

Darling Amy A Gripping True Story Of Child Abuse Betrayal And A Mothers Neglect Skylark Child Abuse True Stories Book 5

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The second of Kate Skylark's co-written true child abuse stories. Steve Gilbert is a charming, clever man. Lucy is his ten-year-old daughter. Lucy loves him to bits, just as all little girls love their daddies and she is delighted to hear he has organised a special party for her. After all, little girls love parties. But Steve Gilbert is also a sociopathic, manipulative sexual predator. Brainwashed into accepting her father's twisted view of the world, Lucy trusts him implicitly. Daddy will keep her safe; he will keep her happy. Daddy would never betray his little girl, would he? But as time goes on, Steve Gilbert's evil manipulations escalate and following a shocking string of events, Lucy's innocent young life turns from simple happy childhood to an abusive nightmare. Only one person can save her now. Lucy Gilbert and Kate Skylark are friends and confidants. They wrote this book together to help raise money to help children in danger. For every book sold or borrowed, a donation will be made to the NSPCC WARNING: This book is based upon a true account of child abuse, and as such contains passages that some readers may find disturbing.

I look at my daughter. My darling girl. I remember her tiny hand in mine, her first smile. I recall her tears when she'd tumble over, healed instantly with a band-aid and a little kiss. I have to keep her safe. Even if it means someone else gets hurt... In the pretty, privileged college town of Milford, New Hampshire, everyone is friendly, everything is safe. And on this cold autumn day, as red and yellow leaves begin to fall from the trees, and everyone wraps up for the first time, it would be easy to believe nothing bad could ever happen here. Until a screech of tires is heard, a thud, a child's scream. The crash that sees Jenna's six-year-old daughter Amy Rose being hit by a car driven by seventeen-year-old Maddie. Maddie's mother, Ellen—a college professor with a warm, approachable reputation—insists it must have been an accident. Her daughter is always safe on the road—and she's vulnerable herself. But as Amy Rose lies unconscious in hospital, the town begins to take sides. With Ellen, who just wants to defend her daughter. Or with Jenna, a single mother with a past, whose child hovers between life and death... The truth is that both mothers have secrets they're trying to keep. And, with Amy Rose's life hanging in the balance, one of them will stop at nothing to protect the person she loves—her daughter. An incredible, powerfully emotional and heartbreaking read, with a dilemma that will make everyone wonder what they would do, in either mother's shoes. Perfect for fans of Jodi Picoult, Jojo Moyes and Diane Chamberlain. Readers are loving My Daughter's Mistake: "Warning, you will need a box of tissues by your side to get

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through this book!!!! I loved, loved, loved this book. It was a real tear jerker. Question was when was I ever going to stop crying? My husband even asked me if something terrible had happened and I had to explain it was just my book... Awesome." Blue Moon Blogger ????? "I LOVED THIS BOOK!!!... Put it on your must-read list. In fact put it on the top of your TBR pile! Seriously, this is a book that will stay with you after you are done reading it... Will give you all the feels and then some!... Kate Hewitt is the queen of touching and capturing my heartstrings and pulling them hard... Phenomenal." Heidi Lynn's Book Reviews ????? "Wow... I couldn't stop reading from the beginning until the end... A brilliantly addictive read... If I could give it ten stars I would... Brilliant." NetGalley reviewer ????? "Heartbreaking, engrossing and life changing... The ending will have you in tears, so read with a large box of tissues as you will experience a roller coaster of emotions." Goodreads reviewer ????? "Had me crying bucket loads... Don't forget your tissues... Totally gripping." Goodreads reviewer ????? "I loved this story and the storytelling so much... A novel you must not miss. It is a 5* hit... Excellent in every way." Goodreads reviewer ????? "A great emotional dilemma read... I loved the emotions this book puts the reader through. Stunning, absolutely stunning!" Goodreads reviewer ????? "Amazing... Managed to make me cry and feel incredibly uplifted both at the same time!... Such a wonderful book... Beautiful... I loved it." Goodreads reviewer ????? "I loved this story and the storytelling so much... I identified with both mothers as their trauma increased in intensity... A novel you must not miss. It is a 5* hit, enjoyable, tense and fast paced... Excellent in every way." Goodreads reviewer ????? "Be warned! You might have to stock up on tissues." B for Bookreview ?????

"Alice is cast in the mold of a character created by an earlier Alcott, the passionate and spunky Jo March. A refreshingly old-fashioned heroine, she makes THE DARING LADIES OF LOWELL appealing" --The New York Times Book Review "Offers up a compelling slice of both feminist and Industrial Age history"--Christian Science Monitor From the New York Times bestselling author of THE DRESSMAKER comes a moving historical novel about a bold young woman drawn to the looms of Lowell, Massachusetts--and to the one man with whom she has no business falling in love. Eager to escape life on her family's farm, Alice Barrow moves to Lowell in 1832 and throws herself into the hard work demanded of "the mill girls." In spite of the long hours, she discovers a vibrant new life and a true friend—a saucy, strong-willed girl name Lovey Cornell. But conditions at the factory become increasingly dangerous, and Alice finds the courage to represent the workers and their grievances. Although mill owner, Hiram Fiske, pays no heed, Alice attracts the attention of his eldest son, the handsome and reserved Samuel Fiske. Their mutual attraction is intense, tempting Alice to dream of a different future for herself. This dream is shattered when Lovey is found strangled to death. A sensational trial follows, bringing all the unrest that's brewing to the surface. Alice finds herself torn between her commitment to the girls in the mill and her blossoming relationship with Samuel.

