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The Opposite of Me

A Novel

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Sarah Pekkanen Collection #1

The Opposite of Me; Skipping a Beat; These Girls; All Is Bright (eShort Story); Love, Accidentally (eShort Story); and Beginning Again (eShort Story)

Simon and Schuster Read Sarah's beloved first two novels together! Explore the relationship between twin sisters who uncover a surprising family secret in *The Opposite of Me* and discover how a near-death experience completely remakes a marriage in *Skipping a Beat*.

These Girls

A Novel

Simon and Schuster Internationally bestselling author Sarah Pekkanen examines the lives of three women working and living together in New York City and shows that family secrets may shape us all, but it's the rich, complicated layers of friendship that can save us. Family secrets may shape us all, but it's the rich, complicated layers of friendship that can save us. Cate, Renee, and Abby have come to New York for very different reasons, and in a bustling city of millions, they are linked together through circumstance and chance. Cate has just been named the features editor of *Gloss*, a high-end lifestyle magazine. It's a professional coup, but her new job comes with more complications than Cate ever anticipated. Her roommate Renee will do anything to nab the plum job of beauty editor at *Gloss*. But snide comments about Renee's weight send her into an emotional tailspin. Soon she is taking black market diet pills—despite the racing heartbeat and trembling hands that signal she's heading for real danger. Then there's Abby, whom they take in as a third roommate. Once a joyful graduate student working as a nanny part time, she abruptly fled a seemingly happy life in the D.C. suburbs. No one knows what shattered Abby—or why she left everything she once loved behind. Pekkanen's most compelling, true-to-life novel yet tells the story of three very different women as they navigate the complications of careers and love—and find the lifeline they need in each other.

Skipping a Beat

Simon and Schuster From the outside, Julia and Michael seem to have it all. Both products of difficult childhoods in rural West Virginia, they become high school sweethearts. Now in their thirties, they're living a rarified life in a multi-million-dollar, Washington, D.C. home. Julia is a sought-after party planner and Michael has just sold his beverage company for \$70 million. Then Michael collapses. Four minutes and eight seconds after his cardiac arrest, a portable defibrillator jumpstarts his heart. But in those lost minutes he becomes a different man. Money is meaningless to him and he wants to give it all away. Julia, who sees her life reflected in scenes from the world's great operas, has three weeks to make a choice: Walk away from the man she once adored, but who became a stranger to her even before this pronouncement, or give in to her husband's pleas for a second chance and a promise of a poorer but happier life?

The Perfect Neighbors

A Novel

Simon and Schuster The New York Times bestselling coauthor of the “creepy-crawly tale” (The New York Times Book Review) *An Anonymous Girl* and *The Wife Between Us* questions just how well we really know our neighbors in this “deliciously fun beach read” (People) about an idyllic neighborhood whose sublime façade hides shocking secrets. Newport Cove, where spontaneous block parties occur on summer nights and all of the streets are named for flowers, is proud of being one of the safest neighborhoods in America. It’s also one of the most secret-filled. After a decade as a stay-at-home mom, Kellie Scott is back to work in an office. She’s adjusting to high heels, scrambling to cook dinner for her family, and—following years of feeling invisible—soaking in the dangerous attention of a handsome colleague. Kellie’s neighbor Susan Barrett begins every day with fresh resolutions: She won’t eat any carbs, she’ll go to bed at a reasonable hour, and she’ll stop stalking her ex-husband and his new girlfriend. Gigi Kennedy’s husband is running for political office, which means her old skeletons, ones she wants to keep hidden at any cost, are in danger of being dragged into the light. Then a new family moves into this peaceful cul-de-sac. Tessa Campbell seems pleasant enough, if a bit quiet. But soon it becomes clear that Tessa is hiding the most explosive secret of all—one with deadly consequences. Written in Sarah Pekkanen’s signature “gripping” (People) style, *The Perfect Neighbors* “transforms clichéd suburban troubles—from adolescent drama to infidelity—into a compelling, suspenseful tale” (Kirkus Reviews).

The Best of Us

A Novel

Simon and Schuster Paradise isn’t quite what it seems as four college friends meet for an island vacation in this captivating new novel from the acclaimed author of *These Girls*. An all-expense-paid week at a luxury villa in Jamaica—it’s the invitation of a lifetime for a group of old college friends. All four women are desperate not just for a reunion, but for an escape: Tina is drowning under the demands of mothering four young children. Allie is shattered by the news that a genetic illness runs in her family. Savannah is carrying the secret of her husband’s infidelity. And, finally, there’s Pauline, who spares no expense to throw her wealthy husband an unforgettable thirty-fifth birthday celebration, hoping it will gloss over the cracks already splitting apart their new marriage. Languid hours on a private beach, gourmet dinners, and late nights of drinking kick off an idyllic week for the women and their husbands. But as a powerful hurricane bears down on the island, turmoil swirls inside the villa, forcing

each of the women to reevaluate everything she knows about her friends—and herself.

