

The Mother I Never Knew By Sudha Murty

The Mother I Never Knew Two Novellas Penguin UK

Poetry collection that details the hurt of a young man who never met his biological mother.

The Prince She Never Knew Behind the royal wedding... While the world believes her romance with Prince Leo Diomedi, Alyse knows it's just a calculated sham. Yet beneath his icy exterior, Leo's kisses give Alyse a taste of the man behind the crown... But will their fairy tale survive the headlines threatening to rip everything apart? Kholodov's Last Mistress An innocent in Moscow Cold-hearted Sergei Kholodov was shocked by Hannah Pearl's wide-eyed approach to the world. Fearing her effect on him, Sergei obliterated all traces of her from his life. One year later, he returns. Unable to escape her memory, could one more night allow him to forget her forever...'

What secrets lurk in a family's past—and how important are they in the here and now? Sudha Murty's new book comprises two novellas that explore two quests by two different men—both for mothers they never knew they had. Venkatesh, a bank manager, stumbles upon his lookalike one fine day. When he probes further, he discovers his father's hidden past, which includes an abandoned wife and child. Ventakesh is determined to make amends to his impoverished stepmother—but how can he repay his father's debt? Mukesh, a young man, is shocked to realize after his father's death that

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he was actually adopted. He sets out to find his biological mother, but the deeper he delves, the more confused he is about where his loyalties should lie: with the mother who gave birth to him, or with the mother who brought him up. *The Mother I Never Knew* is a poignant, dramatic book that reaches deep into the human heart to reveal what we really feel about those closest to us.

Katrina Spagnoletti is a fifty-six-year-old wife and mother of three. She is a motivational speaker and the founder of YourNewFaceof50.com. *What My Mother Never Knew* is a self-help book designed to help people who have suffered from childhood trauma; albeit sexual, mental, or physical abuse. Katrina is a survivor of childhood sexual abuse. Through this book, she details the experiences suffered as a child, and connects the lingering effects throughout her adult life. The author connects the fundamental links between childhood sexual abuse and failed relationships, trust and abandonment issues. More importantly, the author details her journey through the healing process, via her faith, physical fitness and pageantry. The author subsequently discusses her healing through physical fitness and nutrition.

A successful single mom returns home to Montana for a chance to save her relationships with her estranged father, distant teenage son, and a long lost love in this heartfelt novel from #1 New York Times bestselling author Susan Wiggs. Michelle Turner is seventeen when her mother dies and her Hollywood legend father invites her to spend a year with him at his Montana ranch. Michelle quickly falls in love with the

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landscape, the horses, and the ranch's hired hand, Sam McPhee. But when her father learns of the affair, he has Sam fired and his family destroyed. Michelle, pregnant and alone, flees to Seattle. Years later, an unexpected call causes Michelle to drop everything to return home to Montana and the life she ran from before, this time with her troubled teenage son in tow. Her father is dying and the only chance to save him is for Michelle to donate a kidney. For her sick father, she must bridge the gulf that distance and time widened. For her son, she must find the miracle that will pull him away from the abyss of self-destruction that threatens his future. And for Sam, the man who left her years ago, she must face all the secrets of the past and find a way to love again.

He's served his country and now Chase Reed is ready to serve his hometown. As sheriff, he can give back to the people who helped him and reconnect with his old friends. Landing in the middle of an incident between Jessica Keller and her ex, however, is definitely not how Chase imagined reconnecting with her. Even with all the time and experience between them, he has never forgotten their night together. But things are different now. Jess has a son. Despite the crazy attraction they share, Chase isn't ready to be a father. He might not have a choice, though. Because when she reveals the truth, he has to step up and be the man his son needs.

This book is surprising, dramatic, unbelievable, heartbreaking expressions said and done. One young man going through trials and tribulations, feeling unloved, unwanted,

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never needed, and unexpected, from a lady that he had finally understood was his true mother. The one he was told loved him the most in the world no matter what she does and says to him. Growing up and feeling like there was and cannot be any future and purpose for him because he felt and was being told that he could die and day to come. For reasons of that he couldn't control his feelings and seizures that were occurring because of the hatred he felt towards him from the one that loved him the most in this world.