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Based on the actual murder of a mill girl and the subsequent trial in 1833, *THE DARING LADIES OF LOWELL* brilliantly captures a transitional moment in America's history while also exploring the complex nature of love, loyalty, and the enduring power of friendship.

Winner of the UK's Richard & Judy Search for a Bestseller Competition, this page-turning debut novel follows an orphan whose late, beloved best friend bequeaths her a treasure hunt that leads her all over Victorian England and finally to the one secret her friend never shared. It is 1831 when eight-year-old Aurelia Vennaway finds a naked baby girl abandoned in the snow on the grounds of her aristocratic family's magnificent mansion. Her parents are horrified that she has brought a bastard foundling into the house, but Aurelia convinces them to keep the baby, whom she names Amy Snow. Amy is brought up as a second-class citizen, despised by Vennaways, but she and Aurelia are as close as sisters. When Aurelia dies at the age of twenty-three, she leaves Amy ten pounds, and the Vennaways immediately banish Amy from their home. But Aurelia left her much more. Amy soon receives a packet that contains a rich inheritance and a letter from Aurelia revealing she had kept secrets from Amy, secrets that she wants Amy to know. From the grave she sends Amy on a treasure hunt from one end of England to the other: a treasure hunt that only Amy can follow. Ultimately, a life-changing discovery awaits...if only Amy can unlock the secret. In the end, Amy escapes the Vennaways, finds true love, and learns her dearest friend's secret, a secret that she will protect for the rest of her life. An abandoned baby, a treasure hunt, a secret. As Amy sets forth on her quest, readers will be swept away by this engrossing gem of a novel—the wonderful debut by newcomer Tracy Rees.

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PUBLISHERS WEEKLY "A page-turning family saga, this book will entertain readers of all generations." —Good Morning America "Compassionate, thoughtful, and surprisingly moving... [The Imperfects] will satisfy fans of Maggie Shipstead and Celeste Ng." —Booklist From the bestselling author of *The Bookshop of Yesterdays* comes a captivating new novel about a priceless inheritance that leads one family on a life-altering pursuit of the truth. The Millers are far from perfect. Estranged siblings Beck, Ashley and Jake find themselves under one roof for the first time in years, forced to confront old resentments and betrayals, when their mysterious, eccentric matriarch, Helen, passes away. But their lives are about to change when they find a secret inheritance hidden among her possessions—the Florentine Diamond, a 137-carat yellow gemstone that went missing from the Austrian Empire a century ago. Desperate to learn how one of the world's most elusive diamonds ended up in Helen's bedroom, they begin investigating her past only to realize how little they know about their brave, resilient grandmother. As the Millers race to determine whether they are the rightful heirs to the diamond and the fortune it promises, they uncover a past

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more tragic and powerful than they ever could have imagined, forever changing their connection to their heritage and each other. Inspired by the true story of the real, still-missing Florentine Diamond, *The Imperfects* illuminates the sacrifices we make for family and how sometimes discovering the truth of the past is the only way to better the future.

"Riveting suspense, truly surprising revelations, and silky smooth writing make this one unmissable!" - Joshilyn Jackson, New York Times bestselling author of *Mother May I* Bestselling author of *DEAR WIFE* and *THE MARRIAGE LIE*, Kimberly Belle returns with her most heart-pounding thriller to date, as a masked home invader reveals the cracks in a marriage. Everyone is about to know what her husband isn't telling her... Jade and Cam Lasky are by all accounts a happily married couple with two adorable kids, a spacious home and a rapidly growing restaurant business. But their world is tipped upside down when Jade is confronted by a masked home invader. As Cam scrambles to gather the ransom money, Jade starts to wonder if they're as financially secure as their lifestyle suggests, and what other secrets her husband is keeping from her. Cam may be a good father, a celebrity chef and a darling husband, but there's another side he's kept hidden from Jade that has put their family in danger. Unbeknownst to Cam and Jade, the home invader has been watching them and is about to turn their family secrets into a public scandal. With riveting twists and a breakneck pace, *My Darling Husband* is an utterly compelling thriller that once again showcases Kimberly Belle's exceptional talent for domestic suspense.