The Opposite of Me and Skipping a Beat

You Are Not Alone

A Novel

St. Martin's Press THE INSTANT NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER! One of Newsweek's Most Anticipated Books of 2020 One of SheReads Most Anticipated Books of 2020 One of PopSugar's Most Anticipated Books of 2020 One of HelloGiggles' Most Anticipated Books of 2020 One of Marie Claire's Best Fiction by Women in 2020 One of Woman's Day's Best Fiction Books Coming Out in 2020 The electrifying #1 New York Times bestselling authors of *THE WIFE BETWEEN US* and *AN ANONYMOUS GIRL* return with a brand new novel of psychological suspense, *YOU ARE NOT ALONE*. Shay Miller wants to find love, but it eludes her. She wants to be fulfilled, but her job is a dead end. She wants to belong, but her life is increasingly lonely. Until Shay meets the Moore sisters. Cassandra and Jane live a life of glamorous perfection, and always get what they desire. When they invite Shay into their circle, everything seems to get better. Shay would die for them to like her. She may have to.

Catching Air

A Novel

Simon and Schuster From the internationally bestselling author of four books, including *The Opposite of Me*, a vibrant, compulsively readable novel about two married couples who pursue a dream to open a bed-and-breakfast in small-town Vermont. In her previous works including *The Best of Us*, “rising star” (*Library Journal*) Sarah Pekkanen captivated readers by penning “refreshingly introspective, sharply realistic, and tenderly humorous” novels (*Booklist*) that had readers “flying through the pages” (*Hoda Kotb, Today show*). Now, in *Catching Air*, Pekkanen turns an unflinching eye on the tangled relationships of two pairs of thirty-somethings. A chance to run a B&B in snowy, remote Vermont—it’s an offer Kira Danner can’t resist after six soul-crushing years of working as a lawyer in Florida. As Kira and her husband, Peter, step into a brand new life, she quells her fears about living with the B&B’s co-owners: Peter’s

sexy, irresponsible brother Rand, and Rand's wife, Alyssa...who is essentially a stranger. For her part, Alyssa sees taking over the B&B as the latest in a string of adventures. Plus, a quiet place might help her recover from the news that she can't bear children. But the idyllic town proves to be anything but serene: Within weeks, the sisters-in-law are scrambling to prepare for their first big booking—a winter wedding—and soon a shy, mysterious woman comes to work for them. Dawn Zukoski is hiding something; that much is clear. But what the sisters-in-law don't realize is that Dawn is also hiding from someone... Relatable and dynamic, *Catching Air* delves deeply into the vital relationships that give shape to women's lives.

The Ever After

A Novel

Simon and Schuster “Writing with rawness and realism, Pekkanen doesn't hold back...Fans of Liane Moriarty and Anne Tyler will appreciate the story's depth.” —Booklist “In her signature conversational style, Pekkanen uncovers the truth behind the lies as Josie comes to grips with reality vs. the mirage of her marriage.” —Library Journal (starred review) In this intricate and enthralling domestic drama, perfect for fans of *Big Little Lies* and *The Affair*, the internationally bestselling author of the “gossipy page-turner” (*Glamour*) *The Perfect Neighbors* goes deep into a marriage in crisis, peeling back layers of secrets to discover where the relationship veered off course—and whether it is worth saving. Josie and Frank Moore are happy...at least Josie thinks they are. As parents of two young girls in the Chicago suburbs, their days can be both busy and monotonous, and sometimes Josie wonders how she became a harried fortysomething mother rather than the driven career woman she once was. But Frank is a phenomenal father, he's handsome and charismatic, and he still looks at his wife like she's the beautiful woman he married more than a decade ago. Josie isn't just happy—she's lucky. Until one Saturday morning when Josie borrows her husband's phone to make a quick call—and sees nine words that shatter her world. Now Josie feels as if she is standing at the edge of a sharp precipice. As she looks back at pivotal moments in the relationship she believed would last forever, she is also plunging ahead, surprising everyone (especially herself) with how far she will go to uncover the extent of her husband's devastating secret. With her “conversational writing style and a knack for making readers care about her characters” (*The Washington Post*) bestselling author Sarah Pekkanen paints a vivid, kaleidoscopic portrait of a marriage before and during a crisis—and of a woman who fears that the biggest secret of all may be the one she's hiding from herself.

These Girls

A Novel

Simon and Schuster Follows the personal and professional challenges of three New York City roommates who compete against one another while pursuing ambitions, hiding painful secrets, and navigating turbulent romantic relationships.

The Best of Us

A Novel

Simon and Schuster Four old college friends, desperate for an escape from their crazy lives, spend a week at a luxury villa in Jamaica and help each other cope with their problems.

