

Practical Magic The Beloved Novel Of Love Friendship Sisterhood And Magic

An instant New York Times bestseller and Reese Witherspoon Book Club pick from beloved author Alice Hoffman—the spellbinding prequel to Practical Magic. Find your magic. For the Owens family, love is a curse that began in 1620, when Maria Owens was charged with witchery for loving the wrong man. Hundreds of years later, in New York City at the cusp of the sixties, when the whole world is about to change, Susanna Owens knows that her three children are dangerously unique. Difficult Franny, with skin as pale as milk and blood red hair, shy and beautiful Jet, who can read other people's thoughts, and charismatic Vincent, who began looking for trouble on the day he could walk. From the start Susanna sets down rules for her children: No walking in the moonlight, no red shoes, no wearing black, no cats, no crows, no candles, no books about magic. And most importantly, never, ever, fall in love. But when her children visit their Aunt Isabelle, in the small Massachusetts town where the Owens family has been blamed for everything that has ever gone wrong, they uncover family secrets and begin to understand the truth of who they are. Yet, the children cannot escape love even if they try, just as they cannot escape the pains of the human heart. The two beautiful sisters will grow up to be the memorable aunts in Practical Magic, while Vincent, their beloved brother, will leave an unexpected legacy. Alice Hoffman delivers “fairy-tale promise with real-life struggle” (The New York Times Book Review) in a story how the only remedy for being human is to be true to yourself. Thrilling and exquisite, real and fantastical, The Rules of Magic is “irresistible...the kind of book you race through, then pause at the last forty pages, savoring your final moments with the characters” (USA TODAY, 4/4 stars). Everyone needs a little magic in their lives... and for the Owens sisters, magic is inevitable. Practical Magic is the beloved novel by Alice Hoffman, inspiration for the classic film.

The Rules Of Magic Novelist Alice Hoffman is out to change everything. She has long celebrated supernatural individuals in many of her many novels. Her newest, The Rules of Magic is an enchanting prequel to her beloved bestseller Practical Magic, the tale of Sally and Gillian Owens, damned by a family curse that any man who falls in love with them will die. In Alice Hoffman's 1995 story, Practical Magic, sisters Sally and Gillian share a healthy sibling relationship and a complicated relationship with the spell. Their story is rooted in their heritage history and a legend that includes witchcraft, feuds, and rejection dating back 200 years. Her last book travels back to the 1960s to acquaint young Franny and Jet Owens, the family members who later raised Sally and Gillian after their parents died in a fire. In The Rules of Magic, Hoffman's introduction to Practical Magic, we learn regarding the family's latest history: the backstory of Aunts Frances and Jet, Sally and Gillian's mysterious protectors. Young Franny is redheaded and feisty; she loves science and looks for logical explanations for everything, even

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their unusual family traits that don't have a reason. Bridget, called Jet, is shy and so beautiful that boys are willing to die to be with her. Vincent, their brother, is a mysterious heartbreaker, tormented by perceptions of the future and keeping more secrets than his sisters can presume. The three siblings are bound together by blood, magic and a damning that affects any romantic partner they ever love. Persistently practical Franny, tender, raven-haired Jet and their captivating brother Vincent receive an invitation to their Aunt Isabelle's house for the summer in Massachusetts, Franny turns 17. Isabelle's only precept is "Be true to yourself." The siblings' suspect that they aren't quite "normal," confirmed as they see Isabelle formulate love potions and magical soap for her clients, the town's residents from the plants in her garden and greenhouse. Their story develops in the 1960s, and Hoffman constructs cultural and historical evidence into the novel. It's the midsummer meets the "Summer of Love"; magic, potions, and superstition conjure with riots and music celebrations and bellbottoms. Hoffman handles this combination quite beautifully, and the fact that her fantasy is grounded in reality makes it feel determined and more tangible. Franny discovers they are the progeny of Maria Owens, who was judged as a witch in the 1600s by the married magistrate who fathered her child. "Know that for our family, love is a curse," Maria warned in her diary. The Rules of Magic completes topics presented in Practical Magic, but it works quite well as a standalone too. It's obvious why Hoffman is a favorite for fiction readers: She creates new mythologies; she's able to manufacture magic into the modern world, and she refers to the magical properties of herbs and everyday items without overexplaining or overcomplicating her narratives. Franny proceeds to deny her passion for her childhood boyfriend, Haylin. Vincent sneaks from bed to bed without making a genuine connection, and Jet falls irrationally in love with Levi, a boy whose father, a preacher, identifies her as a witch. The magic in these engaging witches is in their everydayness. They cope with high-school bully girls, apply to college, play music and, of course, can hear each other's thoughts, move objects with their minds and are unable to sink in water. The Rules of Magic is purportedly about three family members who find all their love experiences marked. But the commitment that draws them together as a family creates a bond that proves indestructible and may conclusively be the key to finally breaking the curse that's haunted their family for ages.