"[A] heart-pounding, can't-take-your-eyes-off-it debut novel." —O, The Oprah Magazine "Roan Montgomery's sweeping and raw story of courage, resilience, and clear-eyed grace will never leave me." —Sara Gruen, #1 New York Times bestselling author A darkly gripping debut novel about a teenage girl's fierce struggle to reclaim her life from her abusive father. Fifteen-year-old equestrian prodigy Roan Montgomery has only ever known two worlds: inside the riding arena, and outside of it. Both, for as long as she can remember, have been ruled by her father, who demands strict obedience in all areas of her life. The warped power dynamic of coach and rider extends far beyond the stables, and Roan's relationship with her father has long been inappropriate. She has been able to compartmentalize that dark aspect of her life, ruthlessly focusing on her ambitions as a rider heading for the Olympics, just as her father had done. However, her developing relationship with Will Howard, a boy her own age, broadens the scope of her vision. At the intersection of a commercial page-turner and urgent survivor story, *Dark Horses* takes the searing themes of abuse and resilience in Gabriel Tallent's *My Absolute Darling* and applies the compelling exploration of female strength in *Room* by Emma Donoghue. In much the same way that V.C. Andrews's *Flowers in the Attic* transfixed a generation of readers, Susan Mihalic's debut is set to a steady beat that will keep you turning the pages.

A New York Times Notable Book "Sea Wife is a gripping tale of survival at

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sea--but that's just the beginning. Amity Gaige also manages, before she's done, to probe the underpinnings of romantic love, marriage, literary ambition, political inclinations in the Trump age, parenthood, and finally, the nature of survival itself in our broken world. Gaige is thrillingly talented, and her novel enchants."

--Jennifer Egan "Sea Wife brilliantly breathes life not only into the perils of living at sea, but also into the fraught and hidden dangers of domesticity, motherhood, and marriage. What a smart, swift, and thrilling novel." --Lauren Groff From the highly acclaimed author of Schroder, a smart, sophisticated page literary page-turner about a young family who escape suburbia for a yearlong sailing trip that upends all of their lives. Juliet is failing to juggle motherhood and her stalled-out dissertation on confessional poetry when her husband, Michael, informs her that he wants to leave his job and buy a sailboat. With their two kids--Sybil, age seven, and George, age two--Juliet and Michael set off for Panama, where their forty-four foot sailboat awaits them. The initial result is transformative; the marriage is given a gust of energy, Juliet emerges from her depression, and the children quickly embrace the joys of being feral children at sea. Despite the stresses of being novice sailors, the family learns to crew the boat together on the ever-changing sea. The vast horizons and isolated islands offer Juliet and Michael reprieve - until they are tested by the unforeseen. Sea Wife is told in gripping dual perspectives: Juliet's first person narration, after the journey, as she struggles to come to terms with the life-changing events that unfolded at sea, and Michael's captain's log, which provides a riveting, slow-motion account of these same inexorable events, a dialogue that reveals the fault lines created by personal history and political divisions. Sea Wife is a transporting novel about marriage, family and love in a time of unprecedented turmoil. It is unforgettable in its power and astonishingly perceptive in its portrayal of optimism, disillusionment, and survival.

"One of the most momentous debuts in years: A transcendent novel that strikes a deep emotional chord, My Absolute Darling combines a page-turning female survival story, an arresting use of language, and a heart-wrenchingly powerful redemptive arc"--

With her best friend, Kovit's, life in danger, Nita is determined to take down the black market once and for all.

Tell Me You're Sorry, Daddy is the moving true story of one man's horrific campaign of abuse against his own daughter, which continued for more than seven years of her childhood, and has had effects which continue to this day. 32 years after the abuse began, Caryn Walker finally saw her father in court in 2011, charged with 24 counts of abuse against her. As she awaited the verdict, she looked at the man who robbed her of so many years, who never showed any remorse, and realised that she was the one who was strong, she was the survivor. Caryn knew that it was time for her to tell her full story - and that of her dead sister, Jennifer. Against all the odds, she fought. And she won.

A shocking true tale of childhood abuse at the hands of a stranger. Sophie

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Jenkins is living a happy life in the idyllic Dorset countryside when she meets Martin Brett, the man who will go on to abuse her and haunt her dreams for years to come. A momentary act of neglect leads to a horrible series of events that leaves her changed forever. Badly let down by the adults entrusted to care for her, Sophie's life begins to spiral downwards. However, Sophie's message is ultimately one of hope and empowerment. She is in the process of rebuilding her life when fate leads her to encounter her childhood attacker once again. The story ends with a truly shocking climax. **WARNING:** This book is based upon a true story of child abuse and contains passages that some readers may find disturbing. All names and places have been changed to protect the identities of the innocent. For every book sold or borrowed, a donation will be made to the NSPCC

Cousins Amy and Dee were kidnapped by a stranger as children. Now, sixteen-year-old Amy is back with her parents. Struggling to live a normal life - and unable to speak of her experience - Amy realizes she has to confront the truth. How did she survive? How did she escape? And what happened to Dee?