From Newbery Medalist Jerry Spinelli (Maniac Magee, Stargirl) comes the "moving and memorable" (Kirkus Reviews, starred) story of a girl searching for happiness inside the walls of a prison. Cammie O'Reilly lives at the Hancock County Prison--not as a prisoner, she's the warden's daughter. She spends the mornings hanging out with shoplifters and reformed arsonists in the women's exercise yard, which gives Cammie a certain cache with her school friends. But even though Cammie's free to leave the prison, she's still stuck. And sad, and really mad. Her mother died saving her from harm when she was just a baby. You wouldn't think you could miss something you never had, but on the eve of her thirteenth birthday, the thing Cammie most wants is a mom. A prison might not be the best place to search for a mother, but Cammie is determined and she's willing to work with what she's got. "Jerry Spinelli again proves why he's the king of storytellers" (Shelf Awareness, starred) in this tale of a girl who learns that heroes can come in surprising disguises, and that even if we don't always get what we want, sometimes we really do get what we need. "This book is never boring and never predictable. Fame, good and bad fortune, friendship and mental illness all make their way into

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[Cammie's] narrative."—The New York Times Book Review Praise for the works of Jerry Spinelli: "Spinelli is a poet of the prepubescent. . . . No writer guides his young characters, and his readers, past these pitfalls and challenges and toward their futures with more compassion." —The New York Times "It's almost unreal how much the children's book still resonates."

—Bustle.com on *Maniac Magee*

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 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. A mother and daughter, Jane and Claire, decide to spend the month of August on the family farm, which raises a lot of questions for Claire about why her mother left, and about the father she has never met. Reprint. Jr Lib Guild.

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Even as a reporter, Sheila Hamilton missed the signs as her husband Michael's mental illness unfolded before her. By the time she had pieced together the puzzle, it was too late. Her once brilliant, intense, and hilarious partner was dead within six weeks of a formal diagnosis of bipolar disorder, leaving his nine-year-old daughter and wife without so much as a note to explain his actions, a plan to help them recover from their profound grief, or a solution for the hundreds of thousands of dollars in debt that they would inherit from him. *All the Things We Never Knew* takes readers from Michael and Sheila's romance through the last three months of their life together and into the year after his death. It details their unsettling descent from ordinary life into the world of mental illness, and examines the fragile line between reality and madness. Now, a decade after Michael's death, Sheila and her daughter, Sophie, have learned the power of choosing life over retreat; let themselves love and trust again; and understand the importance of forgiveness. Their story will resonate with all those who have loved someone who suffers from bipolar disease and mental illness.

"Lydia is dead. But they don't know this yet. So begins the story of this exquisite debut novel, about a Chinese American family living in 1970s small-town Ohio. Lydia is the favorite child of Marilyn and James Lee; their middle daughter, a girl who inherited her mother's bright blue eyes and her father's jet-black hair. Her parents are determined that Lydia will fulfill the dreams they were unable to pursue—in Marilyn's case that her daughter become a doctor rather than a homemaker, in James's case that Lydia be popular at school, a girl with a busy social life and the center of every party. When Lydia's body is found in the local lake, the delicate balancing act that has been keeping the Lee family together tumbles into chaos, forcing them to confront the long-kept secrets that have been slowly pulling them apart. James, consumed by guilt, sets

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out on a reckless path that may destroy his marriage. Marilyn, devastated and vengeful, is determined to find a responsible party, no matter what the cost. Lydia's older brother, Nathan, is certain that the neighborhood bad boy Jack is somehow involved. But it's the youngest of the family-Hannah-who observes far more than anyone realizes and who may be the only one who knows the truth about what happened. A profoundly moving story of family, history, and the meaning of home, *Everything I Never Told You* is both a gripping page-turner and a sensitive family portrait, exploring the divisions between cultures and the rifts within a family, and uncovering the ways in which mothers and daughters, fathers and sons, and husbands and wives struggle, all their lives, to understand one another"--