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From bestselling author Alice Hoffman, a resonant tale of overcoming grief and tragedy, as only she could tell it. In this powerful, lovely sequel to *GREEN ANGEL*, Green must learn the stories of a number of "witches" and free her true soul mate from a prison as she grapples with life, love, and loss in a post-disaster world.

Traces the multi-generational story of wintry Blackwell town through the experiences of such characters as a wounded Civil War soldier who is saved by a passionate neighbor and a woman who meets a fiercely human historical figure. By the best-selling author of *The Third Angel*. Reprint.

A *New York Times* bestseller about a 1950s suburb transformed by the arrival of a divorced mother: "part American Graffiti, part early Updike" (*The New York Times*). On Hemlock Street, the houses are identical, the lawns tidy, and the families traditional. A perfect slice of suburbia, this Long Island community shows no signs of change as the 1950s draw to a close—until the fateful August morning when Nora Silk arrives. Recently divorced, Nora mows the lawn in slingback pumps and climbs her roof in the middle of the night to clean the gutters. She works three jobs, and when her casseroles don't turn out, she feeds her two boys—eight-year-old Billy and his baby brother, James—Frosted Flakes for supper. She wears black stretch pants instead of Bermuda shorts, owns twenty-three shades of nail polish, and sings along to Elvis like a schoolgirl. Though Nora is eager to fit in on Hemlock Street, her effect on the neighbors is anything but normal. The wives distrust her, the husbands desire her, and the children think she's a witch. But through Nora's eyes, the neighborhood appears far from perfect. Behind every neatly trimmed hedge and freshly painted shutter is a family struggling to solve its own unique mysteries. Inspired by Nora, the residents of Hemlock Street finally unlock the secrets that will transform their lives forever. A tale of extraordinary discoveries, *Seventh Heaven* is an ode to a single mother's heroic journey and a celebration of the courage it takes to change.

