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A missing child sets the lives of three women on a collision course in this powerful and compelling novel by USA Today bestselling author Bette Lee Crosby. 1971. When a music festival rolls through the sleepy town of Hesterville, Georgia, the Dixon family's lives are forever changed. On the final night, a storm muffles the sound of the blaring music, and Rachel tucks her baby into bed before falling into a deep sleep. So deep, she doesn't hear the kitchen door opening. When she and her husband wake up in the morning, the crib is empty. Emily is gone. Vicki Robart is one of the thousands at the festival, but she's not feeling the music. She's feeling the emptiness over the loss of her own baby several months before. When she leaves the festival and is faced with an opportunity to fill that void, she is driven to an act of desperation that will forever bind the lives of three women. When the truth of what actually happened that fateful night is finally exposed, shattering the lives they've built, will they be able to pick up the pieces to put their families back together again? Once upon a time in China, the most beautiful and gifted women were known as "skeleton women"--the ultimate femme fatales who could bring a man to his knees, or to his doom. . . . When Camilla, a young orphan girl in Shanghai, is adopted and brought to live in luxury, it seems like a stroke of luck. But as Camilla grows to womanhood, she realizes that her "rescue" was part of gang leader Big Brother Wang's scheme. Camilla is trained in singing, dancing, knife-throwing and contortion--all to attract the attention of Wang's enemy, the ruthless Master Lung. Forced to become Master Lung's mistress, Camilla meets two other intriguing women. Shadow is a magician and rival for Master Lung's affections, while Rainbow Chang dresses like a man and wields power through her incendiary gossip column. Both pose risks to Camilla's safety and status. But an even greater danger comes in the form of Master Lung's eldest son, Jinying, who despises his father's violent lifestyle--but loves Camilla. Only by plotting to eliminate Lung can she make her escape, but at what cost? Mingmei Yip, author of Peach Blossom Pavilion and

Song of the Silk Road, has created a captivating story filled with intrigue and opulence, peopled with extraordinary characters impossible to forget. The staffers at Hope Springs Farm greet guests with smiles. But trouble brews beneath their calm demeanors. Stella faces her first crisis as an adoptive mom when a second-grade bully wreaks havoc on Jazz's life. When their beloved teacher is suspended on bogus charges, Stella takes on the principal and the president of parents' association. Ollie experiences crippling panic attacks as she struggles to cope with her parents' death. While she loves her new friends at Hope Springs, her job as wellness center manager is a pit stop on her journey of life. Her hopes soar when she discovers a vineyard for sale in the nearby town of Lovely. But there's a catch. Why is the price of the property so low? Does it have to do with the current owner's ancient feud with his neighbor. Cecily is falling in love with Parker. But she's worried it's too soon after breaking off her engagement. Lyle begs for another chance, but Cecily isn't interested. Lyle's advances become increasingly more aggressive, placing Cecily's life in danger. Presley's baby is due in a few short weeks. But she's heard nothing from her country music star husband in months. Is it possible the rumors are true? Could Everett be having an affair with his attractive young co-star? Or is he hiding a more serious problem? The exciting conclusion of the bestselling Hope Springs series where some journeys are ending while others are just beginning. The folder may include clippings, announcements, small exhibition catalogs, and other ephemeral items. Hoho wants to ride in Rintoo's new toy car immediately, but he has to wait until the car is properly assembled. The dark, scandalous, and completely twisted sequel to million-copy bestselling author Kiersten Modglin's #1 bestselling domestic thriller, THE ARRANGEMENT... First, there was the arrangement. A simple, yet salacious fix to the problems looming in their marriage. But when things took a tragic turn, Peter's and Ainsley's lives quickly fell into disarray. Now, their secrets have been exposed. They know the truth—about each other and their marriage. As they

