

## **Whispers In The Town Two Sisters Fight For Love In A Changing World**

Fighting for those you love is never easy... Whispers in the Town is a heartrending saga about love, loss and the possibility of re-finding happiness, from much-loved author, Pam Evans. Perfect for fans of Dilly Court and Nadine Dorries. For West London girls Sal and Ann Storey, 1957 should have been one of the happiest years of their lives. Instead, the sisters' world is turned upside down when two family tragedies strike in quick succession. Left to run the family's sweetshop with their grandmother, Sal discovers she has a flair for business - but it doesn't make up for everything she and Ann have lost. When Sal meets handsome taxi driver Bob Beck and falls deeply in love, it seems that her luck is changing. Bob becomes her one constant as she struggles to keep the business afloat, and as Ann finally uncovers the guilty secret she's been carrying for so long; a secret which could have explosive consequences for the sisters. The last thing Sal needs is for Bob's scheming ex-fiancee Kate to reappear in his life - especially as Kate is preparing to make a stunning revelation; one which could destroy their relationship for good... What readers are saying about Whispers in the Town: 'Yet another great read from Pamela Evans. An uncomplicated story that could so easily happen in everyday life. Recommended to anyone looking for a pleasant and easy read to relax them from the stresses of life!' 'Could not put down, needed to find out what

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happens next. For readers of family sagas and happy love stories' First in a dazzling new historical mystery series featuring Ruby Proulx, a psychic with a questionable past who suddenly finds her future most uncertain... Canada, 1898. The only life Ruby Proulx has ever known is that of a nomad, traveling across the country with her snake-oil salesman father. She dreams of taking root somewhere, someday, but, until she can, she makes her way by reading tarot cards. Yet she never imagined her own life would take such a turn... After one of her father's medical "miracles" goes deadly wrong, Ruby evades authorities by hiding in the seaside resort town of Old Orchard, Maine, where her estranged aunt, Honoria, owns the Hotel Belden, a unique residence that caters to Spiritualists—a place where Ruby should be safe as long as she can keep her dark secret hidden. But Ruby's plan begins to crumble after a psychic investigator checks into the hotel and senses Ruby is hiding more than she's letting on. Now Ruby must do what she can to escape both his attention and Aunt Honoria's insistence that she has a true gift, before she loses her precious new home and family forever...

When Voices In The Night Become Whispers. . . In the chill of an Oregon night, a man plunges to his death. Another vanishes without a trace. A third drowns in the murky waters of a quiet lake. Alone in the dark, a ruthless killer is certain that every loose end has been cut, every enemy silenced except one. . . Be Afraid. . . It's been sixteen years since Claire St. John fled in terror from her family's home on Lake Arrowhead. Sixteen

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years since her fiancé's tragic death and the shocking secret she promised never to reveal to anyone. But that was before journalist Kane Moran began probing the mystery of that horrible night, turning a light on the darkest corners of Claire's life, exposing her once again to a cold-blooded murderer's vicious fury. . . Be Very Afraid. . . Now, as Claire returns home to face a past she's tried to forget, another body is unearthed, revealing the twisted nature of a killer who is ready at last to make Claire pay the ultimate price...

Lydia's job at the library is her world—until a mysterious patron catches her eye . . . and perhaps her heart. Just months after the closure of the Chicago World's Fair, librarian Lydia Bancroft finds herself fascinated by a mysterious dark-haired and dark-eyed patron. He has never given her his name; he actually never speaks to a single person. All she knows about him is that he loves books as much as she does. Only when he rescues her in the lobby of the Hartman Hotel does she discover that his name is Sebastian Marks. She also discovers that he lives at the top of the prestigious hotel and that most everyone in Chicago is intrigued by him. Lydia and Sebastian form a fragile friendship, but when she discovers that Mr. Marks isn't merely a very wealthy gentleman, but also the proprietor of an infamous saloon and gambling club, she is shocked. Lydia insists on visiting the club one fateful night and suddenly is a suspect to a murder. She must determine who she can trust, who is innocent, and if Sebastian Marks—the man so many people fear—is actually everything her heart believes him to

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Throughout history, man has been digging in the dirt for many reasons. One of which has been to see what is there. Some found things that they could use, like rocks! After a while, they found different rocks for different uses. Some rocks made sparks when hit together, making fire and then some rocks (black ones) would burn, and the quest was on for more burning rocks to keep warm and cook. Mining quickly followed for special rocks and memorials. Digging for coal has been in practice for thousands of years, heating and fire for all kinds of activities. The book is a series of stories covering the

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author's four years of teaching in the school system. These stories also look at the miners through his eyes, working with them at the mine for one summer. Some stories look at the lives of the families that support the miners in the mine. These stories tell of the happiness, fears, dreams and hopes of these wonderful people and their adventures. These people, ranchers, miners, and their families are all trying to make a living for themselves. These stories and tall tales are a small part of our American past of which folklore is made.

