Without You* is a book to make you smile, bring you to tears and remind you to hold on tightly to those you love. What people are saying about *Me Without You*... 'I was hooked right from the start, and it was just the most beautiful portrayal of falling in love I've ever read. It's the type of love you dream of and want for yourself... Kelly Rimmer has done an outstanding job with *Me Without You*, it's engaging, it warmed my heart to the very core, and then tore it out and stomped all over it. (Quite meanly, may I add?) I knew it was coming, I knew the ending was inevitable before the first page, but the depth of Rimmer's writing and Callum's narrative slated me, and I ended up in tears. It was both sad and beautiful at the same time, and I admire Lilah for living her entire life on her own terms. I will miss Callum and Lilah. They stole into my heart, their story is one I will long remember and *Me Without You* is an unforgettable tale that I couldn't recommend more.' 5/5 GirlsLovetoRead.com 'I fell in love with this amazing book after the first sentence and would read it all over again. A wonderful mixture of emotions, real love, secrets, laughter and sadness.' Sky's Book Corner 'Me Without You is the beautiful, moving story of Callum and Lilah and they turned me into a complete emotional wreck. I loved the banter and the chemistry between them both right from the first, brilliant chapter and then as the book went on, it warmed and broke my heart all at the same time... It's an incredible novel. Reviewed the Book 'It's been a while since I've read a book that made me 'ugly cry.' You know what I mean... big, fat tears rolling down your cheeks leaving you with eyes so puffy you look like you've had an allergic reaction. Think Claire Danes in... well... pretty much any role she's ever been in. Kelly Rimmer's *Me Without You* certainly broke that dry spell... Told in alternating points of view from Lilah and Callum, *Me Without You* is a heartbreaker of a book that has great characters and a gut-wrenching ending that left me feeling a weird mix of bereft and yet hopeful.' 4/5 JudgingCovers.co.uk 'There's not much I can say without giving the story away, other than how much I adore Callum and Lilah. Their love story is so genuine and heartfelt... This book is beautifully written, and I found myself highlighting like crazy throughout. I highly recommend this book, but I must warn you, it's one that will make you cry.' 4.5/5 Mrs Leif's Blog

The Child I Never Had Kate Hewitt 2022-02-10 "WOW!!!!... Clear your schedules and grab the tissues as you will need them!!!!... It had me in tears by the end and I do not cry easily!!!!... An absolutely unputdownable, addictive and compelling devastatingly beautiful heartbreaking book!!! I LOVED it!" Bookworm86, ☐☐☐☐ If you had to make an impossible choice to save your long-lost daughter, you would... wouldn't you? It's a warm early summer's evening when Mia's doorbell rings. She opens the door to see a teenage girl standing in the shadow beyond the porch light—and in an instant she knows who it is. Daisy, the daughter she gave up as a baby. Daisy steps forward, as she says tearfully "I'm sorry I didn't call first. But something happened. And I really needed... you." Seventeen years before, knowing she couldn't possibly give her beautiful little girl Daisy the future she deserved, Mia made the hardest decision of her life—to give her up. And Suzanne seemed the perfect adoptive mother: calm, stable, and full of love for the daughter she'd always dreamed of having. The two mothers promised to keep communication open, so Daisy could have Mia's love and support along with Suzanne's. But as the years passed, Mia moved away, and their visits happened less. Now Daisy is almost a stranger to Mia—angry, closed and broken—nothing like the tiny girl she once couldn't bear to say goodbye to. But now Daisy has arrived on Mia's doorstep, and she says she has a terrible secret. One she can never tell Suzanne. And she believes the only person who can help her is Mia. Her birth mother. Mia, however, has secrets of her own. Ones she is afraid to let Daisy or anyone else know. And while Suzanne desperately seeks a way to bring her child home, can Mia overcome her past to help the girl they both call their daughter in her darkest hour before it's too late? Totally gripping emotional

