

At The Rivers Edge The Chesapeake Diaries

River's Edge is an anthology from Redding Writers Forum celebrating original pieces from our members.

In the 1950s, a series of dams was proposed along the Brazos River in north-central Texas. For John Graves, this project meant that if the stream's regimen was thus changed, the beautiful and sometimes brutal surrounding countryside would also change, as would the lives of the people whose rugged ancestors had eked out an existence there. Graves therefore decided to visit that stretch of the river, which he had known intimately as a youth. Goodbye to a River is his account of that farewell canoe voyage. As he braves rapids and fatigue and the fickle autumn weather, he muses upon old blood feuds of the region and violent skirmishes with native tribes, and retells wild stories of courage and cowardice and deceit that shaped both the river's people and the land during frontier times and later. Nearly half a century after its initial publication, Goodbye to a River is a true American classic, a vivid narrative about an exciting journey and a powerful tribute to a vanishing way of life and its ever-changing natural environment. "Stories from real people about the sacrifices & struggle for democracy in a small community"--Publisher.

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Have you ever wondered what all the struggles of life are for? Maybe you're facing a mountain or a giant, maybe sickness, maybe death. Maybe your children are wayward or your marriage is crumbling. Maybe from a human perspective nothing makes any sense. Maybe God seems still and silent. Perhaps you think He should be doing something. The truth is that He is already working on your behalf! Do you want rivers of living water to flow from you? Do you want to be on fire or lukewarm? Are you a soldier or a prisoner? Emptied of your own selfish ambition or full of the world? Will you be a light or a void, a river or a dam, a smile or a frown? Can you embrace your weakness in order to be made strong in Christ? In this touching devotional, Kimberly Murray takes you through the journey of life—a journey of being stripped down until you have nothing to boast of, nothing to lean on, and nothing to trust in except the Lord. As He did for Kimberly, He will faithfully prove to you that He is more than enough. "Blessed are those who trust in the Lord and have made the Lord their hope and confidence. They are like trees planted along a riverbank, with roots that reach deep into the water. Such trees are not bothered by the heat or worried by long months of drought. Their leaves stay green, and they never stop producing fruit" (Jeremiah 17:7-8).

River Prescott has everything she's ever wanted—except perhaps a man. The

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unconventional ranch owning artist is very certain she doesn't want a husband. But sometimes she can't help wishing for a lover; especially after her new neighbor trespasses and she gets a full frontal view of his assets. Edge Grayson moves onto the rundown spread he's inherited, expecting to stay aloof from nearby town business. But between local artist River Prescott's determination to seduce him, and protecting her from a killer on the prowl, the ex-gunslinger is finding respectability a lot more dangerous than his former life of sin.

Two Strangers. One Night That Changes Everything. Travis Stevens struggles to move on and forget about the one amazing night he spent tangled up in the sheets with a beautiful woman who disappeared just before dawn. Now she's just a memory that he can't ignore. But what do you do when the woman invades your thoughts day and night? Josselyn McCray spent one perfect night wrapped up in the strong arms of a handsome stranger before running out in the early morning light. Now she's out of money and luck and forced to make some life-altering decisions about her future. A future that is going to involve the man she hasn't been able to forget. Brought together by one night of passion, Travis and Josselyn are now linked forever. Will Travis and Josselyn be torn apart by demanding responsibilities and the stresses of getting to know each other? Or will they overcome the odds and find their way to happily ever after? One thing is

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certain: life isn't always what you expect. *Disclaimer: This book contains graphic language and detailed sex and is recommended for those 18 and over. Murder and mystery continue in Book Four of the Cape Refuge series A famous mystery writer has just moved to Cape Refuge when a teenage girl is found murdered. Sheila Caruso—ex-con, mother to Sadie and Caleb, and resident of Hanover House—is working for the writer when she discovers that a scene in one of his novels matches the crime scene. When Police Chief Cade and Blair Owens discover a second dead teenager—mirroring a murder in another of the eccentric writer's books—Cade is drawn into a web of trickery and deceit. Evidence turns up in Cade's own truck, and suddenly he becomes the number-one suspect. Cade tries to clear his name, but when eighteen-year-old Sadie Caruso disappears, tensions mount to a fever pitch. Can Cade find the real killer before Sadie winds up dead? Is the novelist a demented killer, or a hapless victim? And what does Sadie's own mother have to do with the crimes? Secrets are uncovered, while lessons are learned about the sins of the father being visited upon his children. Will the consequences of Sheila's life be fatal, or is there redemption and mercy for her and her children? "Chief Matthew Cade rarely considered another line of work, but news of the dead teenage girl made him long for a job as an accountant or electrician—some benign vocation that didn't