What do you do when you find a human bone? Try to locate the rest of the body, of course. But Nikko Sanna didn't find the remains. The stray he took in dragged it back to his kennel. Too bad he can't ask the dog where he dug up the clue to a 20-year-old cold case. Or can he? Enter Inara Woodward--veterinarian, pet psychic and a member of the town's founding family. Nik might be able to ignore the fact she's a Woodweird...if her animal whisperer gifts can help him. Uncovering the truth may be the only thing that will stop the rumors about his family's involvement in the case. What he can't ignore is how badly he wants the leggy blonde vet in his bed. Unfortunately, someone doesn't want them digging up trouble. A stalker, a ghost, Woodward Hill's nosy reporter...they'll use the dark secrets hidden in Nik's past to bring the couple down. Even if it means burying them six feet under. ----- The Gothic mansion of the Woodward family casts a mysterious shadow over the quaint resort town of Woodward Hill. Amidst the storybook homes dotting the California mountainside surrounding the lake, whispers of

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the founding family's sordid history color the atmosphere with danger...and create the perfect setting for intrigue, romance and suspense. The Woodward Hill Mystery Romance--paranormal romance meets small-town mysteries, so expect some hot steam between the sheets with intriguing mysteries to be unraveled.

This brand-new devotional, written especially for girls like you, is packed with inspiration and guidance to help you manage everyday issues and ultimately live God's way. With relevant topics including beauty and self-esteem, to faith, friends, family, and obedience - and dozens more - each day's reading will direct you to the ultimate authority of God's Word. Whispers of Wisdom for Girls offers just the right amount of encouragement and biblically based wisdom. . .and the short daily readings and portable package make an ideal fit for your busy life.

Destined to take its place alongside The Diary of Anne Frank and Elie Wiesel's Night as one of the great classics of the Holocaust, I Will Bear Witness is a timeless work of literature, the most eloquent and acute testament to have emerged from Hitler's Germany. Volume Two begins in 1942, the year the Final Solution was formally proposed, and carries us through to the Allied bombing of Dresden and Germany's defeat.

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A heartwarming tale of hope, fate, and folk magic unfolds when a young woman travels to a sleepy southern town in the Appalachian Mountains to bury her best friend. "A feast for the senses. Willa Reece has written a magical, romantic tale about our essential connections to nature and to each other." —Sarah Addison Allen, New York Times bestselling author

At the age of eleven, Mel Smith's life found its purpose when she met Sarah Ross. Ten years later, Sarah's sudden death threatens to break her. To fulfill a final promise to her best friend, Mel travels to an idyllic small town nestled in the Appalachian Mountains. Yet Morgan's Gap is more than a land of morning mists and deep forest shadows. There are secrets that call to Mel, in the gaze of the gnarled and knowing woman everyone calls Granny, in a salvaged remedy book filled with the magic of simple mountain traditions, and in the connection she feels to the Ross

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homestead and the wilderness around it. With every taste of sweet honey and tart blackberries, the wildwood twines further into Mel's broken heart. But a threat lingers in the woods—one that may have something to do with Sarah's untimely death and that has now set its sight on Mel. The wildwood is whispering. It has secrets to reveal—if you're willing to listen . . . Praise for *Wildwood Whispers*: "Willa Reece has perfectly infused magic, suspense, and a love of nature deep into the pages of this novel. Ultimately filled with hope, love, and the power of growth and resilience, *Wildwood Whispers* is a thought-provoking, memorable debut." —Heather Webber, USA Today bestselling author of *Midnight at the Blackbird Café* "I loved everything about *Wildwood Whispers*. Readers craving a witchy story full of found family, lush nature, and small-town secrets will find it utterly enchanting." —Hester Fox, author of *The Witch of Willow Hall*