Refusing to evacuate their East Tennessee hometown that is being flooded by a newly constructed dam, Annie Clyde Dodson battles with her husband, who wishes to start over elsewhere, only to begin a frantic search when their toddler goes missing.

Round and round she goes, blonde pigtails flying, her high-pitched giggle catching on the wind. But as the ride slows to a stop, her seat is suddenly empty. Little Lucy is gone... When seven-year-old Lucy Ross is snatched from the carousel in Denton city park, Detective Josie Quinn joins the frantic search. She's the one who finds Lucy's sparkly butterfly backpack abandoned by the ticket booth, a note with a devastating message stuffed inside: answer your phone, or your sweet little darling will die... The next day, Lucy's parents are filled with hope when they pick up a call which they think is from their babysitter - but instead it's a chilling male voice on the line. Josie races to the babysitter's small apartment only to find her lifeless body in a tangle of sheets on her bed. Josie is faced with the most high-stakes case of her career as each new phone call from someone connected to the family ends with the shocking discovery of another body. This twisted killer wants revenge, and he won't stop until the Ross family are in pieces... Something is telling Josie that Lucy's parents aren't giving her the whole truth, but digging deeper into their lives will force her to confront a life-changing secret of her own. Does Josie have what it takes to crack this case? She has no choice if she's going to bring Lucy home alive... An absolutely unputdownable new crime thriller from an Amazon, USA Today and Wall Street Journal bestselling author. Readers who love Robert Dugoni, Angela Marsons and Rachel Caine will be hooked until the final, jaw-dropping page. Readers adore Her Silent Cry: 'GO AND READ THIS NAIL-BITING, UNPUTDOWNABLE BOOK.' Goodreads reviewer, 5 stars 'I read this book in one sitting, hooked from the first page, spent most of this read sat on the edge of my seat. In places I

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was shocked but kept on reading. I HAD TO KNOW... I did not want this book to end... Highly Recommended. Hell no, this is a MUST READ!' Goodreads reviewer, 5 stars 'Wow! What a thrill ride!... The reader gets sucked into the drama... The surprises keep coming. I was literally glued to the pages of this book.' Goodreads reviewer, 5 stars 'Wow this book had me on the edge of my seat holding my breath... Absolutely loved it and found it very hard to put down... Her Silent Cry definitely gets 5 stars from me it was awesome.' Bonnie's Book Talk, 5 stars 'Fast pace combined with a suspenseful and twisted plot, filled with secrets... Intensity levels go through the roof... I myself was too busy flying through the pages and enjoying myself to really stand still... If you are a fan of intense and thrilling detective thrillers that pack a punch, you should definitely schedule yourself a meeting with Detective Josie Quinn soon!' It's All About Books, 5 stars 'An edge-of-your-seat nail-biter, and my most favorite Josie novel to date!! A great read!! Love, LOVE, LOVE this series!!... I LOVED it!!' Tropical Delusions, 5 stars '5 stars plus for this great read!! I couldn't swipe the pages fast enough. I tried to put Her Silent Cry down and get some sleep - that didn't happen!!! Light was back on in 5 minutes, I just had to know what happened... Twists and turns to make your head spin... Don't miss this series!!' Goodreads reviewer, 5 stars 'OMG... I can't say enough good things about this book... an emotional roller coaster... so many twists and turns... The ending definitely threw me for a loop. I would've never guessed it in a million years... such a shocking twist.' Goodreads reviewer, 5 stars

An horrific true story of extreme bullying and childhood sexual abuse. Kate Skylark has previously co-authored two books about child abuse. But now, it's time for Kate (real name Siobhan) to tell her own story. Ugly Child, is a moving and shocking account of Siobhan's own childhood bullying and sexual abuse. Siobhan's life at school is a nightmare of constant verbal and physical attacks. As the abuse escalates, Siobhan begins to fear for her life and she must take drastic action to escape the torment. The story builds to a crescendo and one final, shocking act of sexual violence changes the lives of all concerned for ever. This is a story of extreme bullying, sexual abuse and heartbreak. But ultimately it is also one of forgiveness and redemption, as Siobhan learns to lay to rest the ghosts of her past. For every book sold, a donation will be made to the NSPCC.

After the death of her father, and her mother's immediate remarriage to a sadistic abuser, Nancy Richards lived a life plagued with physical and emotional violence. The powerlessness, pain, and torment she endured ate her up. But, the ultimate gut-punch came when she finally mustered the courage to break her silence, and her words were met with excuses for her abusers, and the admonition that she must forgive. "Mother, I Don't Forgive You" is a true story of terrifying abuse, and the triumph of healing. Written with raw emotion and inspirational clarity, this page-turner offers help and hope for anyone who has suffered from abuse, or loves someone who has suffered from abuse. This is Book 1 of a two-book series. The other book in the series is "Mother, It's Hard to Forgive You: Ridding Myself of the Family Scapegoat Mantle." ***Originally published by Blue Dolphin Publishing, Inc., Nevada City, CA in 2005 as "Heal and Forgive."