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require him to look into the eyes of grieving parents.”

Katy Gardner’s account of her fifteen-month stay in the small Bangladeshi village of Talukpur has become a classic study of rural life in South Asia. Through a series of beautifully crafted narratives, the villagers and their stories are brought vividly to life and the author’s role as an outsider sensitively conveyed in her descriptions of the warm friendships she makes. Above all *Songs at the River's Edge* is written from a deep respect of Bangladesh and its country.

A young woman confronts the horrifying events of her childhood, an infamous crime that destroyed her family, with the help of the son of the police officer who had aided her many years ago, unless the old evil finds her first. Reprint.

This book offers diverse debates on the possible manifestations and meanings of the term "Middle East."

In a time before fast food, microwave ovens, and home videos, there existed a world where adventure was as close as one's next thought. These are stories of a very imaginative child and the love of a father in a world that watched history change on a daily basis as never before in the 20th century. (Motivation)

While staying with her brother in St. Dennis, Maryland, to figure things out, Sophie Enright impulsively buys a boarded-up building to open a restaurant, which pits her against landscaper Jason Bowers, who also wants the property.

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As a survivor, Kate Keefer hurdles all obstacles-until she meets Reeves Stanton. He turns her world upside down, causing her to lose sight of her former goals. Convinced their relationship is wrong, she walks away, only to find that her heart remains behind. He is the greatest obstacle yet.

The man Lisa Jackson loved most may have betrayed her. Another used deception to manipulate her. But did one of them kill her? Ben Jackson is sure to defeat Jonathan Cleary in Cape Refuge's mayoral race, until his wife turns up missing the day before a major debate. Suspecting foul play, Police Chief Cade launches an island-wide search. But it takes a psychic's "vision" to point police to the riverside—and Lisa's body. The evidence implicating Ben in his wife's murder is convincing. But as a local scandal escalates into a national media circus, Cade's instincts tell him to dig deeper. And he's not the only one. Blair Owens of the Cape Refuge Journal is using her investigative skills to uncover a rat's nest of dirty secrets—and more than one person with a motive for murder. But Blair's methods are jeopardizing her relationship with Cade, and an unsolicited prediction from the psychic only adds to her troubles. Is the man's so-called gift truly from God, as he claims? Did Lisa's murder have anything to do with the mayoral race, her husband's alleged affair, or her decade-long struggle with infertility? Whoever the killer is, he's about to take his evasion of justice to

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the next, lethal level. And someone else is going to die.

Helena, Arkansas, in 2011 is a hotbed of crime. Close to the Mississippi River and very poor, with little notice from the government, it's the perfect place for drug traffickers to set up their bases. FBI agent Valencia Manzell has been assigned to take down one of the most dangerous men in the game: Juan Santana, a Columbian cocaine trafficker hoping to set up shop in the States. As she goes undercover to get the evidence she needs to shut down his operation, Valencia learns that Santana is even more dangerous than she could have begun to suspect. When it becomes clear that she can't even count on the police for backup, she must take matters into her own hands. Against the backdrop of the true events of Operation Delta Blues and the world-renowned King Biscuit Blues Festival, *The River's Edge* is author Bill Wilkins's portrait of Helena, a city rife with crime and poverty, a place where the police no longer exist to serve and protect. Wilkins captures the excitement and perils of stepping into the crosshairs of a formidable criminal when no one can be trusted-and there's no way out. This classroom resource provides clear, concise scientific information in an understandable and enjoyable way about water and aquatic life. Spanning the hydrologic cycle from rain to watersheds, aquifers to springs, rivers to estuaries, ample illustrations promote understanding of important concepts and clarify major