Discover the sensual and sweeping power of love in New York Times bestselling author Judith McNaught's contemporary romances that will make "you laugh, cry, and fall in love again" (RT Book Reviews)—now available for the first time on ebook. In this "exciting tale of loyalty, love, and danger" (Publishers Weekly), Sloan Reynolds, a small-town Florida policewoman, knows that her modest upbringing is a long way from the social whirl of Palm Beach, the world inhabited by her father and her sister, Paris. Total strangers to Sloan, they have never tried to contact her—until a sudden invitation arrives, to meet them and indulge in the Palm Beach social season. Reluctant to accept



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the long-overdue familial gesture, Sloan is convinced to visit when an FBI colleague informs her that her father and his associates are suspected of fraud, conspiracy, and murder. The only catch is she must hide her true profession from her family. Sloan is on top of her game until she meets Noah Maitland, a multinational corporate player and one of the FBI's prime suspects. She finds herself powerfully attracted to him, against her deepest instincts. When a shocking murder shatters the seductive facade of the wealth and glamour surrounding her, Sloan must maneuver through a maze of deceit and passion in this superb and enthralling tale of breathtaking suspense.

I've been asked by many about the picture on the front cover of Family Whispers - From The Front Porch and looking back, I don't know why I didn't explain that it's my family! On the left in the back, is my Daddy's mother, Grandma Deed and on the right, his father, Grandpa Irv. On the left in the front, is Daddy's sister, Hallie, in the middle is my Mother, Mae and the little girl, whispering to her Grandpa is me! Stories about all of them are in the book, so you'll get to know them. So glad you asked!

**\*\*THE INSTANT NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER\*\*** "WORKS BEAUTIFULLY... If you like being terrified, The Whisper Man has your name on it." —The New York Times, Editor's Pick "SUPERB" —Publisher's Weekly, Starred Review "BRILLIANT... will satisfy readers of Thomas Harris and Stephen King." —Booklist, Starred Review "POIGNANT AND TERRIFYING" —Entertainment Weekly In this dark, suspenseful thriller, Alex North weaves a multi-generational tale of a father and son caught in the crosshairs of an

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investigation to catch a serial killer preying on a small town. After the sudden death of his wife, Tom Kennedy believes a fresh start will help him and his young son Jake heal. A new beginning, a new house, a new town. Featherbank. But the town has a dark past. Twenty years ago, a serial killer abducted and murdered five residents. Until Frank Carter was finally caught, he was nicknamed "The Whisper Man," for he would lure his victims out by whispering at their windows at night. Just as Tom and Jake settle into their new home, a young boy vanishes. His disappearance bears an unnerving resemblance to Frank Carter's crimes, reigniting old rumors that he preyed with an accomplice. Now, detectives Amanda Beck and Pete Willis must find the boy before it is too late, even if that means Pete has to revisit his great foe in prison: The Whisper Man. And then Jake begins acting strangely. He hears a whispering at his window... Olivia Mott finds herself juggling two jobs: her assistant chef position at Hotel Florence and her undercover work for the Pullman Rail Car Company. Olivia thinks the suggestions she relays to Pullman's town manager are being used to improve conditions for workers and save the company money, but is something much more sinister happening behind the scenes? Several months have passed since Lady Charlotte fled to Chicago, leaving her infant son in Olivia's care. Now Charlotte's money has run out. A kindly woman offers her a place to live and secures her a position at Marshall Field's store, but Charlotte's heart can't forget the past. Dare she return to Pullman to find out what happened to her baby?

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When only five kids are left in a town, they realize the suicide of Betty Sue may be connected to this strange situation. It makes them wonder who Betty Sue really was...or "what" she was!