women's fiction from the author guaranteed to make readers cry. Kate Hewitt's story will grab you by the heartstrings and never let you go. Perfect for fans of Jodi Picoult, Diane Chamberlain and Jojo Moyes. Readers are loving *The Child I Never Had*: "Whew. This was a very emotional novel, from page one... A beautiful, heart-wrenching, at times overwhelming novel about truth, forgiveness, and family... Uttering captivating." KKEC Reads, 5 stars "Absolutely heartbreaking... Kate Hewitt's books should come with a warning: only read if you've plenty of boxes of tissues in the house because tears will be shed and heart-strings will be severed... Intensely emotional... Brilliant." Bookish Jottings, 5 stars "Brilliant... Emotional but uplifting, a really heart wrenching read that you will need tissues for! I dare the hardest of hearts to not shed a tear!" NetGalley reviewer "Very emotional... It had me reading it long after I should have gone to sleep as I just could not put it down. I loved it." NetGalley reviewer, 5 stars "I was transfixed. It was emotionally painful to put the book down, especially considering I had a math exam coming up. But it was totally worth it... Brilliant... Please read it!" BookGuru, 5 stars "Kate Hewitt never seems to stop amazing me with her beautifully written emotional stories that have the ability to make you cry... I often found myself both happy and sad... A book you can immerse yourself into." Sinfully Wicked Book Reviews, 5 stars "An absolute rollercoaster of a read, this book will have you reeling!." The Motherload Book Club, 5 stars "Emotional... Has so much love... Such a wonderful, heartfelt novel that I truly enjoyed and read in a day!... Twists that will leave you gasping as secrets are revealed!" Goodreads reviewer

Secret Daughter Shilpi Somaya Gowda 2010-03-09 "Moving and thought-provoking and informative and imaginative and beautifully executed. What a wonderful story!" —Mary Jane Clark "This book is a must for anyone touched by adoption, or India, or the delicate dynamic between adolescent girls and their mothers." —Sujata Massey, author of *Shimura Trouble* *Secret Daughter*, a first novel by Shilpi Somaya Gowda, explores powerfully and poignantly the emotional terrain of motherhood, loss, identity, and love through the experiences of two families—one Indian, one American—and the child that binds them together. A masterful work set partially in the Mumbai slums so vividly portrayed in the hit film *Slumdog Millionaire*, *Secret Daughter* recalls the acclaimed novels of Kim Edwards and Thrity Umrigar, yet sparkles with the freshness of a truly exciting new literary voice.

Message from an Unknown Chinese Mother Xinran 2011-03-08 Following her internationally bestselling book *The Good Women of China*, Xinran has written one of the most powerful accounts of the lives of Chinese women. Her searing stories of mothers who have been driven to abandon their daughters or give them up for adoption is a masterful and significant work of literary reportage and oral history. Xinran has gained entrance to the most pained, secret chambers in the hearts of Chinese mothers—students, successful businesswomen, midwives, peasants—who have given up their daughters. Whether as a consequence of the single-child policy, destructive age-old traditions, or hideous economic necessity, these women had to give up their daughters for adoption; others even had to watch as their baby daughters were taken away at birth and drowned. Xinran beautifully portrays the "extra-birth guerrillas" who travel the roads and the railways, evading the system, trying to hold on to more than one baby; naïve young girl students who have made life-wrecking mistakes; the "pebble mother" on the banks of the Yangtze River still looking into the depths for her stolen daughter; peasant women rejected by their families because they can't produce a male heir; and Little Snow, the orphaned baby fostered by Xinran but confiscated by the state. For parents of adopted Chinese children and for the children themselves, this is an indispensable, powerful, and intensely moving book. *Message from an Unknown Chinese Mother* is powered by love and by heartbreak and will stay with readers long after they have turned the final page.