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ideas. Aquatic science is covered comprehensively, with relevant principles of chemistry, physics, geology, geography, ecology, and biology included throughout the text. Emphasizing water sustainability and conservation, the book tells us what we can do personally to conserve for the future and presents job and volunteer opportunities in the hope that some students will pursue careers in aquatic science. Texas Aquatic Science, originally developed as part of a multi-faceted education project for middle and high school students, can also be used at the college level for non-science majors, in the home-school environment, and by anyone who educates kids about nature and water. The project's home on the web can be found at <http://texasaquaticscience.org>

River's Edge Shifters #3 Sometimes the past holds your future...Omega otter shifter Doc loved his adopted son and wanted to protect him from his past. But when the boy's past flings itself at him in the form of a series of letters, Doc is faced with the heart wrenching decision of either ripping open old wounds or keeping unforgivable secrets from the child. Rabbit shifter Levi hates his life as Alpha of his Colony. Put there by birthright and held there by his past, he has no choice: If he leaves, they will kill his one true mate. Rabbits were brutal like that. When the colony is all abuzz with word of a stranger in town, Levi doesn't expect an otter and he certainly doesn't expect the man to be the bearer of both the worst and the best news of his life: His mate was gone and he had a son. And he most definitely doesn't expect to have his rabbit announcing the man as his mate. Otterly in Love is a sweet with knotty heat M/M shifter mpreg

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romance featuring an otter shifter looking out for his son, a rabbit shifter who fears he isn't strong enough to fix the wrongs of his path, an evil sheriff who won't stay gone, a boy who in some ways has more to teach his fathers than they have to teach him, true fated love, and an adorable little baby. This is the third book in the River's Edge Shifters series brought to you by the co-writing team of Lorelei M. Hart and Aria Grace and can be read as a stand alone. If you love knotty fun, true love, and your mpreg with heart, one-click today.

This collection of tales is from a man who lives a life dedicated to fly fishing. Told with passion and an obvious love of both fish and fishing, Jerry Kustich's stories feel like spending time with an old friend.

After all of the devastating betrayals by the one she loved, Twenty-two year old Avery Stevens has spent three years raising her daughter alone, with her family and best friend as a support system, never leaving her small hometown of Rivers Edge, Missouri. Though Rivers Edge holds the pain of her past, it also holds the one person she wants but can't have – her brother's best friend, Maddox Jackson. When she learns the attraction might not be one-sided, will Avery be able to trust Maddox with the one thing she's held onto tightly for the past few years? Police officer Maddox Jackson is a ladies' man with one foot out the door. Never planning to settle down, Maddox fights the attraction he feels for his best friend's little sister, Avery. But can he continue to fight it when his body and his heart are leading him to the one woman he shouldn't want? When secrets are finally exposed, can Avery and Maddox trust each other enough to overcome the past, handle the present, and preserve their future? Can Avery trust Maddox with her heart? Will Maddox be able to convince Avery to take the chance?

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those 18 and over.

An invaluable resource for medical professionals, victims of chronic illnesses, and their loved ones, this dual memoir by a doctor and his longtime patient traces the growth of their unique friendship over a span of decades. By exploring the bond between caregiver and sufferer, this sensitive account evokes not only the constant day to day frustrations and emotional toll suffered by the chronically ill, but also an understanding of the mental struggles and conflicts that a conscientious doctor must face in deciding how best to treat a patient without compromising personal freedoms. In alternating chapters, the narrative explores the frustration, joy, despair, grief, and pain on both sides of the doctor-patient relationship.

"A novel of the American frontier"--Cover.