Whispers from above change a small town in Texas... In a West Texas town called Littleland, on a Monday morning during his daily devotional time, Pastor Jim Mitchell hears a "whisper" from God. Along with his wife Cindy and his friend Darren, he suddenly finds himself on a spiritual journey of faith, a journey that involves a young girl named Alicia and a lonely and desperate boy named Rusty Jenkins. Rusty has an unusual crush on Alicia, and will stop at nothing to be with her. And Rusty Jenkins has a gun. "Read the first chapter and you won't want to put Whispers down. It's a compelling story about friendships and the unseen forces that seek to destroy them. It's a mixture of good and evil and the wonderfully mysterious." - Bill Perkins - (Author of When Good Men Get Angry and 6 Rules Every Man Must Break) ..". a religious Field of Dreams" - Steve Alten (New York Times Best-selling Author) "Well, it's official! At exactly 3:41 am Pacific Standard Time I finished it ... I just had to stay up ... it was one of those books that I couldn't stop until I was done! Love it. Loved it. LOVE, LOVE, LOVED IT!!! - Carol (ShoutLife.com) "I was hooked on the first page. The way it starts out it grabs you and the last word lets you go. You feel the presence of

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God within every word you read." - Janet (ShoutLife.com) David Story lives with his wife and daughter in Pasadena, TX.

A middle grade debut that's a heartrending coming-of-age tale, perfect for fans of *Bridge to Terabithia* and *Counting By 7s*. Eleven-year-old Riley believes in the whispers, magical fairies that will grant you wishes if you leave them tributes. Riley has a lot of wishes. He wishes bullies at school would stop picking on him. He wishes Dylan, his 8th grade crush, liked him, and Riley wishes he would stop wetting the bed. But most of all, Riley wishes for his mom to come back home. She disappeared a few months ago, and Riley is determined to crack the case. He even meets with a detective, Frank, to go over his witness statement time and time again. Frustrated with the lack of progress in the investigation, Riley decides to take matters into his own hands. So he goes on a camping trip with his friend Gary to find the whispers and ask them to bring his mom back home. But Riley doesn't realize the trip will shake the foundation of everything that he believes in forever.

Hilary Thomas, a screenwriter scarred by childhood abuse, and Tony Clemenza, an ace cop and would-be artist, plunge into a love affair while pursuing the psychopath who brutally assaulted Hilary.

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happiest years of their lives. Instead, the sisters' world is turned upside down when two family tragedies strike in quick succession.

The dramatic story of neighbors in a small Danish fishing village who, during the Holocaust, shelter a Jewish family waiting to be ferried to safety in Sweden. It is 1943 in Nazi-occupied Denmark. Anett and her parents are hiding a Jewish woman and her son, Carl, in their cellar until a fishing boat can take them across the sound to neutral Sweden. The soldiers patrolling their street are growing suspicious, so Carl and his mama must make their way to the harbor despite a cloudy sky with no moon to guide them. Worried about their safety, Anett devises a clever and unusual plan for their safe passage to the harbor. Based on a true story.

The third volume in Brandon Massey's celebrated Dark Dreams collections, filled with tales of spine-tingling suspense and pulse-pounding terror ...

Once again the Immortal Guardian, Saul, is called upon to save two mortals he is assigned to watch over, protecting them from the Dark Being, Roman, Saul's counterpart from the dark side, as he tries to derail destinies written by the Fates and followed since birth. Beautiful, young model Abby Mathews moved to the small town of Winston, Nebraska, as her destiny ordered. She flourished, and she was accepted as one of the town's own. Tall, handsome Balthazar Hix grew

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up in Winston, a man as beautiful on the inside as the outside. It was no surprise he made women's hearts beat a little faster, trying to capture his attention, wanting to claim him for their own. Living in the small town, it was inevitable that the two should meet and, following destiny's path, fall in love. But all it would take was whispers, Dark Whispers, for chaos to be let loose, and lives would be changed forever. Roman laughed with twisted glee as he planted seeds of hatred and distrust in human ears. Before long, hunger for revenge and murder was born. It grew, ripened, until Roman was ready for harvest—the harvest was murder!

A straitlaced bookseller and a rowdy trail guide fight their ill-suited attraction in Book Five of the Prairie Hearts series by USA Today bestselling author Caroline Fyffe. Wyoming Territory, October 1883 Tabitha Canterbury came to Logan Meadows with one goal: to open the bookshop she's always dreamed of having. In a town full of illiterate cowboys, though, making the Storybook Lodge a success is easier said than done. And things get more complicated when the saloon next door gets a new co-owner and Tabitha finds herself falling for the wrong sort of man.... After a lifetime guiding settlers across the prairie, Hunter Wade isn't looking to stay put in Logan Meadows. But as a partner in the Bright Nugget saloon, he's determined to turn a profit--and if that puts him in

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competition with Miss Hoity-Toity Canterbury, that's fine. Even if she is beautiful, and clever, and always ready with a witty retort. Can these two stubborn souls come together--or will pride keep them apart?