The Dearly Beloved Cara Wall 2019-08-13 "This gentle, gorgeously written book may be one of my favorites ever." —Jenna Bush Hager (A Today show "Read with Jenna" Book Club Selection!) "A thoughtful, beautiful multigenerational novel about love, God, jealousy, and friendship." —Elizabeth Gilbert, author of *Eat, Pray, Love* "A moving portrait of love and friendship set against a backdrop of social change." —The New York Times Book Review (Editor's Choice) "Here is the power of the novel in its simplest, richest form: bearing intimate witness to human beings grappling with their faith and falling in love. That Wall executes it so beautifully? Well, this is exactly why we read literary fiction...The best book about faith in recent memory." —Entertainment Weekly (A-) Charles and Lily, James and Nan. They meet in Greenwich Village in 1963 when Charles and James are jointly hired to steward the historic Third Presbyterian Church through turbulent times. Their personal differences however, threaten to tear them apart. Charles is destined to succeed his father as an esteemed professor of history at Harvard, until an unorthodox lecture about faith leads him to ministry. How then, can he fall in love with Lily—fiercely intellectual, elegantly stern—after she tells him with certainty that she will never believe in God? And yet, how can he not? James, the youngest son in a hardscrabble Chicago family, spent much of his youth angry at his alcoholic father and avoiding his anxious mother. Nan grew up in Mississippi, the devout and beloved daughter of a minister and a debutante. James's escape from his desperate circumstances leads him to Nan and, despite his skepticism of hope in all its forms, her gentle, constant faith changes the course of his life. In *The Dearly Beloved*, we follow these two couples through decades of love and friendship, jealousy and understanding, forgiveness and commitment. Against the backdrop of turbulent changes facing the city and the church's congregation, these four forge improbable paths through their evolving relationships, each struggling with uncertainty, heartbreak, and joy. A poignant meditation on faith and reason, marriage and children, and the ways we find meaning in our lives, Cara Wall's *The Dearly Beloved* is a gorgeous, wise, and provocative novel that is destined to become a classic.

A Mother's Story Maggie Christensen 2021-11-02 A lost child. A mother's grief. A daughter's journey. What is the chain that links three women's lives? In Scotland, in 1941, as World War 2 increases in ferocity, Rhona Begg goes against her parents' wishes and enlists in the ATS—a decision that brings with it heart-breaking consequences. After the war, weighed down with regret and grief, Rhona receives news that has the power to change her life. On the other side of the world, in Australia, Nell Duncan worries about her husband who is fighting in the Far East. When she receives the dreaded news that he is missing in action, her world collapses. The end of the war brings changes to Nell's life, but her dream of bearing a child is no longer possible and she grieves for what might have been. In 1971, when Joy Baker gives birth to her daughter, she begins the journey to discover her ancestry. What she finds shocks her to the core and propels her on a journey to the land of her birth. Three women. Three mothers. Three lives connected forever. From wartime Scotland to present day Australia, *A Mother's Story* is a sweeping family saga filled with emotion.

The Comfort of Lies Randy Susan Meyers 2013-02-12 "Happiness at someone else's expense came at a price. Tia had imagined judgment from the first kiss that she and Nathan shared. All year, she'd waited to be punished for being in love, and in truth, she believed that whatever consequences came her way would be deserved." Five years ago, Tia fell into obsessive love with a man she could never have. Married, and the father of two boys, Nathan was unavailable in every way. When she became pregnant, he disappeared, and she gave up her baby for adoption. Five years ago, Caroline, a dedicated pathologist, reluctantly adopted a baby to please her husband. She prayed her misgivings would disappear; instead, she's questioning whether she's cut out for the role of wife and mother. Five years ago, Juliette considered her life ideal: she had a solid marriage, two beautiful young sons, and a thriving business. Then she discovered Nathan's affair. He promised he'd never stray again, and she trusted him. But when Juliette intercepts a letter to her husband from Tia that contains pictures of a child with a deep resemblance to her husband, her world crumbles once more. How could Nathan deny his daughter? And if he's kept this a secret from her, what else is he hiding? Desperate for the truth, Juliette goes in search of the little girl. And before long, the three women and Nathan are on a collision course with consequences that none of them could have predicted. Riveting and arresting, *The Comfort of Lies* explores the collateral damage of infidelity and the dark, private struggles many of us experience but rarely reveal.