Fifty Vignettes Showcase The Myriad Shades Of Human Nature A Man Dumps His Aged Father In An Old-Age Home After Declaring Him To Be A Homeless Stranger, A Tribal Chief In The Sahyadri Hills Teaches The Author That There Is Humility In Receiving Too, And A Sick Woman Remembers To Thank Her Benefactor Even From Her Deathbed. These Are Just Some Of The Poignant And Eye-Opening Stories About People From All Over The Country That Sudha Murty Recounts In This Book. From Incredible Examples Of Generosity To The Meanest Acts One Can Expect From Men And Women, She Records Everything With Wry Humour And A Directness That Touches The Heart. First Published In 2002, *Wise And Otherwise* Has Sold Over 30,000 Copies In English And Has Been Translated Into All The Major Indian Languages. This Revised New Edition Is Sure To Charm Many More Readers And Encourage Them To Explore Their Inner Selves And The World Around Us With New Eyes. &Nbsp;

How I Met My Mother is the true story of how seemingly random and unrelated incidents

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nudged a son towards an amazing reunion with his biological mother. Living his life wondering who his real parents were while unaware that he was working directly across the street from his biological father is just one of the many uncanny coincidences described in this book. This is the story of a reunion that happened in the most unconventional way -- a reunion that answered years of questions and speculations, and changed several lives forever! Not knowing his history or heritage for almost four decades, Charles Cornacchio's past was suddenly revealed. For anyone who wonders what "could have been" if life took a different turn, this is a must-read! For anyone who has been adopted and always fantasized about meeting their biological parents, this is a must-read! For anyone who enjoys a true story, peppered with unbelievable circumstances, this book is a must-read! How I Met My Mother ... And the Four Brothers I Never Knew I Had is the story of a reunion thirty-eight years in the making. If you've ever found yourself wondering what might have been if life had taken a different turn, Charles's tale of family and destiny will capture your imagination. If you could wish for a different life, would you? What if that life changed everything you thought was real? Adopted as a baby, Hazel Hayes has always been alone. She's never belonged anywhere--and has always yearned to know the truth about where she comes from. So when she receives three stunning, enchanted dresses--each with the power to grant one wish--Hazel wishes to know her mother. Transported to a time and place she couldn't have imagined, Hazel finds herself living an alternate life--a life with the mother she never knew. Over the course of one amazing, miraculous summer, Hazel finds her home, falls in love, and forms an unexpected friendship. But will her search to uncover her past forever alter her future? In the heart-pounding, luminous sequel to WISH, Alexandra Bullen asks the question: If

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you could wish for a new life . . . would you?

Told in alternating points of view between the living and the dead, Jessica Hamilton's debut novel will be perfect for fans of *The Lovely Bones*. Idyllic Avril Island, owned by the Bennett family, where their hundred-year-old cottage sat nestled in acres of forest. Forty-year-old June Bennett believed that the island had been sold after the summer of her father's disappearance when she was only twelve years old. It's months after the shocking death of her older sister May in a fatal car accident, that June finds out that the cottage was never sold. Avril Island is still owned by the Bennett family and now it's hers. Still reeling from the grief of losing her sister, June travels back to Avril Island in search of answers. As she digs, she learns that the townspeople believe her father may in fact have been murdered rather than having abandoned his family in the dead of night, as she was led to believe by her mother. And that's when she begins to notice strange things happening on the island--missing family possessions showing up, doors locking on their own, unexplained noises in the night, shadowy figures disappearing into the woods. It takes June no time at all to realize that her childhood summers at Avril Island were not at all what they had seemed to be. Through journal entries, sixteen-year-old Miranda describes her family's struggle to survive after a meteor hits the moon, causing worldwide tsunamis,

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earthquakes, and volcanic eruptions.