The stereotypical small town was never more apparent than Richmond, New Hampshire; idyllic year-round and the perfect place to raise a family. But what many didn't know was the evil that resided on the edge of town in the place known as the Whispering Woods. A series of murders rocked the town nearly two decades ago. Only one had ever come out alive, though unable to speak but to say a few words... Stop the Whispers... Now the murders have started again and the town is on edge. When a group of friends from the small high school loses one of their own to the woods, the hunt to find answers leads them on a trail of unexpected horror and a secret that has been hidden for centuries.

Whispers Along the Rails (Postcards From Pullman Book #2) Bethany House  
In 2015, a race of alien Others conquered Earth. They enslaved humanity not by force, but through an aggressive mind control that turned people into contented, unquestioning robots. Except sixteen-year-old Althea isn't content at all, and she doesn't need the mysterious note inside her locket to tell her she's Something Else. It also warns her to trust no one, so she hides the pieces that make her different, even though it means being alone. The autumn she meets Lucas,

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everything changes. Althea and Lucas are immune to the alien mind control, and together they search for the reason why. What they uncover is a stunning truth the Others never anticipated, one with the potential to free the brainwashed human race. It's not who they are that makes them special, but what. And what they are is a threat. One the Others are determined to eliminate for good.

Returning to Georgia after her divorce, Carly Linton sets her sights on sheriff Matt Converse, the town's former bad boy, but her plans are thwarted when a dead body is found on her property.

“A worthy successor to Kilmoon in tone, mood, complexity, and keen insight into human failures and triumphs.”—Kirkus Reviews There's a whisper in the mists In Lisfenora, Ireland, a strange fog has rolled in off the Atlantic. Along with the fog comes tales of the Grey Man, a predatory faery of local lore who snatches innocent souls into his deadly gloom. And with the mists come murder When a teenage boy dies in Detective Sergeant Danny Ahern's arms, Danny finds himself pursuing his own grey man, a killer who becomes more elusive the closer Danny gets to the truth. A mute woman may be the key to solving the murder and helping Danny heal his own broken life, but first she must unlock the memories from her past. “Rich, dark, and complex—every aspect of Alber's second novel rises above the commonplace. The mystery's resolution is expertly teased from



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layers of motive, obligation, attraction and repulsion, all in a memorably atmospheric setting.”—Sophie Littlefield, bestselling author of *The Guilty One*

Stripped of everything but her grief and left alone in the desolate Oklahoma Territory, Leoma Fisk is asked to do the unthinkable. She has buried both her husband and their infant daughter, and she feels as if all hope is lost. When Welby Soderlund, a stranger, approaches her at her daughter’s graveside, she is forced to make an impossible decision under impossible circumstances. Can she struggle through her fresh grief to make the life-changing sacrifice he desperately needs for his own infant son to survive? Raw with his own grief, Welby explains that his wife has died, and now, Dyer, their infant son, is starving. Leoma’s milk could be this child’s only hope for life. But can she find the strength in her faith to answer his prayers? Digging deep within, she opens her heart to the man and his baby after gentle whispers from God guide her. In obedience, she rises above her grief to care for the child, relying on her faith for compassion and strength to nurse little Dyer. A prim and proper city lady of means, she finds the boy’s father—a contentious farmer—intolerable, yet as she becomes enmeshed in their lives, she grows to love the baby and his older sister. In impossible circumstances, both lives are touched by compassion, love, and even romance. Set in the nineteen-seventies, *'Did You Whisper Back?'* begins with Amanda

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Court's longing to be reunited with her estranged twin sister Jo. Following a false lead, Amanda leaves her Merseyside home and family and goes to Devon to work as a chambermaid where she believes Jo now lives. Gradually it emerges that Jo is, seemingly, just a figment of Amanda's imagination in this psychological novel about family secrets and a disturbing portrayal of the fragility of the mind. "For those who appreciate a good psychological chiller or two, *Did You Whisper Back* is one book that belongs in their libraries."