An Anonymous Girl

A Novel

St. Martin's Press The instant #1 New York Times bestseller (January 2019) everyone is talking about! People Magazine's Book of the Week • Bookish's "Must-Read Books of Winter" • PopSugar's "Best Books of Winter" • Cosmopolitan's "2019 Books to Bring to Your Book Club" • Bookbub's "Biggest Books of Winter" • Refinery 29's "Best Books of January 2019" • Crime Reads' "January's Best Psychological Thrillers" • InStyle's "7 Books That You Should Resolve to Read This January" • HelloGiggles' "The 50 Most Anticipated Books of 2019" • USA Today's "5 New Books Not to Miss" • Marie Claire's "The Best Women's Fiction of 2019 (So Far)" • Hypable's "Winter Releases You Can't Afford to Miss" "Hendricks and Pekkanen are at the top of their game...You won't see the final twist coming." —People Magazine "Beware strange psychologists...the authors know exactly how to play on their characters' love of danger to bring them to the brink of disaster - and dare them to jump off." —New York Times Book Review "Slickly twisty [with] gasp-worthy final twists...major league suspense." —Publishers Weekly (starred review) "For those who relished the creepy stalking in Hendricks and Pekkanen's *The Wife Between Us*, this unnerving tale will have them rethinking what secrets are safe to share and if moral and ethics really matter when protecting the ones you love." —Library Journal (starred review) "Masterfully escalates the suspense." —Booklist (starred review) Looking to earn some easy cash, Jessica Farris agrees to be a test subject in a psychological study about ethics and morality. But as

the study moves from the exam room to the real world, the line between what is real and what is one of Dr. Shields's experiments blurs. Dr. Shields seems to know what Jess is thinking... and what she's hiding. Jessica's behavior will not only be monitored, but manipulated. Caught in a web of attraction, deceit and jealousy, Jess quickly learns that some obsessions can be deadly. From the authors of the blockbuster bestseller *The Wife Between Us*, Greer Hendricks and Sarah Pekkanen, *An Anonymous Girl* will keep you riveted through the last shocking twist.

Can I Get An Amen?

Penguin When the last thing you want is the one thing you need, you've got to have a little faith.... Growing up, Ellen Carlisle was a Christian: She went to Jesus camp, downed stale Nilla Wafers at Sunday school, and never, ever played with Ouija boards. Now, years later, when infertility prevents her from giving her ambitious attorney husband a family, she finds herself on the brink of divorce, unemployed, and living with her right-wing, born-again Christian parents in her suburban New Jersey hometown. There the schools are private, the past is public, and blessings come in lump sums. Then Ellen meets a man to whom she believes she can open her heart, and she begins to think that maybe it's true that everything happens for a reason—until all that was going well starts going very badly and Ellen is finally forced to dig deep to find her own brand of faith.

Things You Won't Say

A Novel

Simon and Schuster When husband Mike, a policeman, is charged with police brutality after a shooting, Jamie Anderson finds her world forever changed as she desperately tries to hold her family together no matter what it takes, while Mike's ex sees this tragedy as an opportunity for a second chance with him. Original.

The Wife Between Us

A Novel

"A jaw-dropping psychological thriller." —*Publisher's Weekly*, starred review "A fiendishly clever romantic thriller in the vein of *Gone Girl* and *The Girl on the Train*. This one will keep you guessing." -Anita Shreve, *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Stars are Fire* When you read this book, you will make many assumptions. You will assume you are reading about a jealous ex-wife. You will assume she is obsessed with her replacement - a beautiful, younger woman who is about to marry the man

they both love. You will assume you know the anatomy of this tangled love triangle. Assume nothing. Twisted and deliciously chilling, *The Wife Between Us* exposes the secret complexities of an enviable marriage - and the dangerous truths we ignore in the name of love. Read between the lies. A 2018 Indie Next Pick Praise for *The Wife Between Us*: "A clever thriller with masterful twists." - Karin Slaughter, New York Times bestselling author of *The Kept Woman* "The Wife Between Us delivers a whip smart, twisty plot in a taut, pacy narrative. It's terrific and troubling. This is one scary love triangle where you won't know who to trust. I loved it." -Gilly Macmillan, New York Times bestselling author of *What She Knew* "A twisty, mind-bending novel about marriage and betrayal. A gripping plot and fascinating characters; this book will keep you turning the pages and guessing until the very end. A must-read!" -Lauren Weisberger, New York Times bestselling author of *The Devil Wears Prada* "This amazing story gallops along at breakneck speed, with an ending that smacks you between the eyes and takes your breath away. These authors are destined to become trail blazers in the field of psychological suspense books that explode in your hands!" —Nancy Simpson-Brice, Book Vault "Like a house of mirrors, *The Wife Between Us* kept me guessing around every corner, delving into the complexities of marriage, friendship, and obsession." —Javier Ramirez, The Book Table