Secret Storms Julie Mannix Von Zerneck 2013-03 A pregnant, upper class nineteen-year-old Philadelphia Main Line debutante is confined, against her will, to a state mental hospital. She spends her pregnancy surrounded by the mentally challenged and the criminally insane. On April 19, 1964, she gives birth to a child, whom she is forced to give up for adoption. A loving middle-class couple adopts a month-old little girl from Catholic Charities. She is adored and cherished from the very beginning. It is as though she is dropped into the first chapter of a fairy tale—but we all know how fairy tales go. This is the story of a mother and daughter. Of what it is to give up a child and what it is to be given up. Of what it is to belong, what it is to be a family and what it is to yearn deeply, and to never lose hope—because anything is possible. In this exquisite memoir, Julie Mannix von Zerneck and Kathy Hatfield recount the stories of their lives. Deliciously strange, surprising and sweetly funny, this tenderly written book takes us on a wild and frightening journey. Written in two distinct and deeply expressive voices, their stories seamlessly meld together in a breathtaking ending.

PRAISE FOR SECRET STORMS: "The book shifts between sections narrated by mother von Zerneck and daughter Hatfield, and both authors have gripping stories to tell. Readers will delight in their shared narrative, which is as heartwarming as it is engaging. von Zerneck's life alone would be a fascinating read, but combined with Hatfield's search for her mother it becomes compulsive reading." -Publishers Weekly "The book is beautifully written and...compelling, to the extent that readers might feel they are sitting with the authors, listening to them tell their tale...more like a novel than a memoir." -ForeWord Reviews "Shining through both narratives is goodness and the power of the human spirit. A dually narrated, uplifting tale on overcoming profound adversity." -Kirkus Reviews "This story will break your heart, bring on tears of joy, and make you believe in the healing power of love, forgiveness, and family." -Meredith Rollins, Executive Editor, Redbook Magazine "A heartbreaking but ultimately life-affirming mother-daughter story that defies fiction. Every plot twist, every emotion touches a chord, even for those of us who have not had to endure such a brutal separation. Read it and weep-and then finally rejoice. An ode to the enduring power of family ties." -Elizabeth Forsythe Hailey, author of *A Woman of Independent Means* "In my writers' workshops, the greatest gospel I can preach is the obvious one-to tell the truth, whatever form it takes. This amazing mother-daughter writing team exemplifies the concept to the max. The plot is Dickensian, rife with villains and struggle, the revealing of it, breathtaking in its simplicity and heartbreaking in its courage. What a story." -Ernest Thompson, Academy Award-winning writer of *On Golden Pond* "What an extraordinary and compelling story, all the more so because it's true-and told so beautifully by its two heroines." -Alice Maltin, producer & Leonard Maltin, film critic and correspondent for Entertainment Tonight "This is an uplifting story of hope and personal courage that is sure to resonate with most readers." -Monsters and Critics

Before We Were Yours Lisa Wingate 2019-05-21 THE BLOCKBUSTER HIT—Over two million copies sold! A New York Times, USA Today, Wall Street Journal, and Publishers Weekly Bestseller “Poignant, engrossing.”—People • “Lisa Wingate takes an almost unthinkable chapter in our nation’s history and weaves a tale of enduring power.”—Paula McLain Memphis, 1939. Twelve-year-old Rill Foss and her four younger siblings live a magical life aboard their family’s Mississippi River shantyboat. But when their father must rush their mother to the hospital one stormy night, Rill is left in charge—until strangers arrive in force. Wrenched from all that is familiar and thrown into a Tennessee Children’s Home Society orphanage, the Foss children are assured that they will soon be returned to their parents—but they quickly realize the dark truth. At the mercy of the facility’s cruel director, Rill fights to keep her sisters and brother together in a world of danger and uncertainty. Aiken, South Carolina, present day. Born into wealth and privilege, Avery Stafford seems to have it all: a successful career as a federal prosecutor, a handsome fiancé, and a lavish wedding on the horizon. But when Avery returns home to help her father weather a health crisis, a chance encounter leaves her with uncomfortable questions and compels her to take a journey through her family’s long-hidden history, on a path that will ultimately lead either to devastation or to redemption. Based on one of America’s most notorious real-life scandals—in which Georgia Tann, director of a Memphis-based adoption organization, kidnapped and sold poor children to wealthy families all over the country—Lisa Wingate’s riveting, wrenching, and ultimately uplifting tale reminds us how, even though the paths we take can lead to many places, the heart never forgets where we belong. Publishers Weekly’s #3 Longest-Running Bestseller of 2017 • Winner of the Southern Book Prize • If All Arkansas Read the Same Book Selection This edition includes a new essay by the author about shantyboat life.