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“The queen of beach books” (The Star-Ledger) returns to the shores of Nantucket in a novel about one memorable summer when flirtations flourish, family dramas play out, and scandalous secrets surface. NAMED ONE OF TEN BEST SUMMER BOOKS TO READ ON THE BEACH BY SMARTERTRAVEL Memorial Day weekend means that seasonal visitors have descended on the glamorous island of Nantucket. For year-round resident Darcy Cotterill, it means late-night stargazing in the backyard of the beautiful house she grew up in and inherited from her beloved grandmother. It’s also Darcy’s chance to hit the beach and meet her new summertime neighbors. But the last person the thirty-year-old librarian expects to see staying next door is her ex-husband, Boyz, along with his wife, Autumn, and stepdaughter, Willow. Darcy must also navigate the highs and lows of a new romantic relationship with local carpenter Nash Forester even as she becomes smitten with handsome vacationer Clive Rush, a musicologist in town to write a book and visit family. And she finds herself pulled into the concerns of Boyz, Autumn, a charming elderly neighbor, and an at-risk teen. As the season nears its end, Darcy must decide her next move: retreating to the comforts of her steady and secure island life, or risking it all for a chance at true happiness. Praise for *Secrets in Summer* “Full of rich details about life on Nantucket, this breezy tale is at once nostalgic and hopeful. . . . The story is filled with sweet moments of unlikely female connections. An easily digestible, warmhearted tale of eye-opening friendships.”—Kirkus Reviews “[Nancy] Thayer’s latest is a lovely and heartwarming contemporary read with its blend of humor and emotion set against the beautiful backdrop of Nantucket Island. Her well-crafted plot is infused with warmth and heartfelt, tender moments. Darcy is a strong, independent yet vulnerable heroine who will appeal to readers. Thayer’s engaging storytelling and authentic, endearing characters will keep readers turning the pages.”—RT Book Reviews “Thayer’s beachside novel brims with themes that women’s-fiction readers love, and the plot skims important issues—infidelity, fear of commitment, grief—while maintaining its focus on Darcy’s personal growth and the intergenerational friendship between the four women.”—Booklist (starred review)

Don't Expect Me To Cry is a powerful story of the horrific abuse Janet experienced by several abusers including her father, and her courageous journey to a life that is an inspiration. Starting with a child's view of shocking abuse, then through her terror as she shared her secrets, Janet tells how she hit 'rock bottom' and tried to end her li
A mother and daughter find what they share in their bones in this compelling novel from the bestselling author of *The Joy Luck Club* and *Where the Past Begins: A Writer's Memoir*. Ruth Young and her widowed mother have always had a difficult relationship. But when she discovers writings that vividly describe her mother's tumultuous life growing up in China, Ruth discovers a side of LuLing that she never knew existed. Transported to a backwoods village known as Immortal Heart, Ruth learns of secrets passed along by a mute nursemaid, Precious Auntie; of a cave where dragon bones are mined; of the crumbling ravine known as the End of the World; and of the curse that LuLing believes she released through betrayal. Within the calligraphied pages awaits the truth about a mother's heart, secrets she cannot tell her daughter, yet hopes she will never forget... Conjuring the pain of broken dreams and the power of myths, *The Bonesetter's Daughter* is an excavation of the human spirit: the past, its deepest wounds, its most profound hopes.

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A richly imagined novel that tells the story behind *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz*, the book that inspired the iconic film, through the eyes of author L. Frank Baum's intrepid wife, Maud--from the family's hardscrabble days in South Dakota to the Hollywood film set where she first meets Judy Garland. Maud Gage Baum, widow of the author of the book *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz*, met Judy Garland, the young actress playing the role of Dorothy on the set of *The Wizard of Oz* in 1939. At the time, Maud was seventy-eight and Judy was sixteen. In spite of their age difference, Maud immediately connected to Judy--especially when Maud heard her sing "Over the Rainbow," a song whose yearning brought to mind the tough years in South Dakota when Maud and her husband struggled to make a living--until Frank Baum's book became a national sensation. This wonderfully evocative two-stranded story recreates Maud's youth as the rebellious daughter of a leading suffragette, and the prairie years of Maud and Frank's early days when they lived among the people--especially young Dorothy--who would inspire Frank's masterpiece. Woven into this past story is one set in 1939, describing the high-pressured days on *The Wizard of Oz* film set where Judy is being badgered by the director, producer, and her ambitious stage mother to lose weight, bind her breasts, and laugh, cry, and act terrified on command. As Maud had promised to protect the original Dorothy back in Aberdeen, she now takes on the job of protecting young Judy. A shocking story of neglect, abuse and cruelty.

"Best friends and artistic partners in the male-dominated field of animation, Mel Vaught and Sharon Kisses are a dynamic duo, the friction of their differences driving them. After a decade of striving, the two are finally celebrating the release of their first full-length feature, which transforms Mel's difficult childhood into a provocative and visually daring work of art. The toast of the indie film scene, they stand at the cusp of making it big. But with their success come doubt and destruction, cracks in their relationship threatening the delicate balance of the work they do together."--Page 4 of cover.