The Long Way Home

A Novel

Macmillan "The Long Way Home is Robin Pilcher at his best. I devoured every word of this masterful storyteller."—Debbie Macomber, #1 New York Times bestselling author In the vein of Maeve Binchy, Rosamunde Pilcher, and Nicholas Sparks, New York Times bestselling author Robin Pilcher returns with his most enchanting novel yet, filled with captivating twists and turns of heart. When Claire Barclay receives news that her beloved stepfather has had a stroke, she's more than a little shaken. Leo is her last real relative, and his own children rarely check up on the old man. Claire and her husband, Art, leave New York and fly back to Scotland to care for him during the summer. Their visit makes clear that Leo is no longer capable of living on his own, but he is determined to stay in his beloved old house. Art comes up with the idea of turning the place into a conference center, thinking they could purchase the place from Leo and build him a cottage on the property. But the situation is much more complicated than it seems. Claire's old flame, Jonas Fairwether, has become Leo's caretaker and trusted confidant. Though Claire distrusts Jonas's motives, Leo chooses to take his advice to put the house up for public auction rather than sell directly to Art and Claire. Claire is immediately suspicious, and even more so when she finds out that another application has been submitted to

develop the property. Does Jonas Fairwether want to knock down the Leo's house and build a development? It looks like whoever is behind the plan is being driven by financial gain, but there may be an even stronger motive. *The Long Way Home* will keep readers on the edge of their seats. This is a masterful novel from a master storyteller.

The Opposite of Maybe

A Novel

Crown A heartfelt and exceptionally human novel about the best mistakes a person can make Jonathan and Rosie have been together so long they finish each other's sentences—so when he (finally) proposes and asks her to move across the country with him, everyone is happily surprised. But when things suddenly unravel, Rosie sends Jonathan packing and moves back home with Soapie, the irascible, opinionated grandmother who raised her. Now she has to figure out how to fire Soapie's very unsuitable caregiver, a gardener named Tony who lets her drink martinis, smoke, and cheat at Scrabble. It's meant to be a temporary break, of course—until Rosie realizes she's accidentally pregnant at 44, completely unequipped for motherhood, and worse, may be falling in love with Tony, whose life is even more muddled than hers. When Soapie reveals a long-hidden secret, Rosie wonders if she has to let go of her fears, and trust that the big-hearted, messy life that awaits her just may be the one she was meant to live. Praise for *The Opposite of Maybe* “Dawson’s charmingly eccentric cast of characters is at turns lovable and infuriating, ensuring a quick read helmed by a memorable, complex heroine.”—*Publishers Weekly* “Delightfully witty . . . A messy, funny, surprising story of second chances.”—*Kirkus Reviews* “Dawson keeps readers turning the pages to find out who Rosie will choose in the end.”—*Booklist*

The Sarah Pekkanen Reader's Companion

A Collection of Excerpts

Simon and Schuster In this collection of excerpts, enjoy a taste of Sarah Pekkanen's captivating novels, including *The Opposite of Me*, *Skipping a Beat*, *These Girls*, and *The Best of Us*.

Love, Accidentally

An eShort Story

Simon and Schuster From the author of *The Opposite of Me* and *Skipping a Beat*, an original eBook short story that shows whom we fall in love with may be the biggest—and happiest—accident of all. Ilsa Brown wasn't expecting a little, injured dog to lead her to the love of her life. But within months of their first meeting on a street corner in L.A., she and Grif, the dog's owner, are engaged. Things between them are so blissful that Ilsa is stunned by the tension that erupts during their visit to Chicago to meet his parents, where she discovers that Grif's old girlfriend, Elise, is still woven into his family. What Ilsa needs to know before she can walk down the aisle is whether Elise is still in Grif's heart, too. Featuring a character from Sarah Pekkanen's original eBook short story *All Is Bright, Love, Accidentally* is surprising and heartfelt. It's a story about taking chances and choosing hope, and discovering what it means to love someone—and to let go of someone you love.

Dancing on Broken Glass

Simon and Schuster A powerfully written novel offering an intimate look at a beautiful marriage and how bipolar disorder and cancer affect it, *Dancing on Broken Glass* by Ka Hancock perfectly illustrates the enduring power of love. Lucy Houston and Mickey Chandler probably shouldn't have fallen in love, let alone gotten married. They're both plagued with faulty genes—he has bipolar disorder, and she has a ravaging family history of breast cancer. But when their paths cross on the night of Lucy's twenty-first birthday, sparks fly, and there's no denying their chemistry. Cautious every step of the way, they are determined to make their relationship work—and they put it all in writing. Mickey promises to take his medication. Lucy promises not to blame him for what is beyond his control. He promises honesty. She promises patience. Like any marriage, they have good days and bad days—and some very bad days. In dealing with their unique challenges, they make the heartbreaking decision not to have children. But when Lucy shows up for a routine physical just shy of their eleventh anniversary, she gets an impossible surprise that changes everything. Everything. Suddenly, all their rules are thrown out the window, and the two of them must redefine what love really is. An unvarnished portrait of a marriage that is both ordinary and extraordinary, *Dancing on Broken Glass* takes readers on an unforgettable journey of the heart.