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'A major contribution to twenty-first-century literature' Toni Morrison, Nobel Laureate and author of *Beloved* In the year 70 CE, nine hundred Jews held out for months against the Roman army in ancient Israel. Only two women and five children survived. Based on this tragic event, Alice Hoffman weaves a spellbinding story about the lives of four bold and remarkable women during desperate days of the siege of Masada, when supplies are dwindling and the Romans are drawing near. Yael is the assassin's daughter, Revka's life has been torn apart by the Romans, Aziza has been raised as a warrior and Shirah is wise in the ways of ancient magic. All are dovekeepers, and all are keepers of secrets – about who they are, where they come from, who fathered them, and whom they love. *The Dovekeepers* is Alice Hoffman's masterpiece. Praise for *The Dovekeepers* 'Hoffman is a writer of great perception and she captures with precision the complexity of the relationships between the women, their fear and guilt, their courage, their hunger for consolation and companionship' *Guardian* 'Fascinating . . . Hoffman's grasp of her subject compels respect' Helen Dunmore, *The Times* 'A book as monumental as its subject, magical, moving, quite beautifully written and probably Hoffman's best. A genuine masterpiece' *Daily Mail* 'I would share the incredible creative power and intense imagination of Alice Hoffman, whose novel *The Dovekeepers* shows just how far and deep historical fiction can go' *Observer*, 'What Will Be Under Your Tree This Christmas' The beloved classic novel, the basis of the classic film starring Nicole Kidman and Sandra Bullock. A perfect read for a cosy Christmas! As children, sisters Gillian and Sally were forever outsiders in their small New England town, teased, taunted and shunned for the air of magic that seems to sparkle in the air around them. All Gillian and Sally ever wanted was to get away. And eventually they do - one marries, the other runs as far from home as she can manage. Years later, however, tragedy will bring the sisters back together. And they'll find that no matter what else may happen, they'll always have each other. An enchanting tale of love, forgiveness and family, *Practical Magic* is beloved of readers of all ages. *~*~*Readers love *Practical Magic**~*~* '[A] delicious fantasy of witchcraft and love in a world where gardens smell of lemon verbena and happy endings are possible' *Cosmopolitan* 'What do you do when your long lost little sister shows up on your suburban front step... a dead man in the Oldsmobile that's blocking your driveway? ...You help her bury him in your backyard, underneath a wilting lilac bush that will suddenly spring back to life, bearing masses of heady flowers that remind everyone who passes by of desires they thought they'd long since stifled' *Vogue* 'Dark comedy and a light touch carry the story along to a truly Gothic climax, complete with heaving skies and witchery on the lawn' *New York Times* 'A scrim of magic lies gently over [this] fictional world, in which lilacs bloom riotously in July, a lovesick boy's elbows sizzle on a diner countertop and a toad expectorates a silver ring...' *Publishers Weekly* The revelation of a long-hidden dark secret about Ethan Ford's true identity and his past threatens to turn a small Massachusetts town upside down as the devastating truth shatters Monroe's small-town peace and tests the bonds between family and friends. By the author of *The River King*. Reprint.

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\viewkind4\uc1\pard\lang2057\fs18 Coney Island, 1911: Coralie Sardie is the daughter of a self-proclaimed scientist and professor who acts as the impresario of The Museum of Extraordinary

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Things, a boardwalk freak show offering amazement and entertainment to the masses. An extraordinary swimmer, Coralie appears as the Mermaid alongside performers like the Wolfman, the Butterfly Girl, and a 100 year old turtle, in her father's "museum". She swims regularly in New York's Hudson River, and one night stumbles upon a striking young man alone in the woods photographing moon-lit trees. From that moment, Coralie knows her life will never be the same. \par The dashing photographer Coralie spies is Eddie Cohen, a Russian immigrant who has run away from his father's Lower East Side Orthodox community. As Eddie photographs the devastation on the streets of New York following the infamous Triangle Shirtwaist Factory fire, he becomes embroiled in the mystery behind a young woman's disappearance and the dispute between factory owners and labourers. In the tumultuous times that characterized life in New York between the world wars, Coralie and Eddie's lives come crashing together in Alice Hoffman's mesmerizing, imaginative, and romantic new novel. \par } Presents a series of interlinking stories that capture the lives and fortunes of the occupants of an old Massachusetts house over the course of two centuries.

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A spellbinding coming of age novel about three sisters and the relationships and choices that shape their lives from the bestselling author of Reese Witherspoon Book Club pick, *The Rules of Magic* "This bewitching novel explores the bonds of sisterhood like a haunting modern fairy tale."—Glamour Each of three sisters—Elv, Claire, and Meg—has a fate she must meet alone: one on a country road, one in the streets of Paris, and one in the corridors of her own imagination. Inhabiting their world are a charismatic man who cannot tell the truth, a neighbor who is not who he appears to be, a clumsy boy in Paris who falls in love and stays there, a detective who finds his heart's desire, and a demon who will not let go. What does a mother do when one of her children goes astray? How does she save one daughter without sacrificing the others? How deep can love go, and how far can it take you? These are the questions this luminous novel asks. At once a coming-of-age tale, a family saga, and a love story of sensual longing, *The Story Sisters* sifts through the miraculous and the mundane as the girls become women and their choices haunt them, change them and, finally, redeem them. It confirms Alice Hoffman's reputation as "a writer whose keen ear for the measure struck by the beat of the human heart is unparalleled" (The Chicago Tribune).