Book 1 presupposes no previous knowledge of English. It starts with the basics, everyday vocabulary, and the present tense of to be. It proceeds in a structured sequence through possessive adjectives and pronouns; the present tense of regular verbs; negative statements; questions; object pronouns; the past, future and present continuous tenses; and specific structures such as who/whom, who/which, much/many, also/too, this/that, and say/tell.

A seventy-year-old West Indian woman looks back over the course of her life and examines the relationships that have given meaning to her existence

House of Cards is the story of Mridula, a bright young woman with enormous enthusiasm for life who hails from a Karnataka village. A chance meeting with Sanjay, a talented but impoverished doctor, leads to love—and the couple marry and settle in Bangalore. The more Mridula sees of the world, the more she realizes how selfish and materialistic people can be. But she does not take the ups and downs of life to heart, and lives each day with positive energy. Trouble brews when Sanjay quits his government job and starts an immensely successful private practice. With affluence comes the neverending ambition for more, and the inevitable slide into corrupt practices. For a long time, Mridula has no idea that Sanjay has sold his soul; when the truth hits her, she has no recourse but to

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walk out on him. But can she really find a space of her own? This intricately woven novel explores human relationships in telling detail, and holds up a mirror to our society with candour and with conviction.

"A page-turner. All the pieces masterfully come together at the end to create a beautiful novel of courage and love in the face of sorrow." —Booklist (starred review) All their lives, Alice Stanhope and her daughter Zoe have been a family of two, living quietly in northern California. Zoe has always struggled with crippling social anxiety and her mother has been her constant and fierce protector. With no family to speak of, and the identity of Zoe's father shrouded in mystery, their team of two works—until it doesn't. Until Alice gets sick and needs to fight for her life. Desperate to find stability for Zoe, Alice reaches out to two women who are practically strangers, but who are her only hope: Kate, a nurse, and Sonja, a social worker. As the four of them come together, a chain of events is set into motion and all four of them must confront their sharpest fears and secrets—secrets about abandonment, abuse, estrangement, and the deepest longing for family. Imbued with heart and humor in even the darkest moments, *The Mother's Promise* is an unforgettable novel about the unbreakable bonds between mothers and daughters, and the new ways in which families are forged. A sharp, funny and touching novel about the secrets mothers and daughters

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keep from each other. From the award-winning author of *MRS ZHIVAGO OF QUEEN'S PARK*. 'I hate you. When I'm a mother, I'm never going to be like you...' These words come back to haunt Ros, years later. As her marriage of twenty years collapses and her beloved twin sons prepare to flee the nest, Ros's world is tilting on its axis. It doesn't help that her dead mother seems to have taken up residence in her head, reminding her of things she once said. As Ros tries to adapt to sharing custody of the family dog and life without her husband and boys in the house, she embarks on a new regime to stay sane: yoga, herbal remedies, internet dating. But as Ros is trying to find herself, the arrival of a memoir her mother wrote begins to reveal a woman she never knew, taking her on a journey into her mother's past that will change for ever her idea of who she is.

"It is the last season of high school life for Nadia Turner, a rebellious, grief-stricken, seventeen-year-old beauty. Mourning her own mother's recent suicide, she takes up with the local pastor's son. Luke Sheppard is twenty-one, a former football star whose injury has reduced him to waiting tables at a diner. They are young; it's not serious. But the pregnancy that results from this teen romance--and the subsequent cover-up--will have an impact that goes far beyond their youth. As Nadia hides her secret from everyone, including Aubrey, her God-

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fearing best friend, the years move quickly. Soon, Nadia, Luke, and Aubrey are full-fledged adults and still living in debt to the choices they made that one seaside summer, caught in a love triangle they must carefully maneuver, and dogged by the constant, nagging question: What if they had chosen differently? The possibilities of the road not taken are a relentless haunt."--Amazon.com.