Comeback Love

A Novel

Simon and Schuster A debut novel spanning the past half-century in New York City follows the experiences of Gordon Meyers, who decades after abandoning his literary ambitions emerges as a divorced international consultant determined to reconnect with the love of his life. Reprint. A first novel. 50,000 first printing.

The Art of Forgetting

A Novel

Penguin A moving and insightful debut novel of great friendship interrupted. Can the relationship survive when the memories are gone? Marissa Rogers never wanted to be an alpha; beta suited her just fine. Taking charge without taking credit had always paid off: vaulting her to senior editor at a glossy magazine; keeping the peace with her critical, weight-obsessed mother; and enjoying the benefits of being best friends with gorgeous, charismatic, absolutely alpha Julia Ferrar. And then Julia gets hit by a cab. She survives with minor obvious injuries, but brain damage steals her memory and alters her personality, possibly forever. Suddenly, Marissa is thrown into the role of alpha friend. As Julia struggles to regain her memory- dredging up issues Marissa would rather forget, including the fact that Julia asked her to abandon the love of her life ten years ago- Marissa's own equilibrium is shaken. With the help of a dozen girls, she reluctantly agrees to coach in an after-school running program. There, Marissa uncovers her inner confidence and finds the courage to reexamine her past and take control of her future. The Art of Forgetting is a story about the power of friendship, the memories and myths that hold us back, and the delicate balance between forgiving and forgetting.

Beginning Again

An eShort Story

Simon and Schuster A heartwarming original estory that shows that there is life—and yes, even love—after heartbreak. Things have always gone perfectly for Corrine Brown—until now. She’s separated from her husband of less than three years, and going solo to her baby sister’s wedding in Minnesota. As happy as she is for Ilsa, the weekend is long and lonely, and she’s eager to get back to her life in LA...until she realizes that her life, as

she's known it, is over. Forced to reinvent herself just when she thought was finally settled, Corrine soon learns that sometimes, the most rewarding adventures are the ones that we least expect. A continuation of the original short e-stories *All Is Bright and Love, Accidentally*, but told from the point of view of a new character, *Beginning Again* is a heartfelt take on what happens when one happily ever after fades—and another begins.

Best Friends Forever

A Novel

Simon and Schuster From New York Times bestselling author Jennifer Weiner comes "a smart, witty fairy tale for grownups" (Maureen Corrigan, NPR). Addie Downs and Valerie Adler will be best friends forever. That's what Addie believes after Valerie moves across the street when they're both nine years old. But in the wake of betrayal during their teenage years, Val is swept into the popular crowd, while mousy, sullen Addie becomes her school's scapegoat. Flash-forward fifteen years. Valerie Adler has found a measure of fame and fortune working as the weathergirl at the local TV station. Addie Downs lives alone in her parents' house in their small hometown of Pleasant Ridge, Illinois, caring for a troubled brother and trying to meet Prince Charming on the Internet. She's just returned from *Bad Date #6* when she opens her door to find her long-gone best friend standing there, a terrified look on her face and blood on the sleeve of her coat. "Something horrible has happened," Val tells Addie, "and you're the only one who can help." *Best Friends Forever* is a grand, hilarious, edge-of-your-seat adventure; a story about betrayal and loyalty, family history and small-town secrets. It's about living through tragedy, finding love where you least expect it, and the ties that keep best friends together

The Girls

Vintage Canada In Lori Lansens' astonishing second novel, readers come to know and love two of the most remarkable characters in Canadian fiction. Rose and Ruby are twenty-nine-year-old conjoined twins. Born during a tornado to a shocked teenaged mother in the hospital at Leaford, Ontario, they are raised by the nurse who helped usher them into the world. Aunt Lovey and her husband, Uncle Stash, are middle-aged and with no children of their own. They relocate from the town to the drafty old farmhouse in the country that has been in Lovey's family for generations. Joined to Ruby at the head, Rose's face is pulled to one side, but she has full use of her limbs. Ruby has a beautiful face, but her body is tiny and she is unable to walk. She rests her legs on her sister's hip, rather like a small child or a