A pioneering examination of history, current affairs, and daily life along the Russia–China border, one of the world's least understood and most politically charged frontiers. The border between Russia and China winds for 2,600 miles through rivers, swamps, and vast taiga forests. It's a thin line of direct engagement, extraordinary contrasts, frequent tension, and occasional war between two of the world's political giants. Franck Billé and Caroline Humphrey have spent years traveling through and studying this important yet forgotten region. Drawing on pioneering fieldwork, they introduce readers to the lifeways, politics, and history of one of the world's most consequential and enigmatic borderlands. It is telling that, along a border consisting mainly of rivers, there is not a single operating passenger bridge. Two different worlds have emerged. On the Russian side, in territory seized from China in the nineteenth century, defense is prioritized over the economy, leaving dilapidated villages slumbering amid the forests. For its part, the Chinese side is heavily settled and increasingly

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prosperous and dynamic. Moscow worries about the imbalance, and both governments discourage citizens from interacting. But as Billé and Humphrey show, cross-border connection is a fact of life, whatever distant authorities say. There are marriages, friendships, and sexual encounters. There are joint businesses and underground deals, including no shortage of smuggling. Meanwhile some indigenous peoples, persecuted on both sides, seek to “revive” their own alternative social groupings that span the border. And Chinese towns make much of their proximity to “Europe,” building giant Russian dolls and replicas of St. Basil’s Cathedral to woo tourists. Surprising and rigorously researched, *On the Edge* testifies to the rich diversity of an extraordinary world haunted by history and divided by remote political decisions but connected by the ordinary imperatives of daily life.

By the acclaimed author of *The Idea of Love* Southern women unravel the mysteries of summers past in a small coastal town draped in secrets as thick as the marshes that surround it ...

The classic work on the evaluation of city form. What does the city's form actually mean to the people who live there? What can the city planner do to make the city's image more vivid and memorable to the city dweller? To answer these questions, Mr. Lynch, supported by studies of Los Angeles, Boston, and Jersey City, formulates a new criterion—imageability—and shows its potential value as a guide for the building and rebuilding of cities. The wide scope of this study leads to an original and vital method for the evaluation of city form. The architect, the planner, and certainly the city dweller will all want to read this book.

Learning to love is the best lesson of all. Omega owl shifter Ryan is slowly adjusting to life at River's Edge. After being rescued from impending slavery, he's happy to be free.

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Now it's time for him to stand on his own two feet, and to do that, he needs to finish his education, something his parliament had forbidden. His future as sold property was sealed with his first shift. Alpha wolf shifter Alden loves being a teacher at River's Edge High. If only he didn't go home to an empty house each night. Wolves were pack animals, and being without one is rough on his shifter side...not that going back is an option. When the local sheriff asks Alden to help the town's newest residents, he's more than willing to devote his time. He knows all too well what it's like to escape an unhealthy pack. The last thing he expects to find is his mate. Owl Love You is a sweet with knotty heat M/M shifter mpreg romance featuring an owl shifter rebuilding his life, an alpha helping in the only way he knows how, the power of a found family, true fated love, old friends, and an adorable little baby. This is the fifth book in the popular River's Edge Shifters series brought to you by the co-writing team of Lorelei M. Hart and Aria Grace and can be read as a standalone. If you love knotty fun, true love, and your mpreg with heart, one-click today.

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Binge read this contemporary, western romance series, full of hot cowboys and family entanglements that is based around the Rydell River Ranch brought to you by small-town romance author Leanne Davis... When Erin Poletti pulls her car into the Rydell River Ranch in River's End, Washington, looking to stay with her hated brother

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Chance, she never intends for it to be anything more than a pit stop on the way to the rest of her life. After her mother's suicide, Erin has no choice but to seek out her brother where he works as a ranch hand, as she is left penniless, homeless and for reasons she will share with no one; without the basic skills to navigate her life. Ranch owner Jack Rydell watches her pull onto his ranch and knows that trouble has come to his ranch, his three brothers, his two sons, and most of all: to himself. Erin has a short-lived relationship with Jack's youngest brother until circumstances eventually leave Erin nearly destitute on the ranch, and finally reveals the secret Erin has desperately hidden. And only then, does Jack finally begin to know the woman whose presence has so altered his life. Eventually, Erin finds a job, and starts to work with Jack and his horses in order to repay the debts she feels she owes him. But the longer Erin is there Jack begins to wonder if he can resist the woman he now knows, despite everything that stands between them. Recommended Reading Order for River's End Series: River's End River's Escape River's Return River Road River on Fire River's Lost River of Change River's Destiny River's Rescue River's Winter River in Darkness River in Light River in the Mountains River at the Ranch River to the Ocean River from the City River Through the Valley Each book is a standalone with a happily-ever after but the journey getting there? Never easy and always epic! You'll get to check in with beloved characters in this interconnected standalone series. Key words: cowboy love, cowgirl, happily ever after, love books, love stories, romantic novels, sexually romantic books,