A gripping true story of child abuse, betrayal and a mother's neglect. The fifth of Kate Skylark's co-written true child abuse stories. Like many little girls the world over, Amy didn't have the best start in life, living on a rough council estate, with no dad and an alcoholic mother. But Amy is determined to do better. She works hard at school to make sure she succeeds in life.

However, all Amy's careful plans, hopes and dreams for the future are about to be smashed. Her neglectful mother invites abusive new boyfriend, Ray, into their home, and his reign of terror begins. As Ray's attentions turn to her little sister, Amy must summon all her strength and take action. She has only one ambition now, to save her sister, Ivy, from suffering a terrible fate. Can she save Ivy in time? **WARNING:** This book is based upon a true account of child abuse, and as such contains passages that some readers may find disturbing.

A local schoolteacher is arrested, leaving his family to wrestle with the possibility of his guilt, in this exquisite novel about loyalty, truth, and happiness. The Woodburys cherish life in the affluent, bucolic suburb of Avalon Hills, Connecticut. George is a beloved science teacher at the local prep school, a hero who once thwarted a gunman, and his wife, Joan, is a hardworking ER nurse. They have brought up their children in this thriving town of wooded yards and sprawling lakes. Then one night a police car pulls up to the Woodbury home and George is charged with sexual misconduct with students from his daughter's school. As he sits in prison awaiting trial and claiming innocence, Joan vaults between denial and rage as friends and neighbors turn cold. Their daughter, seventeen-year-old Sadie, is a popular high school senior who becomes a social outcast--and finds refuge in an unexpected place. Her brother, Andrew, a lawyer in New York, returns home to support the family, only to confront unhappy memories from his past. A writer tries to exploit their story, while an unlikely men's rights

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activist group attempts to recruit Sadie for their cause. Provocative and unforgettable, *The Best Kind of People* reveals the cracks along the seams of even the most perfect lives and the unraveling of an American family. GILLER PRIZE FINALIST • NAMED ONE OF THE BEST BOOKS OF THE YEAR BY THE NEW YORK POST “A compelling exploration of the ways a crime implicates all of us.”—Kaitlyn Greenidge, author of *We Love You, Charlie Freeman* “I am obsessed with this book.”—Samantha Irby, author of *We Are Never Meeting in Real Life* “In our post–Harvey Weinstein world [this book] feels more timely and urgent than ever. . . . It draws an elegant line between rape culture, patriarchy, and privilege.”—Claire Cameron, *The Millions* “Every character is fully rounded, flawed, and achingly human. It puts me in mind of a twenty-first-century *Ordinary People*.”—Kate Harding, author of *Asking for It* “Sure to provoke debate and send book discussion groups into overtime.”—*Library Journal* (starred review) “A powerful page-turner.”—*Cosmopolitan*

A MESMERIZING DEBUT NOVEL ABOUT A YOUNG WOMAN, HAUNTED BY LOSS, WHO REDISCOVERS PASSION AND POSSIBILITY WHEN SHE'S DRAWN INTO THE TANGLED LIVES OF HER NEIGHBORS Five years after her young husband's death, Celia Cassill has moved from one Brooklyn neighborhood to another, but she has not moved on. The owner of a small apartment building, she has chosen her tenants for their ability to respect one another's privacy. Celia believes in boundaries, solitude, that she has a right to her ghosts. She is determined to live a life at a remove from the chaos and competition of modern life. Everything changes with the arrival of a new tenant, Hope, a dazzling woman of a certain age on the run from her husband's recent betrayal. When Hope begins a torrid and noisy affair, and another tenant mysteriously disappears, the carefully constructed walls of Celia's world are tested and the sanctity of her building is shattered—through violence and sex, in turns tender and dark. Ultimately, Celia and her tenants are forced to abandon their separate spaces for a far more intimate one, leading to a surprising conclusion and the promise of genuine joy. Amy Grace Loyd investigates interior spaces of the body and the New York warrens in which her characters live, offering a startling emotional honesty about the traffic between men and women. *The Affairs of Others* is a story about the irrepressibility of life and desire, no matter the sorrows or obstacles.

"Unforgettable."—*The New York Times* "Lyrical and atmospheric." —*Bustle* "A satiating psychological horror tale." —*Cultured Vultures* SOON TO BE A MAJOR MOTION PICTURE APRIL 2019 LIBRARY READS PICK “Mother knows best” takes on a sinister new meaning in this unsettling thriller perfect for fans of Neil Gaiman, Grimms’ *Fairy Tales*, and Aimee Molloy's *The Perfect Mother*. Everyone says Lauren Tranter is exhausted, that she needs rest. And they're right; with newborn twins, Morgan and Riley, she's never been more tired in her life. But she knows what she saw: that night, in her hospital room, a woman tried to take her babies and replace them with her own...creatures. Yet when the police arrived, they saw no one. Everyone, from her doctor to her husband, thinks she's imagining things. A month passes. And one bright summer morning, the babies disappear from Lauren's side in a park. But when they're found, something is different about them. The infants look like Morgan and Riley—to everyone else. But to Lauren, something is off. As everyone around her celebrates their return, Lauren begins to scream, These are not my babies. Determined to bring her true infant sons home, Lauren will risk the unthinkable. But if she's wrong about what she saw...she'll be making the biggest mistake of her life. Compulsive, creepy, and inspired by some of our darkest fairy tales, *Little Darlings* will have you checking—and rechecking—your own little ones. Just to be sure. Just to be safe.