THE SUNDAY TIMES TOP TEN BESTSELLER 'Annie Macmanus is writer whose understanding and capturing of human nature comes as easily to her as breathing' CANDICE CARTY-WILLIAMS 'A work of gilded melancholy that is going to take everyone by surprise' UNA MULLALLY 'Macmanus writes with flair and confidence rarely seen in a debut' SINÉAD GLEESON

One Saturday morning, TJ McConnell wakes up to find his mother, Mary, gone. He doesn't know where - or why - but he's the only one who can help find her. Mary grew up longing for information about the mother she never knew. Her brother could barely remember her, and their father numbed his pain with drink. Now aged thirty-seven, Mary has lived in the same house her whole life. She's never left Belfast. TJ, who's about to turn eighteen, is itching to see more of the world. But when his mother disappears, TJ begins to realise what he's been taking for granted. MOTHER MOTHER takes us down the challenging road of Mary's life while following TJ's increasingly desperate search for her, as he begins to

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discover what has led her to this point. This is a story about family, grief, addiction and motherhood, and it asks an important question - if you spend your life giving everything to the ones you love, do you risk losing yourself along the way? 'A brilliant book...that explores the brutal legacy of addiction and the consequences of a deep grief left to stagnate' Sara Cox 'A tender, surprising, occasionally bleak, moving and delicate book' Irish Times 'A study of grief, addiction and what it means to be a mother' Stylist 'Melancholy, beautifully unadorned prose' Mail on Sunday 'Unflinching and unsparing but also beautifully written' Daily Mail 'An incredible debut' Daily Mirror 'A page-turning exploration of grief, addiction, young motherhood and unbreakable family ties' British Vogue A Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist traces his investigation into the life of the father who died in World War II when the author was a baby, describing the devastating impact of his loss on the family and the myths about him perpetuated by the author's mother. Reprint.

I Never Knew How Much Love My Heart Could Hold Until Someone Called Me Mommy - Otters journal with 100 lined pages, ready for you to get a little creative now and then. The cover shows a cute, adorable mom with a baby otter. This notebook is convenient in size to carry anywhere with you for writing, journaling, doodling and note taking. It makes a perfect gift for mothers from daughters and

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sons, so grab one now and put a smile on her face. It's better than sending a card! Features Unique design with cute otters Can be used as a diary, journal and notebook 100 ruled pages of lined paper High-quality paper Professionally designed thick cover Perfect for gel, pen, ink, marker or pencils 6" x 9" dimensions; portable size for school, home or work This Otter Mother lined journal is the perfect book gift idea for birthdays, Mother's Day, anniversaries, Valentine's Day, Christmas or any special occasion. This inspiring journal notebook makes an beautiful gift for yourself or anyone special. Graphics by FreePik.

“Masterfully bounces and slams two hearts up and down a shrouded court of first love and revelations. A hard-to-put-down backboard-breaker.”—Rita Williams-Garcia, National Book Award Finalist and New York Times–bestselling author From the moment Carli and Rex first locked eyes on a Texas high school basketball court, they both knew it was destiny. But can you truly love someone else if you don’t love yourself? Acclaimed author Liara Tamani’s luminous second novel explores love, family, heartbreak, betrayal, and the power of healing, in gorgeous prose that will appeal to readers of Nicola Yoon and Jacqueline Woodson. A glance was all it took. That kind of connection, the immediate and raw understanding of another person, just doesn’t come along

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very often. And as rising stars on their Texas high schools' respective basketball teams, destined for bright futures in college and beyond, it seems like a match made in heaven. But Carli and Rex have secrets. As do their families. Liara Tamani, the author of the acclaimed *Calling My Name*, follows two Black teenagers as they discover how first love, heartbreak, betrayal, and family can shape you—for better or for worse. A novel full of pain, joy, healing, and hope for fans of Elizabeth Acevedo, Jacqueline Woodson, and Jenny Han. "A beautifully poignant love letter: to a first love, to basketball, and to that enigmatic bunch we think we know best, only to discover we don't know at all—family. Tamani's latest is a bright shining star."—David Arnold, *New York Times*—bestselling author of *Mosquitoland* "Readers will be easily swept away by this tale exploring the hearts and souls of two emotionally vulnerable athletes." (Publishers Weekly, "An Anti-Racist Children's and YA Reading List")

The biological daughter of writer Paula Fox and mother of rock singer Courtney Love describes growing up as an adoptee, her search for her birth mother, and her relationship with her own troubled daughter.