The Girls Who Went Away Ann Fessler 2007-06-26 “A remarkably well-researched and accomplished book.” —The New York Times Book Review “A wrenching, riveting book.” —Chicago Tribune In this deeply moving and myth-shattering work, Ann Fessler brings out into the open for the first time the astonishing untold history of the million and a half women who surrendered children for adoption due to enormous family and social pressure in the decades before Roe v. Wade. An adoptee who was herself surrendered during those years and recently made contact with her mother, Ann Fessler brilliantly brings to life the voices of more than a hundred women, as well as the spirit of those times, allowing the women to tell their stories in gripping and intimate detail.

Looking for Jane Heather Marshall 2023-02-07 This “clever and satisfying” (Associated Press) #1 international bestseller for fans of Kristin Hannah and Jennifer Chiaverini follows three women who are bound together by a long-lost letter, a mother’s love, and a secret network of women fighting for the right to choose—inspired by true stories. 2017: When Angela Creighton discovers a mysterious letter containing a life-shattering confession, she is determined to find the intended recipient. Her search takes her back to the 1970s when a group of daring women operated an illegal underground abortion network in Toronto known only by its whispered code name: Jane. 1971: As a teenager, Dr. Evelyn Taylor was sent to a home for “fallen” women where she was forced to give up her baby for adoption—a trauma she has never recovered from. Despite the constant threat of arrest, she joins the Jane Network as an abortion provider, determined to give other women the choice she never had. 1980: After discovering a shocking secret about her family, twenty-year-old Nancy Mitchell begins to question everything she has ever known. When she unexpectedly becomes pregnant, she feels like she has no one to turn to for help. Grappling with her decision, she locates “Jane” and finds a place of her own alongside Dr. Taylor within the network’s ranks, but she can never escape the lies that haunt her. Looking for Jane is “a searing, important, beautifully written novel about the choices we all make and where they lead us—as well as a wise and timely reminder of the difficult road women had to walk not so long ago” (Kristin Harmel, New York Times bestselling author).

Truths I Never Told You Kelly Rimmer 2020-09-29 1959: Grace is a young mother with four children under four. All she ever wanted was to have a family of her own, but there are thoughts Grace cannot share with anyone in the months after childbirth. Instead she pours her deepest fears into the pages of a notebook, hiding them where she knows husband Patrick will never look. When Grace falls pregnant again, she turns to her sister, Maryanne, for help. 1996: When Beth's father, Patrick, is diagnosed with dementia, she and her siblings make the heart-wrenching decision to put him into care. As Beth is clearing the family home, she discovers a series of notes. Patrick's children grew up believing their mother died in a car accident, but these notes suggest something much darker may be true.

Caleb and Kit Beth Vrabel 2017-09-12 From award-winning author Beth Vrabel comes a powerfully moving story about a magical friendship, coping with disability, and the pains of growing up and growing apart. Twelve-year-old Caleb is shorter, frailer, and more protected than most kids his age. That's because he has cystic fibrosis, a diagnosis meaning lungs that fill with mucus and a shortened lifespan. Caleb tries not to let his disorder define him, but it can be hard with an overprotective mom and a perfect big brother. Then Caleb meets Kit -- a vibrant, independent, and free girl -- and his world changes instantly. Kit reads Caleb's palm and tells him they are destined to become friends. She calls birds down from the sky and turns every day into an adventure. Her magic is contagious, making Caleb question the rules and order in his life. But being Kit's friend means embracing deception and danger, and soon Caleb will have to decide if his friendship with Kit is really what's best for him -- or her.