"The Owens family has been cursed in matters of love for over three-hundred years but all of that is about to change. The novel begins in a library, the best place for a story to be conjured, when beloved aunt Jet Owens hears the deathwatch beetle and knows she has only seven days to live. Jet is not the only one in danger--the curse is already at work"--

Become a domestic enchantress--charm your friends, entrance your neighbours, and bewitch your beloved. Packed full of spells, ideas, and information, this book will help you transform your home into a personal powerbase, cozy sanctuary, and warm, welcoming den for you and your family. Home will feel just right on every occasion--whether it's breakfast for one or dancing for one hundred--and at any time of year. What's more, a happy domestic environment will give you the right energy to conquer the rest of the world as well--that's if you ever want to leave your "Magic House" again! "Magic House" is divided into four sections, each with beautifully illustrated spells to inspire you. With the help of Teresa Moorey, you will first discover that magic and mystery are already all around you and learn how to harness this universal energy using age-old wisdom and a little modern knowhow--your Magical Toolkit. In a Journey Through Your Home, Teresa leads you on a marvelous tour of your home--showing you that with a little thought and careful conjuring, any residence will become a "Magic House." Magic is all about working with the natural world--and in "A Home For All Seasons" you will discover just how to bring the blessings of Mother Nature into your home. Finally, when it's time for Moving On, try a few spells to make the departure easier and the arrival delightful. A two-fold tale of grief and hope, loss and love, told as only Alice Hoffman can. When her

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family is lost in a terrible disaster, 15-year-old Green is haunted by loss and the past. Struggling to survive in a place where nothing seems to grow and ashes are everywhere, Green retreats into the ruined realm of her garden. But in destroying her feelings, she also begins to destroy herself. It is only through a series of mysterious encounters that Green relearns the lessons of love and begins to heal as she tells her own story. As she heals, Green lives every day with feelings of loss. Her family is gone, the boy she loves is missing, and the world she once knew has been transformed by tragedy. In order to rediscover the truth about love, hope, and magic, she must venture away from her home, collecting the stories of a group of women who have been branded witches for their mysterious powers. Only through their stories will Green find her own heart's desire.

From the New York Times bestselling author of *The Marriage of Opposites* and *The Dovekeepers* comes a soul-searching story about a young woman struggling to redefine herself and the power of love, family, and fate. Growing up on Long Island, Shelby Richmond is an ordinary girl until one night an extraordinary tragedy changes her fate. Her best friend's future is destroyed in an accident, while Shelby walks away with the burden of guilt. What happens when a life is turned inside out? When love is something so distant it may as well be a star in the sky? *Faithful* is the story of a survivor, filled with emotion—from dark suffering to true happiness—a moving portrait of a young woman finding her way in the modern world. A fan of Chinese food, dogs, bookstores, and men she should stay away from, Shelby has to fight her way back to her own future. In New York City she finds a circle of lost and found souls—including an angel who's been watching over her ever since that fateful icy night. Here is a character you will fall in love with, so believable and real and endearing, that she captures both the ache of loneliness and the joy of finding yourself at last. For anyone who's ever been a hurt teenager, for every mother of a daughter who has lost her way, *Faithful* is a roadmap. Alice Hoffman's "trademark alchemy" (USA TODAY) and her ability to write about the "delicate balance between the everyday world and the extraordinary" (WBUR) make this an unforgettable story. With beautifully crafted prose, Alice Hoffman spins hope from heartbreak in this profoundly moving novel.