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A young woman confronts the horrifying events of her childhood, an infamous crime that destroyed her family, with the help of the son of the police officer who had aided her many years ago, unless the old evil finds her first. 350,000 first printing. Lit Guild & Doubleday Main. Tour.

Miguel is convinced he and River weren't the fated mates he thought they were, so when his best friend asks him to go back to Lobo Canyon, New Mexico, he knows it's a really bad idea. Why set himself up to see River again, and to go through all that pain and weirdness again? Wulf is desperate not to be the only banished one at his niece's christening, though, and Miguel finally, grudgingly, goes along. River knows how bad he screwed up with Miguel, but he's been able to tell himself it was meant to be. At least

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until Miguel shows up. All of his fine plans to stay away from the man go out the window then, and River decides he has to figure out how to win Miguel back. Even if the pack doesn't seem particularly helpful, between the constant interruptions and the visiting family making his job harder. What's worse is that Miguel seems to be accident prone now. Until River realizes what's going on is no accident. Someone is targeting Miguel with violence, and they have to figure out who it is, and how their love can possibly work out, all at the same time.

In a hurricane-ravaged Mississippi of the near future, a man who elects to remain behind when most people have fled the area is brutally attacked by two hitchhikers who steal his supplies, a crime that prompts him to pursue justice.

After Thelma and Wayne Owens, the no-nonsense hosts of a Christian halfway home for ex-convicts and derelicts, are found murdered in their warehouse church, suspicion is cast on the Owens' daughter's husband and on two former residents.

An atmospheric, transporting tale of adventure, love, and survival from the bestselling author of *The Snow Child*, finalist for the Pulitzer Prize. In the winter of 1885, decorated war hero Colonel Allen Forrester leads a small band of men on an expedition that has been deemed impossible: to venture up the Wolverine River and pierce the vast, untamed Alaska Territory. Leaving behind Sophie, his newly pregnant wife, Colonel Forrester records his extraordinary experiences in hopes that his journal will reach her if he doesn't return--once he passes beyond

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the edge of the known world, there's no telling what awaits him. The Wolverine River Valley is not only breathtaking and forbidding but also terrifying in ways that the colonel and his men never could have imagined. As they map the territory and gather information on the native tribes, whose understanding of the natural world is unlike anything they have ever encountered, Forrester and his men discover the blurred lines between human and wild animal, the living and the dead. And while the men knew they would face starvation and danger, they cannot escape the sense that some greater, mysterious force threatens their lives. Meanwhile, on her own at Vancouver Barracks, Sophie chafes under the social restrictions and yearns to travel alongside her husband. She does not know that the winter will require as much of her as it does her husband, that both her courage and faith will be tested to the breaking point. Can her exploration of nature through the new art of photography help her to rediscover her sense of beauty and wonder? The truths that Allen and Sophie discover over the course of that fateful year change both of their lives--and the lives of those who hear their stories long after they're gone--forever. "An epic adventure story that seems heir to the tradition of Melville's own sweeping and ambitious literary approach to the age-old struggle of humans versus nature . . . An absorbing and high-stakes read." -- Kathleen Rooney, Chicago Tribune An Amazon Best Book of the Year A

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Washington Post Notable Book A Goodreads Choice Award Nominee A Library Journal Top 10 Book of the Year A BookPage Best Book of the Year
Unable to believe that missing police chief Cade is actually responsible for a hit-and-run murder, Blair Owens finds proving the man's innocence further challenged when a kidnapper places a ransom call from Cade's cell phone.
Original.