doll. In spite of their situation, the girls lead surprisingly separate lives. Rose is bookish and a baseball fan. Ruby is fond of trash TV and has a passion for local history. Rose has always wanted to be a writer, and as the novel opens, she begins to pen her autobiography. Here is how she begins: I have never looked into my sister's eyes. I have never bathed alone. I have never stood in the grass at night and raised my arms to a beguiling moon. I've never used an airplane bathroom. Or worn a hat. Or been kissed like that. I've never driven a car. Or slept through the night. Never a private talk. Or solo walk. I've never climbed a tree. Or faded into a crowd. So many things I've never done, but oh, how I've been loved. And, if such things were to be, I'd live a thousand lives as me, to be loved so exponentially. Ruby, with her marvellous characteristic logic, points out that Rose's autobiography will have to be Ruby's as well — and how can she trust Rose to represent her story accurately? Soon, Ruby decides to chime in with chapters of her own. The novel begins with Rose, but eventually moves to Ruby's point of view and then switches back and forth. Because the girls face in slightly different directions, neither can see what the other is writing, and they don't tell each other either. The reader is treated to sometimes overlapping stories told in two wonderfully distinct styles. Rose is given to introspection and secrecy. Ruby's style is "tell-all" — frank and decidedly sweet. We learn of their early years as the town "freaks" and of Lovey's and Stash's determination to give them as normal an upbringing as possible. But when we meet them, both Lovey and Stash are dead, the girls have moved back into town, and they've received some ominous news. They are on the verge of becoming the oldest surviving craniopagus (joined at the head) twins in history, but the question of whether they'll live to celebrate their thirtieth birthday is suddenly impossible to answer. In *Rose and Ruby*, Lori Lansens has created two precious characters, each distinct and loveable in their very different ways, and has given them a world in Leaford that rings absolutely true. The girls are unforgettable. *The Girls* is nothing short of a tour de force.

The Distance Home

A Novel

Forge Books Sixteen years ago, a tragic accident cost Emma Metz her two best friends—one human and one equine. Now, following her father's death, Emma has reluctantly returned to the Maryland hometown she'd left under a cloud of guilt. Sorting through her father's affairs, Emma uncovers a history of lies tying her broken family to the one place she thought she could never return—her girlhood sanctuary, Jumping Frog Farm. Emma finds herself drawn back to the stable after all these years. It's easy to win forgiveness from a horse, but less so from her former friend Jillian, their once strong bond destroyed by secrets and betrayals. But despite Jillian's

cold reception, for the first time in years, Emma feels at home. To exorcise the past, Emma will have to release her guilt, embrace an uncertain future, and trust again in the healing power of horses. Orly Konig's *The Distance Home* is a powerful and sparkling women's fiction debut novel of second chances, friendship, and healing. At the Publisher's request, this title is being sold without Digital Rights Management Software (DRM) applied.

Hope in a Jar

A Novel

St. Martin's Press Twenty years ago, Allie Denty was the pretty one and her best friend Olivia Pelham was the smart one. Throughout high school, they were inseparable...until a vicious rumor about Olivia— a rumor too close to the truth—ended their friendship. Now, on the eve of their twentieth high school reunion, Allie, a temp worker, finds herself suddenly single, a little chubby, and feeling old. Olivia, a cool and successful magazine beauty editor in New York, realizes she's lonely, and is finally ready to face her demons. Sometimes hope lives in the future; sometimes it comes from the past; and sometimes, when every stupid thing goes wrong, it comes from a prettily packaged jar filled with scented cream and promises. Beth Harbison has done it again. A hilarious and touching novel about friendship, *Love's Baby Soft* perfume, *Watermelon Lip Smackers*, bad run-ins with Sun-In, and the healing power of "Gee Your Hair Smells Terrific." *Hope in a Jar*: we all need it.

Faker

Jove/Berkley One of Bustle's Most Anticipated Fall Releases Debut author Sarah Smith nails this fun and sexy rom-com where two office foes hammer out their differences to build a love that will last.... Emmie Echavarre is a professional faker. She has to be to survive as one of the few female employees at Nuts & Bolts, a power tool company staffed predominantly by gruff, burly men. From nine to five, Monday through Friday, she's tough as nails--the complete opposite of her easy-going real self. One thing she doesn't have to fake? Her disdain for coworker Tate Rasmussen. Tate has been hostile to her since the day they met. Emmie's friendly greetings and repeated attempts to get to know him failed to garner anything more than scowls and terse one-word answers. Too bad she can't stop staring at his Thor-like biceps... When Emmie and Tate are forced to work together on a charity construction project, things get...heated. Emmie's beginning to see that beneath Tate's chiseled exterior lies a soft heart, but it will take more than a few kind words to erase the past and convince her that what they have is real.

Catching Air

Getting away has never been so complicated 'Vermont, Kira thought, testing out the word, envisioning snowflakes drifting onto her cheeks and pine trees spreading open under an enormous blue sky. She lived in the Sunshine State, but sometimes she went days without ever glimpsing the sun.' A chance to run a bed-and-breakfast in snowy, remote Vermont - it's an offer Kira Danner can't resist after six soul-crushing years of working as a lawyer in Florida. As Kira and her husband, Peter, step into a brandnew life, she quells her fears about living with the bed-and-breakfast's co-owners: Peter's sexy, irresponsible brother Rand and Rand's wife, Alyssa . . . who is essentially a stranger. For her part, Alyssa sees taking over the bed-and-breakfast as the latest in a string of adventures. Plus, a quiet place might help her recover from the news that she can't bear children. Yet the idyllic town proves to be anything but serene: within weeks, the sisters-in-law are scrambling to prepare for their first big booking - a winter wedding - and soon a shy, mysterious woman comes to work for them. Dawn Zukoski is hiding something, that much is clear. But what the sisters-in-law don't realise is that Dawn is also hiding from someone . . .