New York Times bestselling authors Rachel Cohn and David Levithan are back together with a life-affirming holiday romance starring Dash and Lily. Just in time for the series release of *Dash & Lily* on Netflix! Dash and Lily have had a tough year since readers watched the couple fall in love in *Dash & Lily's Book of Dares*. Lily's beloved grandfather suffered a heart attack, and his difficult road to recovery has taken a major toll on her typically sunny disposition. Lily's spark has dimmed so much that Langston, her brother, has put aside his grudge against Dash to team up and remind Lily what there is to love about life. With only twelve days left until Christmas—Lily's favorite time of the year—Dash, Langston, and their friends take Manhattan by storm to help Lily recapture the holiday spirit of New York City in December, a time and place unlike anywhere else in the world. Told in alternating chapters, *The Twelve Days of Dash & Lily* is bound to be a Christmas favorite for seasons to come. "Cohn and Levithan write with verve and plenty of wry comedy. . . . Intriguing characters and splendid writing."--Kirkus Reviews "Peppered with sharp banter and up-to-the-minute New York City references. . . . A full-fledged rom-com."--Publishers Weekly "Hilarious and heartfelt . . . [captures] the emotions of teen love, along with the hilarity of young adult life."--School Library Journal A Zoella Book Club Pick!

The final instalment of the *Last Dragonslayer Chronicles*, demonstrating that with a small band of committed followers, a large tin of resolve and steely determination, almost anything can be achieved . . . Sixteen-year-old Jennifer Strange and her sidekick and fellow Orphan Tiger Prawns have been driven to the tip of the UnUnited Kingdoms - Cornwall - by the invasion of the Trolls. Their one defence is a six-foot-wide trench full of buttons, something which the Trolls find unaccountably terrifying (it's their clickiness). Worse than being eaten by Trolls is the

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prospect of the Mighty Shandar requisitioning the Quarkbeast and using him to achieve supreme power and domination - an ambition that has been four hundred years in the planning and which will ultimately leave the Earth a cold cinder, devoid of all life. Nothing has ever looked so bleak, but Jennifer, assisted by a renegade vegan Troll, a bunch of misfit sorcerers, the Princess (or is she now the ruler?) of the UnUnited (or are they now United?) Kingdoms, and Tiger, must find a way to vanquish the most powerful wizard the world has ever seen, and along the way discover the truth about her parents, herself, and what is in the locked glovebox of her VW Beetle . . .

An ambitious and mesmerizing novel from the bestselling author of *Rules of Magic*. *The Dovekeepers* is “striking....Hoffman grounds her expansive, intricately woven, and deepest new novel in biblical history, with a devotion and seriousness of purpose” (*Entertainment Weekly*). Nearly two thousand years ago, nine hundred Jews held out for months against armies of Romans on Masada, a mountain in the Judean desert. According to the ancient historian Josephus, two women and five children survived. Based on this tragic and iconic event, Hoffman’s novel is a spellbinding tale of four extraordinarily bold, resourceful, and sensuous women, each of whom has come to Masada by a different path. Yael’s mother died in childbirth, and her father, an expert assassin, never forgave her for that death. Revka, a village baker’s wife, watched the murder of her daughter by Roman soldiers; she brings to Masada her young grandsons, rendered mute by what they have witnessed. Aziza is a warrior’s daughter, raised as a boy, a fearless rider and expert marksman who finds passion with a fellow soldier. Shirah, born in Alexandria, is wise in the ways of ancient magic and medicine, a woman with uncanny insight and power. The lives of these four complex and fiercely independent women intersect in the desperate days of the siege. All are dovekeepers, and all are also keeping secrets—about who they are, where they come from, who fathered them, and whom they love.