As far as Maren is concerned, life is perfect and it's just about to get better. On the cusp of her fortieth birthday and with her only child almost grown, it's time to start putting herself and her marriage first. But when the butterflies in her tummy

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turn out to be morning sickness, Maren's world is flipped upside down with an unplanned, high risk pregnancy—one she's ashamed to admit is unwanted. Overnight, everything changes and the ripple effect of the baby she's so unsure of is felt in every corner of her life. Her perfect life slowly disappears. Her teenage daughter looks for attention in the wrong places. Her best friend inexplicably blows up and stops speaking to her. And worse, her once doting husband pulls away when she needs him the most. Just when she's sure things couldn't possibly be worse, a shocking discovery rocks Maren's world. Faced with a devastating deception, a truth she can no longer ignore, and an impossible choice, can Maren stop her life from completely unraveling? Or is *All We Never Knew* too much for love to overcome?

A story of how money corrupts the way people look at one another and how it can almost tear a family apart Vinuta marries Girish, a bank clerk, and starts living with his family in Bangalore. She adjusts to her new family well, looking after her husband, father-in-law and mother-in-law Gouramma, not taking to heart her mother-in-law's constant picking. But when Girish's elder brother Chandru, who is in the US, decides to get married, Vinuta has to listen to the constant comparisons made between her and Chandru's wife, the 'Dollar Bahu', whose husband earns the valuable dollars that has brought the family its recent

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affluence. Vinuta slowly loses her peace of mind and health. Then Gouramma decides to visit her US-based son and daughter-in-law. Once there, she sees how liberating life can be, away from the strict norms that govern Indian middle-class life. But she also begins to understand that mere dollars cannot buy the love and respect that she gets as her due back in India. Does Gouramma forge a new relationship with Vinuta and can Vinuta forgive and forget the past?

Divorced? I never thought I would be checking this box as a life accomplishment. Apparently, my cheating husband had other plans and no longer wanted to uphold our vows. Life as I knew it will never be the same. Not only do I have to worry about how I will pick up the pieces for myself, but I have to help my son recover from the lies and deceit as well. When my best friend Amanda asks me to go on a road trip to California, I jump at the chance to help her recover from the loss of her mom, as well as escape my own life in turmoil. I finally decide to let loose and have a care-free night. Little do I know just how much that one magical night will change my world.

A searing, deeply candid memoir about a young woman's journey to understanding her complicated parents—her mother an Okinawan war bride, her father a Vietnam veteran—and her own, fraught cultural heritage. Elizabeth's mother was working as a nightclub hostess on U.S.-occupied Okinawa when she

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met the American soldier who would become her husband. The language barrier and power imbalance that defined their early relationship followed them to the predominantly white, upstate New York suburb where they moved to raise their only daughter. There, Elizabeth grew up with the trappings of a typical American childhood and adolescence. Yet even though she felt almost no connection to her mother's distant home, she also felt out of place among her peers. Decades later, Elizabeth comes to recognize the shame and self-loathing that haunt both her and her mother, and attempts a form of reconciliation, not only to come to terms with the embattled dynamics of her family but also to reckon with the injustices that reverberate throughout the history of Okinawa and its people. Clear-eyed and profoundly humane, *Speak, Okinawa* is a startling accomplishment—a heartfelt exploration of identity, inheritance, forgiveness, and what it means to be an American.