struggle to move on from their past and the damage they've caused, new problems begin to surface. Someone they love is hiding a catastrophic secret. The fragile ground they stand on is starting to crumble. Their family is being torn apart at the seams. And, maybe worst of all, a threat from the past is lurking, ready to unveil the things they'd kill to keep hidden. They thought the nightmare they'd made it through was over, but the worst is just beginning... Once, they vowed to do anything to make their marriage work. Now, that vow will push every boundary they have left. In order to survive, they'll need to completely trust each other. But can they? Last time they did, things went terribly wrong... This time, it might be worse. If there's one thing that's certain, their secrets are too big to let anyone walk away alive. Into the Blue, the third book in Kay Bratt's By the Sea series takes you on an emotional journey filled with hope for a happily ever after. Jules Monroe is a woman whose hard work and dedication has built a rewarding life for herself and her family. Now in her late fifties, she gives selflessly to her husband, kids, community, and their charter business. But everything comes to an abrupt halt when her body says enough, and her mind yearns for respite and a place to hide from past hurts. Oldest son, Jonah Monroe, is a veteran haunted by a childhood tragedy. His past includes things he isn't proud of and can't quite shake. When his chance to be a hero finally arrives, it comes with strings attached. Will he accept the kindness of strangers to help bring his family back together, or will his demons continue to be his downfall? Maui isn't always the safe paradise it's made out to be and when ancient island superstitions threaten to rob the Monroe family yet again, they must all find a way to deter the impending disaster. Praise for Kay Bratt novels: "Kay Bratt is a masterful storyteller, and the story's pacing and descriptions of Maui left me always wanting more. Highly recommended for book clubs!" -Anita Abriel, international bestselling author of The Light After the War "A baring-of-the-soul emotional story that leaves you with a heart full of love and hope." -Carolyn Brown, New York Times

bestselling author "Kay Bratt captures a mother-daughter relationship with an authenticity rarely seen in novels." -Bette Lee Crosby, USA Today bestselling author "Book clubs will love Bratt's latest!" -Kerry Lonsdale, Amazon Charts and Wall Street Journal bestselling author "Will sweep you away until the very last page. Don't miss it." -Julianne MacLean, USA Today bestselling author "This is the kind of book that will get shared by friends and chosen by book clubs. A phenomenal story of life and love." -Karen McQuestion, bestselling author of Hello Love "Kay Bratt reminds us that there is always hope, and that home and family can be found in unexpected places." -Kerry Anne King, bestselling author of Closer Home "Book clubs will love the powerful message of this unique novel." -Barbara Claypole White, bestselling author of The Perfect Son "Kay Bratt delivers on all levels in this emotional and tense story of loss and resilience." -Emily Bleeker, Amazon Charts and Wall Street Journal bestselling author "Bratt is a master of location, it's even more of a pleasure when the ride takes place on Maui." -Lea Geller, author of Trophy Life From the bestselling author of Wish Me Home comes a breathtaking novel about the secrets that families keep and one woman's illuminating search for the truth. Quinn Maguire has a stable life, a fiancé, and what she thinks is a clear vision for her future. All of that comes undone by her mother's deathbed confession--the absentee father Quinn spent thirty years resenting is not her real father at all. With that one revealing whisper, Quinn embarks on a journey to Maui, her mother's childhood home, a storied paradise that holds the truth about her mother's past and all its secrets Quinn is determined to uncover. But settling on the island has its complications, and with the fiancé she left behind questioning every choice she makes, Quinn's quest for her truth is even more difficult than she expected. As time passes and she digs deeper into her family history and her own identity, one thing becomes clear: Maui is as beautiful as she'd always imagined, and its magic is helping uncover the woman that Quinn was always meant to be. Pam Olson and Steve Turner are childhood friends turned work colleagues--as