Fortune's Daughter Alice Hoffman 2014-09-23 An “intimate, lovely novel, most of whose concerns swirl about the pain and joys of motherhood,” from the New York Times–bestselling author of *The Rules of Magic* (People). Rae Perry has been in love with Jessup since high school. Two weeks before her eighteenth birthday, they ran away from Boston together and have been moving ever since—five states in seven years. Now they are in Southern California in what they call “earthquake weather,” a time when anything can happen, and Jessup is restless again. This time, Rae fears, he plans to leave without her. Lila Grey is a fortune-teller. More than a quarter century ago, on a cold and icy night in New York City, she gave birth to a daughter she never saw again. Lila is determined to find her lost child, even if it means an end to her happy life with Richard, the loving husband she refuses to let into her past. It is Lila who tells Rae she is pregnant—but the other symbol she reads in Rae’s tea leaves, she refuses to reveal. From that moment forward, their fates are inextricably linked. While Rae searches for the strength to navigate an uncertain future alone, Lila sets out to resolve her history once and for all. This luminous novel, a New York Times Notable Book, is an enthralling tribute to the profound mysteries of motherhood and childbirth from a writer who, in the words of Amy Tan, “takes seemingly ordinary lives and lets us see and feel extraordinary things.”

Twice a Daughter Julie Ryan McGue 2021-05-11 Julie is adopted. She is also a twin. Because their adoption was closed, she and her sister lack both a health history and their adoption papers—which becomes an issue for Julie when, at forty-eight years old, she finds herself facing several serious health issues. To launch the probe into her closed adoption, Julie first needs the support of her sister. The twins talk things over, and make a pact:

Julie will approach their adoptive parents for the adoption paperwork and investigate search options, and the sisters will split the costs involved in locating their birth relatives. But their adoptive parents aren't happy that their daughters want to locate their birth parents—and that is only the first of many obstacles Julie will come up against as she digs into her background. Julie's search for her birth relatives spans eight years and involves a search agency, a PI, a confidential intermediary, a judge, an adoption agency, a social worker, and a genealogist. By journey's end, what began as a simple desire for a family medical history has evolved into a complicated quest—one that unearths secrets, lies, and family members that are literally right next door.

The Secret Daughter Kelly Rimmer 2015-06-18 As I saw my new-born baby's face for the first time I tried desperately to capture her face in my mind—to stamp it onto my eyelids. As she was taken from me I knew I might never see my daughter again. 38 years later... 'You were adopted'. Three short words and Sabina's life fractures. There would forever be a Before those words, and an After. Pregnant with her own child, Sabina can't understand how a mother could abandon her daughter, or why her parents have kept the past a secret. Determined to find the woman who gave her away, what she discovers will change everything, not just for Sabina, but for the women who have loved her all these years. From the bestselling author of *Me Without You* comes another touching, beautifully told story about the pain of separation and the enduring strength of love. Find out what readers are saying about *The Secret Daughter* 'I adored this novel. Absolutely, 100% adored it. Kelly Rimmer is a beautiful writer ... *The Secret Daughter* packed such an emotional, powerful punch, one that I don't think I've felt before that I'll always associate with her novels from now on.' Becca's Books 'Kelly Rimmer did an amazing job of telling such a heartbreaking tale. This story had me laughing, crying and hugging my daughter a wee tighter. I loved this story!' Steph and Chris Book Reviews 'This book had me on an emotional rollercoaster from the first words... *The Secret Daughter* is a story that will stay with you long after you have finished the book.' Ask a Bookworm 'This was a refreshingly different read which I would put in the same vein as Diane Chamberlain but this was even better than some of Diane's latest releases. This is no girl meets boy and falls in love read but rather a heartbreaking, beautifully written story based on true facts... I would highly recommend *The Secret Daughter*, a thought provoking, emotional story not to be missed.' Shaz's Book Blog 'This was such a moving story, convincingly told. It is almost as though you are reading a memoir rather than a novel ... a really compelling read and would definitely recommend it.' Portobello Book Blog

[A Mother's Confession](#) Kelly Rimmer 2016-10-28

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