Relatable and dynamic, *Catching Air* delves deeply into the vital relationships that give shape to women's lives. Praise for Sarah Pekkanen
 'Sarah Pekkanen is one of my favourite authors' Lisa Scottoline
 'Absolutely terrific' Jennifer Weiner
 'A pleasure' People
 'Page-turners' Marie Claire

Something to Read About

A Book Club Sampler from Simon & Schuster

Simon and Schuster Featuring favorite authors and thrilling debuts, *Something to Read About: A Book Club Sampler*, is the guide for finding your next book club read. Whether you're in the mood for something historical, contemporary, young adult, or true life these are books you and your reading group won't want to miss: *The Memory Palace: A Memoir* by Mira Bartok, *Incendiary* by Chris Cleave, *The Chemical Garden Trilogy Book One: Wither* by Lauren DeStefano, *The Red Queen* by Philippa Gregory, *Possession* by Elana Johnson, *The Dirty Life: A Memoir of Farming, Food, and Love* by Kristin Kimball, *The Butterfly's Daughter* by Mary Alice Monroe, *Skipping a Beat* by Sarah Pekkanen, and *Where Things Come Back* by John Corey Whaley. Enjoy an excerpt from each book accompanied by a collection of bonus materials intended to enrich your reading experience and book club discussion. You'll get discussion questions, suggestions for enhancing your book club, and full-length author interviews. We've even

included a special note from the author and their answer to our culinary quandary: “What would you serve at a book club discussing your own book?” Their menu suggestions range from a family recipe for the “Best Ever Refritos” to a “Royal-Tea Cocktail” and are sure to add something special to your next book group meeting. The Something to Read About sampler was created to help you discover your next won’t-be-able-to-put-it-down, can’t-wait-to-talk-about-it, all-time-favorite read. And like most of the finer things in life, these stories are meant to be shared. Enjoy!

The Lake Season

A Novel

Simon and Schuster Set in the weeks leading up to an idyllic New England wedding, this “enticing and refreshing” (Nancy Thayer, New York Times bestselling author) novel sparkles with wry wit, sweet romance, and long-kept family secrets. Iris Standish has always been the responsible older sibling: the one with the steady marriage, loving family, and sensible job. But all of a sudden, as her carefully-constructed life spins out of her control, a cryptic postcard from her estranged sister Leah arrives at the perfect time: Please Come. Iris seizes her chance to escape to her childhood lakeside home, where Leah is planning her summer wedding to a man their New Hampshire clan has never met. Against a backdrop of dress fittings, floral arrangements, and rehearsal dinners, Leah hides secrets of her own. And while her sister faces a past that has finally caught up to her, Iris prepares to say good-bye to a future that is suddenly far from certain. As new love beckons and Hampstead Lake shimmers in the background, Iris must decide when to wade in cautiously and when to dive—and, ultimately, how to ferry herself to safe harbors in this enticing novel of second chances and the ties that bind.

Come Find Me

Crown Books for Young Readers From the New York Times bestselling author of *All the Missing Girls* and *The Perfect Stranger* comes a captivating thriller about two teens who connect when each discovers a mysterious radio frequency, which suggests their family tragedies are mysteriously connected. After surviving an infamous family tragedy, sixteen-year-old Kennedy Jones has made it her mission to keep her brother's search through the cosmos alive. But then something disturbs the frequency on his radio telescope--a pattern registering where no signal should transmit. In a neighboring county, seventeen-year-old Nolan Chandler is determined to find out what really happened to his brother, who disappeared the day after Nolan had an eerie premonition. There hasn't been a single lead for two years, until Nolan picks up an odd signal--

a pattern coming from his brother's bedroom. Drawn together by these strange signals--and their family tragedies--Kennedy and Nolan search for the origin of the mysterious frequency. But the more they uncover, the more they believe that everything's connected--even their pasts--as it appears the signal is meant for them alone, sharing a message that only they can understand. Is something coming for them? Or is the frequency warning them about something that's already here?