A staggering love illuminating the dark corners of a Nazi prison Renowned German pastor and theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer is famous for his resistance to the Nazi regime and for his allegiance to God over government. But what few realize is that the last years of his life also held a love story that rivals any romance novel. Maria von Wedemeyer knows the realities of

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war. Her beloved father and brother have both been killed on the battlefield. The last thing this spirited young woman needs is to fall for a man under constant surveillance by the Gestapo. How can she give another piece of her heart to a man so likely to share the same final fate? Yet when Dietrich Bonhoeffer, an old family friend, comes to comfort the von Wedemeyers after their losses, she discovers that love isn't always logical. Dietrich himself has determined to keep his distance from romantic attachments. There is too much work to be done for God, and his involvement in the conspiracy is far too important. But when he encounters a woman whose intelligence and conviction match his own, he's unprepared for how easy it is to give away his heart. With their deep love comes risk--and neither Dietrich nor Maria is prepared for just how great that risk soon becomes. Based on detailed historical research, this true love story is at once beautiful and heartrending. My Dearest Dietrich sheds new light on a world-famous theologian . . . and the woman who changed his life.

When eleven-year-old Emily is sent to stay with her grandparents in Wales for the summer holidays, she thinks it's all going to be one big adventure. But Emily's grandad, the undisputed head of the family, the most respected man in town, has a dark and wicked side. And her life is about to take a terrifying turn. When she returns home, Emily is too afraid to tell her parents the truth about her Grandad. And not wanting to upset her family, she carries with her the secret of what happened that summer for many years. But finally, Emily gets the chance to take her revenge... Kate Skylark is an author and abuse survivor. She is committed to helping other victims to lead successful and happy lives, despite their unhappy childhoods. In this book series, Kate helps others find the strength to tell their own stories, to find comfort and resolution, to be heard and believed, sometimes for the first time ever. For every book sold or borrowed, a donation will be made to the NSPCC WARNING: This book is based upon a true account of child abuse, and as such contains passages that some readers may find disturbing. For a limited time, Amy Plum's star-crossed paranormal romance Die for Me is available with a special sneak peek of Until I Die, the second book in this lush trilogy. Bonus content is also included: tips for "Living La Belle Vie" from main character Kate—including her favorite books, movies, and paintings.

Barbara's father was a sadistic man at the best of times - his idea of fun was to kill the family dog by tying it to the back of his car and driving off. Also for kicks, he took his children out on to the lake and held them under until they were gasping for their lives. He sexually assaulted Barbara from a young age, often when the rest of the family were in the house. He repeatedly threatened to kill her, and made two very serious attempts. During the final attempt, as he was raping and choking her, Barbara made a vow - if she survived, she would come forward and get justice against her father ... Without Hope is a powerful and inspiring true story of a girl who finally found the inner strength to escape her brutal childhood.

The Handmaid's Tale meets The Selection in this darkly riveting tale that BCCB said "Will have fans of Oliver's Delirium, Cass's The Selection, and DeStefano's Wither breathless." The Jewel means wealth, the Jewel means beauty—but for Violet, the Jewel means servitude. Born and raised in the Marsh, Violet is destined for the Jewel. She is trained as a surrogate for the royalty and is bought by the Duchess of the Lake at auction. And she quickly learns the brutal truths that lie beneath the Jewel's glittering facade: the cruelty, backstabbing, and hidden violence that have become the royal way of life. Violet must accept the ugly realities of her life . . . all while trying to stay alive. But before she can accept her fate, Violet meets a handsome boy who is also under the Duchess's control, and a forbidden love erupts. But their illicit affair has consequences, which will cost them both more than they bargained for. And

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toeing the line between being calculating and rebellious, Violet must decide what, and who, she is willing to risk for her own freedom.

When two unlikely allies become two unwitting outlaws, will two unforgettable lovers defy unbeatable odds? Bonnie Rae Shelby is a superstar. She's rich. She's beautiful. She's impossibly famous. And Bonnie Rae Shelby wants to die. Finn Clyde is a nobody. He's broken. He's brilliant. He's impossibly cynical. And all he wants is a chance at life. One girl. One boy. An act of compassion. A bizarre set of circumstances. And a choice - turn your head and walk away, or reach out your hand and risk it all? With that choice, the clock starts ticking on a man with a past and a girl who can't face the future, counting down the seconds in an adventure riddled with heartbreak and humor, misunderstanding and revelation. With the world against them, two very different people take a journey that will not only change their lives, but may cost them their lives as well. Infinity + One is a tale of shooting stars and fame and fortune, of gilded cages and iron bars, of finding a friend behind a stranger's face, and discovering love in the oddest of places.