personal trainers at the local gym. They have a lot in common: a passion for fitness and messy divorces. After a disastrous foray into online dating, Pam joins Steve in his "no dating" pledge. What Pam and Steve can't see is that they're perfect for each other. A happily-married couple who they train recognizes the attraction between them and enlists the help of The Wishing Tree. Pam and Steve each finally agree to go on a blind date to appease the couple. Neither of them knows who they're meeting, but one thing is certain—they aren't going to admit that they're breaking their "no dating" pledge. Will tempers—or sparks—fly on Valentine's Day when Pam and Steve meet for their blind date? A nine-year-old Bronx girl is repeatedly raped and sodomized, living a nightmare until she meets a young man who changes her life. A Simon & Schuster eBook. Simon & Schuster has a great book for every reader. Yo-kai Komasan and his younger brother Komajiro are excited to explore the big city, but the more they see, the more they miss their beloved mother at home in the country. "[A] down-to-earth memoir chronicling her family's stint in the Chinese province of Shandong on the eve of the Beijing Olympics" (Publishers Weekly). When Aminta Arrington moves with her husband and three young children (including a daughter adopted from China) from suburban Georgia to Tai'an, a city where donkeys share the road with cars, the family is bewildered by seemingly endless cultural differences large and small. But with the help of new friends, they soon find their way. Full of humor and unexpectedly moving moments, Home Is a Roof Over a Pig recounts a transformative quest with a freshness that will delight. "A brutally honest and fascinating peek at life for an American family living in a foreign country. I was engrossed in the story as Arrington used her humor, and ultimately understanding and flexibility to survive, realize, and eventually love the contradictory land of China." —Kay Bratt, bestselling author of Silent Tears: A Journey of Hope in a Chinese Orphanage "The power of Aminta Arrington's Home Is a Roof Over a Pig is you can see both sides of the 'China coin' from it—something most people won't get just by traveling through, or only by

hearing about China in Western languages. Read it, it will help you dip into the real China." –Xinran, author of *The Good Women of China* "A military wife turned ESL instructor's sharp-eyed account of how the adoption of a Chinese baby girl led to her family's life-changing decision to live and work in rural China . . . Candid and heartfelt." –Kirkus Reviews

Wishes in branches tied with string. Someone's hopes. Another's dreams. Henry Harmon has been married more than sixty years to his bigger-than-life and talk-of-the-town wife, Greta, when he begins to see signs of a problem. When her diagnosis comes to light, he struggles to keep his oath of in sickness and health, and to do it alone. Say "ni hao" to Nickelodeon's newest star, Kai-lan, in *Meet Kai-lan!* In this fun story, Kai-lan and her friends are putting on a hat parade and you're invited! From the bestselling author of *Wish Me Home* comes a heart-racing tale of resilience and hope. When Sadie Harlan visits her daughter, Lauren, at her summer internship in Yosemite National Park, it seems like the perfect way to forget about her empty nest and failing marriage back home. But when the two women get lost on what's meant to be a short hike, they suddenly find themselves fighting for their lives. As they search for food, water, and civilization, they battle injury, exhaustion, and natural predators. Sadie, however, is assaulted by more than just the unforgiving elements. She lost her first child years earlier in a tragic accident, and in her sorrow, she's pushed everyone away--including her husband. Now, Sadie must face her past through a journey of love, loss, and learning to forgive herself if she and Lauren are to stand a chance at getting out of Yosemite alive. Will a mother's courage be enough to save them both? "Cleverly blends a coming-of-age tale, the story of a long-simmering mystery, and a thoughtful study of relationships between childhood friends." –Publishers Weekly

Named a Best Book of Summer by PopSugar, Coastal Living, Family Circle, and The Globe & Mail Laura and Casey were once inseparable: floating on their backs in the sunlit lake, dreaming about the future under starry skies, teaming up for the wild scavenger hunts in their California lakeside town. Until one