After the dissolution of her fourteen-year marriage to her cheating ex-wife, forty-year-old college professor Parker Freeman finds herself adrift. Suddenly middle-aged with so much time wasted, she seeks solstice online where she stumbles upon The Pandora Agency--an organization claiming to help individuals find themselves through submission. Encouraged to be a little wild by her best friend, Parker speaks to the agency and sets up a meeting with a female dominant, Miss

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Diaz. Greeted at the door of an impressive Miami townhouse by a young woman, Parker questions her decision as she waits for the girl's mother. Stunned by the reveal that twenty-four-year old Kristina is in fact the Miss Diaz she has come to meet, she is dragged head first into a new world. Despite Kristina's commitment issues and Parker's shattered confidence, the two enter into a tenuous agreement that sparks Parker's rediscovery of herself. Both are surprised by their compatibility until they stumble across the line from arrangement into relationship, and Kristina calls their time together to an end. When an unexpected catastrophe throws them back together, old demons are finally brought into the light, and both women must decide if letting go of the past is worth the future they could have together.

As her son grows up from little boy to adult man, a mother secretly rocks him each night as he sleeps.

Tells the story of a child's abuse at the hands of his alcoholic mother

“For fans who appreciate emotionally wrenching reads such as those by Sarah Jio or Kristin Hannah.” –Library Journal “Fans of Jodi Picoult and Kristin Hannah now have a new go-to author.” —Sally Hepworth, bestselling author of *The Secrets of Midwives* From the bestselling author of *The Things We Cannot Say* comes a poignant post-WWII novel that explores the expectations society places

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on women set within an engrossing family mystery that may unravel everything once believed to be true. With her father recently moved to a care facility, Beth Walsh volunteers to clear out the family home and is surprised to discover the door to her childhood playroom padlocked. She's even more shocked at what's behind it—a hoarder's mess of her father's paintings, mounds of discarded papers and miscellaneous junk in the otherwise fastidiously tidy house. As she picks through the clutter, she finds a loose journal entry in what appears to be her late mother's handwriting. Beth and her siblings grew up believing their mother died in a car accident when they were little more than toddlers, but this note suggests something much darker. Beth soon pieces together a disturbing portrait of a woman suffering from postpartum depression and a husband who bears little resemblance to the loving father Beth and her siblings know. With a newborn of her own and struggling with motherhood, Beth finds there may be more tying her and her mother together than she ever suspected.

Discover hundreds of fascinating facts about London in this enthralling miscellany. Travelling through the villages and districts that make up the world's most dynamic metropolis, Christopher Winn takes us on a captivating journey around London to unearth the hidden gems of legends, firsts, inventions, adventures and birthplaces that shape the city's compelling and at times turbulent past. See the

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Chelsea river views that inspired Turner and find out where London's first nude statue is. Explore London's finest country house in Charlton and unearth the secrets of the Mother of Parliaments. Discover which church steeple gave us the design of the traditional wedding cake, where the sandwich was invented and where in Bond Street you can see London's oldest artifact. Visit the house where Handel and Jimi Hendrix both lived. Climb the famous 311 steps of the Monument and fly the world's biggest Ferris wheel. Brimming with stories and snippets providing spellbinding insight into what has shaped the city, *I Never Knew That About London* is a beautifully illustrated gem of a book that informs and amuses in equal measure. "Will not fail to enhance months, even years, of gentle urban exploration...Any number of morning or weekend outings can be constructed from these rich pages... the selections and observations remain unfailingly interesting." --The Guardian (UK) *I Never Knew That*: Tucked away below Clive Steps at the end of King Charles Street can be found the small underground rooms where Winston Churchill and the War Cabinet met during the air raids of the Second World War. The first-ever Valentine Card was written from the Tower, where in 1415 the recently imprisoned Duke of Orleans composed a love poem to his wife. The measurement of one foot comes from the length of the foot of St. Algar's statue, carved on the base of one of the columns near the

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entrance of St. Paul's Cathedral. The design for the traditional wedding cake is drawn from the steeple of St. Bride's church in Fleet Street.

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