When a publicity stunt goes terribly wrong, twelve-year-old Darleen Darling, star of the silent film era, must defeat villains both on screen and off in this edge-of-your-seat adventure. Lights! Camera! Kidnapping? It's 1914, and Darleen Darling's film adventures collide with reality when a fake kidnapping set up by her studio becomes all too real. Suddenly Darleen finds herself in the hands of dastardly criminals who have just nabbed Miss Victorine Berryman, the poor-little-rich-girl heiress of one of America's largest fortunes. Soon real life starts to seem like a bona fide adventure serial, complete with dramatic escapes, murderous plots, and a runaway air balloon. Will Darleen and Victorine be able to engineer their own happily-ever-after, or will the villains be victorious?

This is the story of Abbie's struggle to survive, the grim details of child abuse of the worst kind all told from the perspective of a little girl. As a teenager Abbie is uncontrollable. A Modette during the 80's revival, she finds a love of scooters, rebellion and gang life on the wild side. Dulling her pain with alcohol, drugs and promiscuity at a very young age she loses control and becomes well known to the local police. Her family eventually disowns her realizing they are unable to help. Abbie finds herself in the care of the Court until she is abandoned by children's homes and Social Services too. Alone, penniless and pregnant at the age of 16, she is haunted by the secrets of her unspeakable past. Will anyone ever see her invisible tears?

A gripping true story of child abuse, betrayal and a mother's neglect. The fifth of Kate Skylark's co-written true child abuse stories. Like many little girls the world over, Amy didn't have the best start in life, living on a rough council estate, with no dad and an alcoholic mother. But Amy is determined to do better. She works hard at school to make sure she succeeds in life. However, all Amy's careful plans, hopes and dreams for the future are about to be smashed. Her neglectful mother invites abusive new boyfriend, Ray, into their home, and his reign of terror

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begins. As Ray's attentions turn to her little sister, Amy must summon all her strength and take action. She has only one ambition now, to save her sister, Ivy, from suffering a terrible fate. Can she save Ivy in time? **WARNING:** This book is based upon a true account of child abuse, and as such contains passages that some readers may find disturbing. For every book sold, a donation will be made to the NSPCC.

The battle for Venice might be over, but the war is just beginning... Penelope's and Alexis's adventure continues in this exciting second installment of The Magicians of Venice series. Penelope has accepted her role as the new Archivist for the magicians, but with war brewing on the horizon and the tide of magic on the rise, she's going to have to learn her way around this new and dangerous world if she has any hope of outsmarting their enemies. When Penelope's friend and fellow archaeologist uncovers a scroll containing a magical secret lost in the Dead Sea for two thousand years, Penelope and Alexis must travel to Israel to find them before Abaddon and Kreios get there first. To defeat Thevetat and his followers, they'll need to find a weapon capable of ending him for good. As her old life collides with her new, Penelope will soon discover the price of keeping the magicians' secrets safe.

"The Wynns are an unforgettable family. The details of their struggle to survive the Great Depression will linger long after the last page has been read."-Ann M. Martin, winner of the Newbery Honor for *A Corner of the Universe* A stunning debut novel about the true meaning of home Sadie Wynn doesn't want a new life; her old one suits her just fine. But times are hard in drought-plagued Missouri, and Daddy thinks they'll be better off in Texas. Sadie hates this strange new place, where even children must work at the cannery to help make ends meet and people are rude to her disabled father. Yet when trouble comes, it is the kindness of these new neighbors that helps the family make it through. And no one helps more than Dollie, a red-headed chatterbox of a girl who just might become a good friend-if Sadie gives her half a chance. *The Truth About Sparrows* is a 2005 Bank Street - Best Children's Book of the Year.

****Now on Netflix as The Call to Courage**** 'She's so good, Brené Brown, at finding the language to articulate collective feeling' Dolly Alderton Every time we are faced with change, no matter how great or small, we also face risk. We feel uncertain and exposed. We feel vulnerable. Most of us try to fight those feelings - or feel guilt for feeling them in the first place. In a powerful new vision Dr Brené Brown challenges everything we think we know about vulnerability, and dispels the widely accepted myth that it's a weakness. She argues that, in truth, vulnerability is strength and when we shut ourselves off from vulnerability - from revealing our true selves - we distance ourselves from the experiences that bring purpose and meaning to our lives. *Daring Greatly* is the culmination of 12 years of groundbreaking social research, across every area of our lives including home, relationships, work, and parenting. It is an invitation to be courageous; to show up and let ourselves be seen, even when there are no guarantees. This is

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vulnerability. This is daring greatly.

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