summer night, when a shocking betrayal sent Laura running through the pines, down the dock, and into a new life, leaving Casey and a first love in her wake. Now, after seventeen years, Laura is pulled home and into a reunion with Casey she can't resist—one last scavenger hunt. With a twist: this time, the clues lead to the settings of their most cherished summer memories. From glistening Jade Cove to the vintage skating rink, each step they take becomes a bittersweet reminder of the friendship they once shared. But just as the game brings Laura and Casey back together, the clues unravel a stunning secret that threatens to tear them apart . . . From the author of *Summer Hours* and *Lady Sunshine*, *The Summer List* is about losing and recapturing the person who understands you best—and the unbreakable bonds of girlhood. “A sparkling debut novel filled with nostalgia that will make you long for your childhood friends and carefree summer days.” —PopSugar “A vivid sense of place and characters as real as your high school besties . . . sure to please fans of Kristin Hannah and Elin Hilderbrand.” —Library Journal “A lovely debut . . . exploring themes of motherhood, daughterhood, and first love with tenderness and humor. The writing is fresh and charming.” —Booklist (starred review) “With lovable characters and a scenic small town, Doan's pleasant mix of mystery and high school nostalgia will please readers who grew up with the novels of Judy Blume.” —Publishers Weekly “An ideal summer read . . . compelling.” —The Oregonian Inspired by a true anecdote, this larger-than-life tale of a presidential mishap is brimming with humor and over-the-top illustrations. “Blast!” said Taft. “This could be bad.” George Washington crossed the Delaware in the dead of night. Abraham Lincoln saved the Union. And President William Howard Taft, a man of great stature -- well, he got stuck in a bathtub. Now how did he get unstuck? Author Mac Barnett and illustrator Chris Van Dusen bring their full comedic weight to this legendary story, imagining a parade of clueless cabinet members advising the exasperated president, leading up to a hugely satisfying, hilarious finale. An Amazon Charts bestseller. A double life with a single purpose: revenge. Jane's days at a

Midwest insurance company are perfectly ordinary. She blends in well, unremarkably pretty in her floral-print dresses and extra efficient at her low-level job. She's just the kind of woman middle manager Steven Hepsworth likes--meek, insecure, and willing to defer to a man. No one has any idea who Jane really is. Least of all Steven. But plain Jane is hiding something. And Steven's bringing out the worst in her. Nothing can distract Jane from going straight for his heart: allowing herself to be seduced into Steven's bed, to insinuate herself into his career and his family, and to expose all his dirty secrets. It's time for Jane to dig out everything that matters to Steven. So she can take it all away. Just as he did to her.

From USA Today Bestselling Author Bette Lee Crosby comes a powerful southern saga based on a true story... Betrayal and secrets tore her family apart decades ago, now a lonely widow must search for the pieces of her broken childhood.

WHEN I LAST SAW YOU Georgia, 1968 - Margaret Rose McCutcheon has just buried her husband and must now name a beneficiary for their estate in case of her demise. She is hard-pressed to do so because there is no one. No children. No family. At least none to speak of. At one time, she had two sisters and six brothers, but the lot of them were scattered to the four winds, with no one knowing where the others went. In the hope of finding at least one of her siblings, Margaret hires a detective and sets off on a journey to uncover the truth of why the family broke apart as it did.

West Virginia, 1901 - When Eliza Hobbs gives birth to her sixth child, her husband is not there to welcome his daughter into the world. No surprise, because Martin is seldom there. He works in Charleston and returns to Coal Creek only when he has a mind to. Yes, he sends money on occasion, but seldom enough to make ends meet. Although Eliza believes each new child a blessing, he sees them as yet another responsibility on his already overloaded shoulders. When he discovers another child is on the way, he demands she get rid of it. he stops returning home and there is no more money. Left with the children, a mountainside patch of land, and a house in sorry need of repair, Eliza seeks help and turns to someone powerful

enough to hold sway over Martin and force him into providing for his family. Pushed to the brink, Martin does something unforgivable and the family is forever torn apart. Now, after all these years, will Margaret be the one to find the pieces of her broken family? Two Chinese girls are best friends until they are snatched together and sold as house help, and possibly, future brides, to a family far away. The two reluctantly accept their situation, but Chloe's warrior spirit refuses to give up the hope of finding a way home. Inspired by an incredible true story of two Jewish friends who survived the Holocaust, this "heartfelt and memorable tale of family, love, resilience, and the triumph of human spirit" (Pam Jenoff, New York Times bestselling author) spans World War II from Budapest to Austria and the postwar years from Naples to Caracas, perfect for fans of *The German Girl* and *We Were the Lucky Ones*. Spring 1946: Best friends Vera Frankel and Edith Ban arrive in Naples. Refugees from Hungary, they managed to escape from a train headed for Auschwitz and spent the rest of the war hiding on an Austrian farm. Now, the two young women are starting new lives abroad. Armed with a letter of recommendation from an American officer, Vera finds work at the United States embassy where she falls in love with Captain Anton Wight. But as Vera and Edith grapple with the aftermath of the war, so too does Anton, and when he suddenly disappears, Vera is forced to change course. Their quest for a better life takes Vera and Edith from Naples to Ellis Island to Caracas as they start careers, reunite with old friends, and rebuild their lives after terrible loss. Moving, evocative, and compelling, *The Light After the War* is a timely and "unforgettable story of strength, love, and survival" (Jillian Cantor, USA TODAY bestselling author). "Some kids look just like their parents, but some don't. And sometimes only a tree house and a Daddy's dose of truth can make you see it's not what we look like on the outside, but instead the love on the inside that makes us family"--P. [4] of cover. Mia goes back to the country of her birth to search for details about her birth parents. What begins as a simple tour of the Chinese orphanage where she spent her first few