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They're polar opposites not looking for romance. But what will they do when it finds them? Lucy Gardener is finally ready to settle down and stop job hopping. So, when her brother asks for her help to document the town's quirky fall festivals for a promotional video for his inn, she's up to the challenge. She was not, however, ready to share the task with a brooding former marine. And being attracted to the handsome grump is out of the question. And yet... here she is... Vick Johnson wants nothing to do with small town life. He has one last assignment, then he can put the close-knit community that has been a continual threat to his don't-get-attached policy in his rearview mirror forever. He can't let himself get distracted by his boss's little sister despite her gorgeous eyes and bright, innocent smile. Too bad he's failing miserably... But if Lucy and Vick want

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to make it to happily ever after, they have bigger problems than they realize-and more than a few secrets between them. Can they overcome the overwhelming obstacles? Or will their love fade like a whisper in the wind? ? If you love the power of hope, when opposites attract, and close-knit communities with fun, quirky events, you'll fall head-over-heels for this heartfelt and hopeful romance. ? Each book in the feel-good, small-town series is a sweet and heartwarming read that's much more fun when read in order. **ALSO INCLUDES:** Original recipes. Book club questions and more...

A gorgeous Christmas novella from enchanting saga author Jessica Blair . . . December 1964. Kate Slater has been brought up in London by an Aunt who she has always called Mum because she never knew her mother and father. Two years after her Aunt dies, Kate receives a letter from a solicitor in Lincolnshire, telling her that if she contacts him in person she could learn something which might be to her advantage. Kate has never been north of London and does not relish heading to Lincolnshire especially as snow has been forecast. She is inclined to ignore the letter, but something or someone ushers her to head there. Kate learns from the solicitor that she has been left a property by an Aunt she never knew existed. She is taken to inspect the cottage. It is in bad repair, isolated, near an old wartime airfield. Kate's immediate reaction is to sell it and return to London. But then the whisperings of ghosts grow stronger and urge Kate to stay. This short story from saga author Jessica Blair is the perfect tonic for winter .

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'I would recommend this to readers of Barbara Erskine and if you enjoyed the TV series Vikings' 5\* reader review Brimming with romance, adventure and vivid historical detail, Christina Courtenay does for the Vikings what Diana Gabaldon's Outlander and Clanlans does for Scottish history. 'Once again, Christina Courtenay takes us to the heart of the Viking world with an epic romantic tale of love and adventure' NICOLA CORNICK \*\*\*Don't miss Christina's stunning timeslip novels, Echoes of the Runes and The Runes of Destiny, out now and Tempted by the Runes, available to preorder now! Search 9781472282729.\*\*\* Time is no barrier for a love that is destined to be. When jewellery designer Sara Mattsson is propelled back to the ninth century, after cutting herself on a Viking knife she uncovers at an archaeological dig, she is quick to accept what has happened to her. For this is not the first Sara has heard of time travel. Although acutely aware of the danger she faces when she loses the knife - and with it her way to return to her own time - this is also the opportunity of a lifetime. What better way to add authenticity to the Viking and Anglo-Saxon motifs used in her designs? As luck has it, the first person Sara encounters is Rurik Eskilsson, a fellow silversmith, who is also no stranger to the concept of time travel. Agreeing that Sara can accompany him to Jorvik, they embark on a journey even more perilous than one through time. But Fate has brought these two kindred spirits together across the ages for a reason... 'Whispers of the Runes is the best Christina Courtenay book yet. It held me captive as I read and stayed in my mind whenever I had to put it down' SUE MOORCROFT 'A wonderful dual timeline story with captivating characters and full of vivid historical detail bringing the Viking world alive, I didn't want it to end!' CLARE MARCHANT 'I love how the historical detail is sure and authentic but never at the expense of a rollicking-good story and romance. If you like

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beautifully written timeslip, this is definitely one for you. Oh, and did I mention hot Vikings? What's not to like!' GEORGIA HILL Praise for Christina's pacy, evocative and romantic, Echoes of the Runes and The Runes of Destiny, out now: 'This epic romance is sure to sweep you off your feet!' TAKE A BREAK 'An absorbing story, fast-paced and vividly imagined, which really brought the Viking world to life' PAMELA HARTSHORNE 'A love story and an adventure, all rolled up inside a huge amount of intricately-detailed, well-researched history. Thoroughly enjoyable' KATHLEEN MCGURL 'Prepare to be swept along in this treasure of an adventure! With a smart, courageous heroine and hunky, honourable hero at the helm, what's not to like?' KATE RYDER 'Seals Christina Courtenay's crown as the Queen of Viking Romance' CATHERINE MILLER