The stunning conclusion to the beloved *Practical Magic* series

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NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER * LONGLISTED FOR THE ANDREW CARNEGIE MEDAL On the brink of World War II, with the Nazis tightening their grip on Berlin, a mother’s act of courage and love offers her daughter a chance of survival. “[A] hymn to the power of resistance, perseverance, and enduring love in dark times...gravely beautiful...Hoffman the storyteller continues to dazzle.” —**THE NEW YORK TIMES BOOK REVIEW** At the time when the world changed, Hanni Kohn knows she must send her twelve-year-old daughter away to save her from the Nazi regime. Her desperation leads her to Ettie, the daughter of a rabbi

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whose years spent eavesdropping on her father enables her to create a mystical Jewish creature, a rare and unusual golem, who is sworn to protect Hanni's daughter, Lea. Once Ava is brought to life, she and Lea and Ettie become eternally entwined, their paths fated to cross, their fortunes linked. What does it mean to lose your mother? How much can one person sacrifice for love? In a world where evil can be found at every turn, we meet remarkable characters that take us on a stunning journey of loss and resistance, the fantastical and the mortal, in a place where all roads lead past the Angel of Death and love is never-ending.

The New York Times—bestselling author and cancer survivor tells how to hold on to joy in times of sorrow in this “absolutely beautiful book” (Sue Monk Kidd). The prize-winning author of such modern literary classics as *Practical Magic*, *The World That We Knew*, and *The Marriage of Opposites*, Alice Hoffman is also a cancer survivor. In *Survival Lessons*, she shares her transformative journey, showing us how to re-envision our own lives and relationships with our friends and family, and the significance of the everyday choices we make. Sorrow and joy are both part of the human experience, and the beauty of the world is easy to overlook during periods of crisis, illness, or loss. Here, Hoffman offers wit, wisdom, and comfort in “an optimistic instruction manual [for] anyone struggling with self-care in a time of trouble” (Story Circle Book Reviews). “In this gem of a book, Alice Hoffman acknowledges the sorrows of life, while reminding us of its joys. *Survival Lessons* is filled with love, insight, and lots of practical advice—including a crazy-good brownie recipe.” —Will Schwalbe, New York Times—bestselling author of *The End of Your Life Book Club* “Hoffman’s storytelling artistry enlivens each intimate, thoughtfully distilled, charming, and nurturing lesson in living.” —Booklist “[*Survival Lessons*] is not about [Hoffman’s] breast cancer per se but about making choices that will improve readers’ lives and relationships and remind them ‘of the beauty of life.’” —Library Journal “Full of smart intentions and kind reminders . . . Uplifting advice we’ll gladly take.” —Better Homes & Gardens

Every autumn, Moonbright, Maine, is the picture of charm with its piles of crisp leaves, flickering jack-o'-lanterns ... and a touch of the sweetest kind of enchantment. Witches, goblins, the occasional ghost—they're all sure to be spotted at the annual Halloween parade, where adults and children alike dress in costume to celebrate Moonbright's favorite holiday. And no place has more seasonal spirit than Bellaluna's Bakeshop, a family business steeped in traditional recipes, welcoming warmth—and, legend has it, truly spellbinding, heart-melting treats ... Between good-natured Halloween tricks, frothy pumpkin lattes, and some very special baked goods, for three Moonbright residents looking for love—whether they know it or not—the spookiest thing will be how magical romance can suddenly be ... PRAISE FOR THE COTTAGE ON PUMPKIN AND VINE “This wonderful, well-written collection calls to mind brisk autumn nights cuddled with a loved one.” —Publishers Weekly “This diverse trio of stories bring

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three couples to love with a charming, slightly sexy Halloween flair ... Sassy, funny, and dusted with magic.” —Library Journal “Delightful and spicy. . . . With humor and a little mysticism thrown in, each story winds its way to a happy ever after. Every pairing comes to fruition in a unique way.” —RT Book Reviews, 4 Stars Includes cookie recipes!

Best-selling author Alice Hoffman's luminous tale of nostalgia and enchantment, for readers both young and old. Hailey and Claire are spending their last summer together when they discover something at the bottom of the murky pool at the Capri Beach Club. There in the depths is a mysterious and beautiful creature with a sharp tongue and a broken heart: a mermaid named Aquamarine who has left her six sisters to search for love on land. Now, as this mythological yet very real being starts to fade in the burning August sun, a rescue is begun. On the edge of growing up, during a summer that is the hottest on record, Hailey and Claire are discovering that life can take an unpredictable course, friendship is forever, and magic can be found in the most unexpected places.