years quickly becomes complicated. Chinese officials struggle to keep the truth of her heritage buried. Mia battles the forces stacked against her and faces mystery, danger, a dash of romance and finally a conclusion that will change her life. In the fourth book of the Tales of the Scavenger's Daughters series, the fates of three people who've never met converge in profound and unexpected ways. Mari, the daughter of the town scavenger, grew up knowing hardship, but she never could have anticipated the struggles that now face her as an adult. Feeling alone and isolated, she dreams of a better life. On the other side of town, a frightened little girl named An Ni is forced to live on the streets, but she silently longs for the one thing she's never known--a family. Max, a struggling American photojournalist, arrives in China with only one goal in mind: to face his demons and put an end to his own unbearable suffering. From the bestselling author of *A Thread Unbroken* comes an emotional, hope-filled story that offers a fresh glimpse into the life of a remarkable family.

Revised edition: This edition of *Red Skies* includes editorial revisions. Coming of age during China's Cultural Revolution, Benfu survived, and he and his wife Calli attempt to build a life in the turmoil and aftermath of Maoist China. After losing their only child, they take in abandoned girls - the unwanted "weeds" - as their own, lovingly caring for them as flowers in a garden. The author shares the story of her four years as a volunteer at an orphanage in rural China, the one-child policy that created hundreds of abandoned infants, and the children she came to know, love, and care for. The pain of China's Cultural Revolution well behind them, Benfu and his treasured Calla Lily are content in their old age surrounded by their family of adopted daughters. Once abandoned, the girls are now cherished members of the Zheng family. Yet there remains an emptiness in their hearts: their only biological daughter, Dahlia, was abducted as a newborn 30 years before. When their daughter Linnea discovers an unexpected clue about what really happened to Dahlia, the elderly couple's hopes are reignited. Will their search bring their daughter back

to them, and are they ready to face the secrets of the past? Maggie Dalton was forced to uproot her entire life to protect herself and her son. Just when she thinks she's outrun her past, she'll have to face her fears in this emotional and suspenseful novel by the bestselling author of *Wish Me Home*. After a year on the move, single mom Maggie Dalton has found a safe haven with her son in Maui. It's the perfect spot to settle down now that her relentless stalker is finally behind bars. Maggie finds a new job and a new life thanks to some help from her best friend, Quinn, who urged her to come start over in paradise. But when signals suggest her stalker is back, Maggie realizes Maui might not be the safe oasis she thought. Quinn knows all about facing the past. Tenuously reunited with her biological family after thirty years, she's still coming to terms with her childhood--along with guilt, secrets, and mysteries yet to be resolved. And just as she's starting to figure out where she fits in with her family, a name from the past threatens them all. With that fear comes a choice for both women: abandon the lives they've been building on Maui, or find the courage to finally stop running and fight for the happiness they deserve. A sheltered son from an intellectual family in Shanghai, Benfu spends 1966 anticipating a promising violinist career and an arranged marriage. On the other side of town lives Pony Boy, a member of a lower-class family--but Benfu's best friend all the same. Their futures look different but guaranteed...until they're faced with a perilous opportunity to leave a mark on history. At the announcement of China's Cultural Revolution, Chairman Mao's Red Guard members begin their assault, leaving innocent victims in their wake as they surge across the country. With political turmoil at their door, both Benfu and Pony Boy must face heart-wrenching decisions regarding family, friendship, courage, and loyalty to their country during one of the most chaotic periods in history. The prequel to the beloved *Tales of the Scavenger's Daughters* series, *The Palest Ink* depicts Benfu's coming-of-age during the tumultuous years of the Cultural Revolution. In her first work of contemporary women's fiction, bestselling author Kay