No One Here Is Lonely

Ember Our entire lives are online, but what if the boy you love actually lives there? For fans of Adam Silvera comes a story about the future of relationships. Eden has always had two loves- her best friend, Lacey, and her crush, Will. And then, almost simultaneously, she loses them both. Will to a car accident and Lacey to the inevitable growing up and growing apart. Devastated by the holes they have left in her life, Eden finds solace in an unlikely place. Before he died, Will set up an account with In Good Company, a service that uploads voices and emails and creates a digital companion that can be called anytime, day or night. It couldn't come at a better time because, after losing Lacey--the hardest thing Eden has had to deal with--who else can she confide all her secrets to? Who is Eden without Lacey? As Eden falls deeper into her relationship with "Will," she hardly notices as her real life blooms around her. There is a new job, new friends. Then there is Oliver. He's Lacey's twin, so has always been off-limits to her, until now. He may be real, but to have him, will Eden be able to say goodbye to Will? Sarah Everett deftly captures the heartbreak of losing your best friend and discovering love in the unlikeliest of places.

Closer Than You Know

A Novel

Penguin Brad Parks delivers a riveting, emotionally powerful stand-alone domestic suspense thriller perfect for fans of *The Couple Next Door* and *What She Knew*. Disaster is always closer than you know. It was a lesson Melanie Barrick learned the hard way growing up in the constant upheaval of foster care. But now that she's survived into adulthood--with a loving husband, a steady job, and a beautiful baby boy named Alex--she thought that turmoil was behind her. Until one Tuesday evening when she goes to pick up Alex from childcare only to discover he's been removed by Social Services. And no one will say why. It's a terrifying scenario for any parent, but doubly so for Melanie, who knows the unintended horrors of what everyone coldly calls "the system." Her nightmare grows worse when she arrives home to learn her house has been raided by sheriff's deputies, who have found enough cocaine to send Melanie to prison for years. The

evidence against her is overwhelming, and if Melanie can't prove her innocence, she'll lose Alex forever. Meanwhile, assistant commonwealth's attorney Amy Kaye--who has been assigned Melanie's case--has her own troubles. She's been dogged by a cold case no one wants her to pursue: a serial rapist who has avoided detection by wearing a mask and whispering his commands. Over the years, he has victimized dozens of women. Including Melanie. Yet now her attacker might be the key to her salvation... or her undoing.

One More Day

Sourcebooks, Inc. Don't look away No one wants to be the mother whose child disappears. It's unthinkable, the stuff of nightmares. But when she turns her back to pay a parking meter, Carrie Morgan becomes that mother. Ben is gone, and more than a year later, it's clear that he is never coming back. Until he does...for just twenty-four hours, before once again vanishing from his crib without a trace. Rumors start to circulate through Carrie's small town. Whispers that she's seeing things. That her alibi doesn't quite add up. Her husband and friends start to think she's crazy. The police start to think she's guilty. As the investigation heats up, Carrie must decide what to share, and why. Because the crime is about to be solved... and her secret revealed.

The Book Charmer

Gallery Books New York Times bestselling author Karen Hawkins crafts an unforgettable story about a sleepy Southern town, two fiercely independent women, and a truly magical friendship. Sarah Dove is no ordinary bookworm. To her, books have always been more than just objects: they live, they breathe, and sometimes they even speak. When Sarah grows up to become the librarian in her quaint Southern town of Dove Pond, her gift helps place every book in the hands of the perfect reader. Recently, however, the books have been whispering about something out of the ordinary: the arrival of a displaced city girl named Grace Wheeler. If the books are right, Grace could be the savior that Dove Pond desperately needs. The problem is, Grace wants little to do with the town or its quirky residents—Sarah chief among them. It takes a bit of urging, and the help of an especially wise book, but Grace ultimately embraces the challenge to rescue her charmed new community. In her quest, she discovers the tantalizing promise of new love, the deep strength that comes from having a true friend, and the power of finding just the right book. “A mesmerizing fusion of the mystical and the everyday” (Susan Andersen, New York Times bestselling author), *The Book Charmer* is a heartwarming story about the magic of books that feels more than a little magical itself. Prepare to fall under its spell.

The Haunting of Maddy Clare

Penguin A woman of limited means and even less experience must confront a vengeful spirit in this haunting novel from the New York Times bestselling author of *The Broken Girls* and *The Sun Down Motel*. 1920s England. Sarah Piper's lonely, threadbare existence changes when her temporary agency sends her to assist an obsessed ghost hunter. Alistair Gellis—rich, handsome, and scarred by World War I—has been summoned to investigate the spirit of the nineteen-year-old maid Maddy Clare, who is said to haunt the barn where she committed suicide. Maddy hated men in life, and she will not speak to them in death. But Sarah is unprepared to confront an angry ghost—real or imagined—on her own. She's even less prepared for the arrival of Alistair's associate, rough, unsettling Matthew Ryder, also a veteran of the trenches, whose scars go deeper than Sarah can reach. Soon, Sarah is caught up in a desperate struggle. For Maddy's ghost is no hoax—she's real, she's angry, and she has powers that defy all reason. Now, Sarah and Matthew must discover who Maddy was, where she came from, and what is driving her desire for vengeance—before she destroys them all....