From the author of *The Last Garden in England* and *The Light Over London* comes a “gripping tale by a writer at the top of her game” (Fiona Davis, author of *The Chelsea Girls*) following three friends who struggle to remain loyal as one of them is threatened with internment by the British government at the start of World War II. In August of 1939, as Britain watches the headlines in fear of another devastating war with Germany, three childhood companions must choose between friendship and country. Erstwhile socialite Nora is determined to find her place in the Home Office’s Air Raid Precautions Department, matchmaker Hazel tries to mask two closely guarded secrets with irrepressible optimism, and German expat Marie worries that she and her family might face imprisonment in an internment camp if war is declared. When Germany invades Poland and tensions on the home front rise, Marie is labeled an enemy alien, and the three friends find themselves fighting together to keep her free at any cost. Featuring Julia Kelly’s signature “intricate, tender, and convincing” (Publishers Weekly)

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prose, *The Whispers of War* is a moving and unforgettable tale of the power of friendship and womanhood in the midst of conflict.

1. Have you ever been placed in a situation that would require you to compromise your personal convictions?
2. Has God ever entrusted you with mentoring a person that you knew very little about like He did Jenny?
3. Do you believe that you would have complied if it included allowing a stranger moving into your home like Jenny allowed Ruthie to?
4. Have you ever had to reveal your dark past to someone you loved?
5. Has anyone ever tried to purposely manipulate you to their advantage by using your past mistakes?
6. Read Genesis chapter 39.
7. Write a short paragraph on what you have gleaned from chapter 39 or have group discussion.
8. Do you have the misfortune of coming from a broken home?
9. Read John 10:10 and Joel 2:25. Isn't it wonderful when God restores broken relationships?
10. In the Old Testament of your Bible, what are some of the things that God requires of us? Read Micah 6:8.
11. Once we have repented of our sins and received salvation, what's required in the New Testament to continue receiving God's forgiveness? Read Matthew 6:14-15.
12. According to the Bible, Jenny was released from her marriage because of Pete's infidelity. Read Matthew 19:7-9. Yet Jenny forgave Pete, and she allowed God to restore her broken marriage. Discuss how you feel about this.
13. What two characters in this book do you think operated in God's wisdom?
14. Read Judges 16. Do you think that Buddy had a good analogy when he compared the chapter with his relationship to Ruthie?
15. Do you believe that some people are destined to be together? If you do, would you feel the same if their years were cut short with tragedy like Buddy and Ruthie's?
16. Do you like the way this book ended?
17. Are you excited about reading book three, *Hadassah's Cry*?

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In the bestselling tradition of Laura Griffin, this second book in a new romantic suspense trilogy features an heiress whose search for her long lost friend has kept her from a man that has always fascinated her, the man assigned to investigate her friend's cold case. Christina, Tavey, and Raquel have been haunted for decades by the death of their best childhood friend—a crime that remains unsolved. Decades later, all three are still anchored in their small hometown of Fate, Georgia, and obsessed with discovering what happened to their friend so many years ago... Tavey Collins's parents died when she was very young, under mysterious circumstances. She was raised by her grandparents and inherited her family estate when she was sixteen, keeping up the Collins tradition of service to the town and running her various businesses. Her passion, however, is in the training of tracking dogs, which she uses to find the missing, and search for clues into the disappearance of her long lost friend. When her dogs discover some evidence in her friend's case, Tavey is determined to once again question a long-time suspect, even as it threatens to drive a wedge in the new found understanding she has with Tyler. The deeper she and Tyler delve into the case, the darker the whispers become, hinting at long-buried secrets in Tavey's own family, secrets that threaten them both.

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when her sister is killed. Unable to accept her own guilt, Myrthen excludes herself from all forms of friendship and affection and begins a twisted, haunted life dedicated to God. Meanwhile, her neighbor Alta Krol longs to be an artist even as her days are taken up caring for her widowed father and siblings. Everything changes when Myrthen marries the man Alta loves. Fourteen years later, we meet Lidia, a teenage girl in the same town, and her precocious son, Gabriel. When Gabriel starts telling eerily prescient stories that hint at Verra's long-buried secrets, it's not long before the townspeople begin to suspect that the boy harbors evil spirits—an irresistible state of affairs for Myrthen and her obsession with salvation.

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