Bratt draws on her own life experiences to create a raw, yet inescapably warm, novel about friendship and a wary heart's unexpected capacity to love. A hungry, stray dog is the last thing Cara Butter needs. Stranded in Georgia with only her backpack and a few dwindling dollars, she already has too much baggage. Like her twin sister, Hana, who has broken Cara's heart one too many times. After a lifetime of family troubles, and bouncing from one foster home to another, Cara decides to leave it all behind and strike out alone--on foot. Cara sets off to Florida to see the home of her literary hero, Ernest Hemingway, accompanied only by Hemi, the stray dog who proves to be the perfect travel companion. But the harrowing trip takes unexpected turns as strangers become friends who make her question everything, and Cara finds that as the journey unfolds, so does her life--in ways she could never imagine. An absorbing novel of romance and revolution, loyalty and family, sacrifice and undying love

We have three souls, or so I'd been told. But only in death could I confirm this.... So begins the haunting and captivating tale, set in 1935 China, of the ghost of a young woman named Leiyin, who watches her own funeral from above and wonders why she is being denied entry to the afterlife. Beside her are three souls--stern and scholarly yang; impulsive, romantic yin; and wise, shining hun--who will guide her toward understanding. She must, they tell her, make amends. As Leiyin delves back in time with the three souls to review her life, she sees the spoiled and privileged teenager she once was, a girl who is concerned with her own desires while China is fractured by civil war and social upheaval. At a party, she meets Hanchin, a captivating left-wing poet and translator, and instantly falls in love with him. When Leiyin defies her father to pursue Hanchin, she learns the harsh truth--that she is powerless over her fate. Her punishment for disobedience leads to exile, an unwanted marriage, a pregnancy, and, ultimately, her death. And when she discovers what she must do to be released from limbo into the afterlife, Leiyin realizes that the time for making amends is shorter than she thought. Suffused with history and literature, Three Souls

is an epic tale of revenge and betrayal, forbidden love, and the price we are willing to pay for freedom. Wishes in branches tied with string. Someone's hopes. Another's dreams. Welcome to Linden Falls, Vermont, the picturesque small town that everyone dreams of living in. Within the charming streets of a community of people who care about one another, lies the heart of the town--the infamous Wishing Tree on the downtown square. The stately Linden tree is beautiful and made even more so by the shimmer of ribbons that flutter from the sprawling branches. Tourists from all over the world flock to town and join the locals to hang ribbons of hope from the branches of the majestic tree. Some believe it's magic, others think it's old folklore, but one thing that is indisputable is that love, forgiveness, and other happily ever afters are all made possible when someone takes a chance and hangs a wish from a branch. Enjoy this peek into the quaint town of Linden Falls and the lives of its residents and guests in this prologue novella, then join a handful of bestselling, award-winning authors as they bring the Wishing Tree series alive and leave you with a feeling of peace and happiness from book to book. "A great pick for your book club this summer." --Working Mother

Crushed by guilt over the car accident that killed her father and sister, and torn apart by her mother's resentment, Darcy Goodridge fled her family estate eight years ago and hasn't looked back. Now an unexpected phone call threatens to upend what little serenity she's found. Her nephew, Emerson, who was just a baby when his mother died, has gone missing. Darcy must return home and face her past in order to save him. Once back in Ohio, Darcy realizes there's more to Emerson's disappearance--and to the sudden retirement of her mother, Rosalind--than meets the eye. As she works to make inroads with Rosalind, Darcy begins to unravel a decades-old secret that devastated her family and forced a wedge between her and Michael Varano, the man she left heartbroken when she vanished after the funeral. After carrying the scars of that fateful night for almost a decade, Darcy is determined to find closure, healing, and maybe even love where she lost them all in the first