Join award-winning podcaster Zibby Owens of *Moms Don't Have Time to Read* on a quarantine journey filled with food, exercise, sex, books, and more. It's impossible to ignore how life has changed since COVID-19 spread across the world. People from all over quarantined and did their best to keep on living during the pandemic. Zibby Owens, host of the award-winning podcast *Moms Don't Have Time to Read Books* and a mother of four herself, wanted to do something to help people carry on and to give them something to focus on other than the horrors of their news feeds. So she launched an online magazine called *We Found Time*. Authors who had been on her podcast wrote original, brilliant essays for busy readers. Zibby organized these profound pieces into buckets of things moms don't have time to do: eat, read, work out, breathe, and have sex. Now compiled as an anthology named *Moms Don't Have Time To*, these inspiring, beautiful, original essays by dozens of bestselling and acclaimed authors speak to the ever-increasing demands on a mother's time, especially during the quarantine, in a unique, literary way. Actress Evangeline Lilly writes about the importance and impact of film. Rene Denfeld, bestselling author of *The Child Finder* and *The Butterfly Girl*, focuses on her relationship with food after growing up homeless. Lea Carpenter, screenwriter and author of *Eleven Days and Red, White, Blue*, and Suzanne Falter, author, speaker, and host of the podcast "Self-Care for Extremely Busy Women," focus on loss. Chris Bohjalian, #1 New York Times bestselling author of *Midwives* and *The Flight Attendant*, and Gretchen Rubin, New York Times bestselling author of *The Happiness Project*, *Happier at Home*, *The Four Tendencies*, *Better than Before* and *Outer Order Inner Calm* and the host of award-winning podcast "Happier with Gretchen Rubin," write about the importance of reading. Others write about working out, love and sex, eating, and more. Join Zibby on her journey through the winding road of quarantine and perhaps you, too, will find time.

Bestselling author Alice Hoffman's bewitching *Nightbird* is perfect for ages

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10-13: love and friendship empower a lonely girl to embrace her uniqueness and discover her strengths. Twig lives in Sidwell, where people whisper that fairy tales are real. After all, her town is rumored to hide a monster. And two hundred years ago, a witch placed a curse on Twig's family that was meant to last forever. But this summer, everything will change when the red moon rises. It's time to break the spell. Praise Nominated for: The Great Stone Face Award (NH) Rebecca Caudill Young Readers' Book Award (Illinois) The Black-Eyed Susan Book Award (Maryland) "Hoffman reminds us that there are secrets everywhere . . . Nightbird soars." —The New York Times "Alice Hoffman has a gift for melding magic and realism in a way that makes nearly anything seem possible." —Shelf Awareness, Starred "The mix of romance and magic is irresistible." —Kirkus Reviews What Other Authors Are Saying "I love the way Alice Hoffman creates the most ordinary people and then turns their lives magical. . . . [Nightbird] is like reentering a wonderful dream that you vaguely remember." —Lois Lowry, two-time Newbery Medal-winning author of *The Giver*

25th Anniversary Edition—with an Introduction by the Author! The Owens sisters confront the challenges of life and love in this bewitching novel from the New York Times bestselling author of *The Rules of Magic*, *Magic Lessons*, and *The Book of Magic*. For more than two hundred years, the Owens women have been blamed for everything that has gone wrong in their Massachusetts town. Gillian and Sally have endured that fate as well: as children, the sisters were forever outsiders, taunted, talked about, pointed at. Their elderly aunts almost seemed to encourage the whispers of witchery, with their musty house and their exotic concoctions and their crowd of black cats. But all Gillian and Sally wanted was to escape. One will do so by marrying, the other by running away. But the bonds they share will bring them back—almost as if by magic... "Splendid...Practical Magic is one of [Hoffman's] best novels, showing on every page her gift for touching ordinary life as if with a wand, to reveal how extraordinary life really is."—Newsweek "[A] delicious fantasy of witchcraft and love in a world where gardens smell of lemon verbena and happy endings are possible."—Cosmopolitan

Told from Gretel Samuelson's sly and knowing perspective, *Local Girls* charts her progress as she navigates from childhood to the brink of womanhood, picking her way through the tragedies and absurdities of everyday life in a family which is rocked by divorce and disaster, bad judgement and fierce attachments. Her father has left them, her chain-smoking mother, Franny, is falling apart and refuses to learn the simple lessons of life, her perfect brother has fatal flaws, and even her best friend Jill - blonde, enviable and beautiful - is moving too fast into the unfathomable world of women.