EMILY & JAMES BOOK #1 Sunset Peak, North Carolina is cursed by murder and captivated by moonshine money. The unsolved shooting death of Mayor Hank Richards has a five-year curse hovering over the historic mountain community. Townspeople look over their shoulders in fear as neighbor accuses neighbor. Rumors of buried moonshine money captivate those seeking unearned riches, but haunt Emily Edwards, the strong-willed granddaughter of the purported moonshiner. Shortly following the murder of Mayor Richards, James Wolsey returns from college to help his mom manage the family's hardware business. James and Emily are traveling diverse paths when they meet, but quickly align on a common course. If not for obsessed treasure hunters convinced Emily possesses a map, it seems their future together is promising. The couple's attempt to dispel rumors of buried treasure leads them to the gravesite of Emily's ancestor beside the New River. What they uncover at the

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river's edge propels them into the path of the mayor's killer, and unleashes a chain of chilling events that forever changes Sunset Peak. Mayor Richards' murder will not be the last in the previously peaceful town.

In this classic novel, James A. Michener brings his grand epic tradition to bear on the four-hundred-year saga of America's Eastern Shore, from its Native American roots to the modern age. In the early 1600s, young Edmund Steed is desperate to escape religious persecution in England. After joining Captain John Smith on a harrowing journey across the Atlantic, Steed makes a life for himself in the New World, establishing a remarkable dynasty that parallels the emergence of America. Through the extraordinary tale of one man's dream, Michener tells intertwining stories of family and national heritage, introducing us along the way to Quakers, pirates, planters, slaves, abolitionists, and notorious politicians, all making their way through American history in the common pursuit of freedom. BONUS: This edition includes an excerpt from James A. Michener's *Hawaii*. Praise for *Chesapeake* "Another of James Michener's great mines of narrative, character and lore."—*The Wall Street Journal* "[A] marvelous panorama of history seen in the lives of symbolic people of the ages . . . An emotionally and intellectually appealing book."—*The Atlanta Journal-Constitution* "Michener's most ambitious work of fiction in theme and scope."—*The Philadelphia Inquirer*

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“Magnificently written . . . one of those rare novels that is enthusiastically passed from friend to friend.”—Associated Press

When Anna Larson's granddaughter Sarah finds her independence, she travels away from all that is familiar, but when she returns to Shining Waters, three generations of family heartbreak and disappointments converge and Sarah finds God right in the center of it all. Original.

infighting, power struggles, membership firings and resignations, lawsuits, settlements, non-disclosure agreements, oddball behaviour and fabulous rock music. Welcome to the weird world of Weezer, steered by brainchild Rivers Cuomo - a hair metal failure turned oddball rocker who has steered the ship of Weezer into uncharted territory with their bonkers sound, strange hiatuses and legendary comeback. Come feel the noise!

One extraordinary woman will come of age--and come into her own-- in this haunting, elegiac portrait of an ever-changing America during the tumult and uncertainty of World War II. After the death of her mother, Elise Braun is sent to live with a new family in the United States and to start a new life. Her father only wants to save his daughter from the impending war in her native Germany--and the horrors of the new Nazi regime. But Elise can only feel a sense of abandonment and resentment toward the one man who is supposed to protect

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her. An accomplished pianist, music has become her only solace from the loneliness and loss that makes it so difficult for her to love or trust anyone. . . . Devastated by his wife's death, Herman Braun knows that he's incapable of caring for the daughter he loves so deeply. He also knows that Germany is becoming a treacherous country in the hands of a tyrant, one he must defy at any price--even the price of sending his daughter away to a strange new land. It's a choice that may cost him his family--and his life. Now, with the war over, Elise has grown into the beautiful and brave young woman her father always hoped she would be. But underneath the polished façade, she remains torn between her love for her adoptive home and the heartbreak caused by her homeland. As she struggles to find her place in a harrowing new world, she must also learn to acknowledge her love for her father, the man who traded his happiness for her own. . . .

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