place--right back home where she belongs. Sixteen-year-old Willow is strong, courageous, but weary of being under control of those in charge of the orphanage. Though she is used to being forgotten, she's grown tired of being labeled as unwanted. The years have been hard on her, making it impossible to get close to anybody, except for her best friend Kai who has made it all bearable. When bureaucracy threatens to tear them apart, Willow and Kai make a run for it. The only problem is, they aren't alone. They'll have to figure out if their excess baggage--a sassy girl who holds an extra chromosome--will be the glue that keeps them together as they navigate street life, or the obstacle that jeopardizes their newfound freedom. A fascinating look into modern day orphanage life and what it's like to feel as though you belong to no one, Kay Bratt's novel, *Somewhere Beautiful*, is the first in the two-book *Life of Willow* series. In *Somewhere Beautiful*, Bratt weaves a story of loss and loyalty that will have you following three teens as they battle their way through life's obstacles in the search for the always elusive happily ever after. Join Stick Cat and his incomparable sidekick Edith on another dangerous, epic, and hilarious rescue mission in Tom Watson's *Stick Cat: Cats in the City!* With over-the-top fun and humor, this scrumptious story features Tom Watson's trademark laughs, adventure, and hilarious stick-figure drawings, perfect for fans of the *Stick Dog*, *Big Nate*, *Timmy Failure*, and *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* books. Stick Cat is going somewhere he's never been before--his best friend Edith's apartment. It's got everything: donut crumbs in the sink, a fire escape, and a window with a great view of the big city. While admiring the view, Stick Cat sees trouble. Hazel, the bagel maker, is in serious danger in the building across the alley. Stick Cat will use his smarts--and Edith's appetite--to devise a rescue plan. But can Hazel hang on long enough for this dynamic duo to save her? Even reluctant readers gobble up the *Stick Cat* and *Stick Dog* books! Amy Tucker is struggling to put her life back together following the death of her mother. The loss has left the eighteen-year-old heartbroken, and she doesn't know if her world will ever be whole again.

Meanwhile, in Seabrook, a small town famous for its haunted lighthouse, Ryan Porter lives a simple but busy life, maintaining the ranch which he shares with his father. Separated by hundreds of miles, yet drawn to each other by forces they can't understand, Amy and Ryan spend a magical day together and quickly forge a deep connection. But all is not what it seems in Seabrook and when strange events begin happening around town, they question if their meeting really was an accident at all. Trusting in themselves and in each other, they attempt to unravel the mystery of why fate has brought them together, and in doing so they embark on an unforgettable journey of self-discovery, a journey that leads straight to the heart of Seabrook's mysterious lighthouse where they uncover the most shocking secret of all... a secret that will change the course of their lives forever. The third audiobook of the Tales of the Scavenger's Daughters series, *Bitter Winds* follows the saga of Chinese couple Benfu and Calli, and the abandoned young women in their care. Even after a decade of pain, Ivy remains closely tethered to Lily--her blind twin sister--and haunted by her mother's admission the night their home burned, almost taking Lily's life: "I'm sorry. Take care of your sister." Years later, as Lily begins to navigate the world on her own, the police mistakenly toss the blind girl in a cell, and Ivy realizes she must find her twin at all costs...even if that means risking her own freedom. After Benfu and Calli's long-lost daughter, Li Jin, finally reunited with her birth parents, she opened a shelter for unwanted children, turning her fortunes from destitution and abuse to family and fulfillment. But her friend Sami remains consumed by bitterness--and Li Jin soon realizes she needs to make a difficult choice between helping someone from the past or nurturing her own future. Alfred David and Mary Elizabeth Meek have compiled a collection of fairy tales that ranges from the Grimm brothers' inimitable recreations of archetypal folktales to the modern prose charm of James Thurber's *Many Moons*. The appeal of the stories is wide and varied: the refined intelligence of Perrault, the wondrous imagination of Andersen, the descriptive power of Ruskin,

the bittersweet melancholy of Wilde. These are but a few of the artists represented in this remarkably inclusive selection of works from Germany, Russia, France, Scandinavia, England, and America. Many are in new translations in the modern idiom and all testify eloquently to the unceasing vitality of this literary genre.

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