During the Spanish Inquisition, sixteen-year-old Estrella, brought up a Catholic, discovers her family's true Jewish identity, and when their secret is betrayed by Estrella's best friend, the consequences are tragic.

From the beloved, bestselling author of *The Dovekeepers*, a mesmerizing new novel

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about the electric and impassioned love between two vastly different souls in New York during the volatile first decades of the twentieth century. *Coney Island: Coralie Sardie* is the daughter of the impresario behind *The Museum of Extraordinary Things*, a boardwalk freak show that amazes and stimulates the crowds. An exceptional swimmer, Coralie appears as the Mermaid in her father's "museum," alongside performers like the Wolfman, the Butterfly Girl, and a one-hundred-year-old turtle. One night Coralie stumbles upon a striking young man photographing moonlit trees in the woods off the Hudson River. The dashing photographer is Eddie Cohen, a Russian immigrant who has run away from his father's Lower East Side Orthodox community and his job as an apprentice tailor. When Eddie captures with his camera the devastation on the streets of New York following the infamous Triangle Shirtwaist Factory fire, he becomes embroiled in the mystery behind a young woman's disappearance. New York itself becomes a riveting character as Hoffman weaves her magic, romance, and masterful storytelling to unite Coralie and Eddie in a sizzling, tender, and moving story of young love in tumultuous times. *The Museum of Extraordinary Things* is Hoffman at her most spellbinding.

Bestselling author Alice Hoffman tears a page from history and melds it with mysticism to create a spellbinding, highly acclaimed tale about the persecution of Jewish people during the sixteenth century. *Estrella is a Marrano*: During the time of the Spanish Inquisition, she is one of a community of Spanish Jews living double lives as Catholics. And she is living in a house of secrets, raised by a family who practices underground the ancient and mysterious way of wisdom known as kabbalah. When Estrella discovers her family's true identity--and her family's secrets are made public--she confronts a world she's never imagined, where new love burns and where friendship ends in flame and ash, where trust is all but vanquished and betrayal has tragic and bitter consequences. Winner of numerous "best book" citations and infused with the rich context of history and faith, *Incantation* is a transcendent journey of discovery and loss, rebirth and remembrance that Newbery Award-winning author Lois Lowry described as "Magical and spellbinding...Painful and exquisitely beautiful."

A seductive and mesmerizing story of obsessive love from the New York Times bestselling author of *The Rules of Magic*. After nineteen years in California, March Murray returns to the small Massachusetts town where she grew up. For all this time, March has been avoiding her own troubled history, but when she encounters Hollis—the boy she loved so desperately, the man who has never forgotten her—the past collides with the present as their reckless love is reignited. This dark romantic tale asks whether it is possible to survive a love that consumes you completely. The answers March Murray discovers are both heartbreaking and wise, as complex as they are devastating—for in heaven and in our dreams, love is simple and glorious. But it is something altogether different here on earth...

Four acclaimed novels by "a born storyteller," the New York Times–bestselling author of *The Rules of Magic* and *The Dovekeepers* (*Entertainment Weekly*). One of today's most beloved authors of lyrical fiction with a touch of magic, Alice Hoffman boasts a body of work that has been praised by readers and critics from the very beginning. This collection includes her first novel, plus three more of her outstanding tales. *Property Of*: Hoffman's debut about teenage girls in mascara and leather and their attraction to local toughs is "a remarkably envisioned novel, almost mythic in its cadences" (*The New*

