# **Never Too Late Cathy Kelly**

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Explore the heartwarming world of Cathy Kelly's 'Never Too Late', a captivating novel that beautifully explores themes of new beginnings, second chances, and finding happiness at any stage of life. Dive into a story rich with relatable characters and uplifting messages, perfect for fans of contemporary women's fiction seeking a hopeful and inspiring read by Cathy Kelly.

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# **Never Too Late**

A lot can happen in a year - and Evie, Cara and Olivia are about to find out just how much... Evie is a hopeless romantic who's never had a chance to do her own thing, and deep down she knows that marrying Simon isn't going to help. Her sister Cara's a walking disaster when it comes to relationships, and she's not much better in the workplace either. And her best friend Olivia can't quite bring herself to admit that she's married to the wrong man - after all, what would she do without him? When they go home for Christmas, Evie's father announces that he's getting remarried. That shouldn't change anything - but then they don't know who they're going to meet at the wedding...

## The Perfect Holiday

An exclusive short story for World Book Day from bestselling author Cathy Kelly

# Once in a Lifetime

Barbara Fisk has lived a lifetime of adventure in the beautiful wilderness of the Pacific Northwest. An artist, musician and airplane pilot, she once played mother to an orphaned bear cub! Come join her in her 'garden of the mind' and relive those wonderful moments which can only happen once in a lifetime!

#### Past Secrets

They all hide secrets that won't go away.... From the outside, the welcoming, garden-adorned houses of Summer Street are the picture of Irish charm. But on the inside, unexpected and heartbreaking secrets swirl. At house number thirty-two, hardworking, single-mother Faye Reid conceals the truth about her marriage from her fiery daughter, Amber. But Amber, a budding artist, also hides something from her all-too-trusting mother: a relationship with a rock star hopeful for whom she plans to throw away her future. And at number forty-eight, Maggie Maguire arrives at her childhood home to help her sick mother, a welcome distraction from the life she left behind and the startling secret she's hiding --

from herself. And only become harder to keep... At thirty-four Summer Street, wise and kind Christie Devlin has the remarkable ability to see into the lives and hearts of others -- and may have the answers when her neighbors' carefully hidden secrets bubble to the surface. But when Christie's own past comes back to haunt her -- posing a threat to her picture-perfect marriage -- this time the answers aren't as clear.

# Letter from Chicago

An original short fiction by a popular writer of novels for young women Witty novella from a seasoned storyteller on competition between sisters. Elsie and Maisie live on opposite sides of the Atlantic. Regular letter writers, they tend to boast about their respective families. Over time, the gulf between fact and fiction grows immense, until a letter arrives from Chicago saying that Maisie's granddaughter is coming to stay with her Irish family. With no fancy house and little in the way of luxury, Elsies working-class family sets to work on inventive interior design and the truth.

#### Lessons in Heartbreak

You can take the girl out of Ireland... Izzie Silver -- a warmhearted Irishwoman with a mane of chestnut hair and a zest for life -- is a New York success story, a highly successful booking agent at a top-notch modeling agency. But while she dreams of starting an agency for plus-sized models, at heart she's still the convent schoolgirl from the exquisite Irish coastal town of Tamarin. Which is why falling in love with a married man is something Izzie couldn't possibly imagine herself doing -- until it happens. And it's something she feels she could never tell her beloved family. ...but you 'll never take Ireland out of the girl. Meanwhile, back in Tamarin, there's heartache, too. Izzie's aunt Anneliese is trying to hide her pain at her husband's betrayal of their marriage. And Lily -- family matriarch and still feisty despite being nearly ninety -- is taken ill. In her hospital bed, she reveals a tantalizing hint of a secret she has kept for decades, from her time as a 1930s servant girl at the local big house, before she ran off to London during World War Two to train as a nurse. Will the family be torn apart by the secrets they can't reveal...or will they have the courage to share their heartbreak and their joy?

#### What She Wants

Ireland's #1 bestselling author Cathy Kelly weaves a heartwarming tale about a group of friends who discover that when life gets comfortable, unexpected surprises are just around the corner. Do you know what you'll be doing next year? Three friends—Hope, Sam, and Virginia—all thought they did. Hope would still be slogging it out as a working mom, snatching quality time with husband Marc and her two small children. Her sister Sam was going to be the acclaimed boss of a record label, turning heads as the toughest, most brilliant music mogul around. Virginia would be planning her dream retirement home with her beloved husband Bill and doting on their little granddaughter. But destiny had other plans for them. Suddenly everything drastically changes for each of the three women, and they have to look deep within themselves to find out what they really want from life. And in surviving the turmoil ahead, they will discover that a loving family and good friends make all the difference....

# Homecoming

From #1 bestselling Irish author Cathy Kelly comes a witty, warmhearted novel about friendship, forgiveness, and second chances... They say you can't go home again, and truth be told, Eleanor Levine never planned to. Yet here she is, back in Ireland after a lifetime in New York, moving her treasured possessions—including her mother's handwritten book of recipes for living—into a cozy Dublin apartment. With its picturesque Georgian villas, redbrick houses, and central garden, the Golden Square is just large enough for anonymity. At least, that's what actress Megan Bouchier hopes, when a tabloid scandal sends her fleeing the paparazzi, back to the place she felt safest as a child. Rae, manager of the local café, has noticed the lovely, sad-eyed girl. There's little Rae doesn't notice, and every customer feels nourished by her food and her kindness, yet Rae's own secret remains hidden. Connie O'Callaghan—with her fortieth birthday looming—has a secure teaching job, an abundance of blessings...and a deep-seated loneliness only her new neighbor Eleanor understands. And as the lives of the four women intertwine, each in her own way is learning about love, letting go—and that finding your way can lead to the last place you expected.

#### Someone Like You

From the No. 1 international bestseller Cathy Kelly, a novel of love and longing, wishes and yearning.

# Secrets of a Happy Marriage

Bess is happy and in love with her new husband Edward, a recent widow. However, when she plans a big celebration for Edward's birthday, this May-December romance goes into a tailspin. She quickly realizes that joining a family isn't going to be as easy as she thought. Especially when it comes to getting along with her step-daughter, Jojo who can't seem to come to terms with her fathers new marriage, all the while battling inner-demons of her own. Jojo relies on her cousin Cari a fierce career-woman who isn't unnerved by anything except for facing the man who left her at the alter--the man who Bess invited to the party. Thanks to laughter, tears and a big surprise, the Brannigans might just discover the secrets of a happy marriage. . . But will they find out before it's too late?

## Always and Forever

The warm and engaging new novel from the bestselling author of BEST OF FRIENDS.

## Woman to Woman

The number one bestselling author's first novel.Best friends Jo Ryan and Aisling Moran have it all. As a fashion journalist with an Irish glossy magazine, Jo has a great career, independence and a drop-dead gorgeous boyfriend. Aisling is deliriously happy with her brilliant editor husband, two beautiful ten-year-old sons and a home she's rag-rolled and stencilled to within an inch of its life. But all that's about to change. One Friday morning, Aisling finds a receipt for expensive lingerie in her husband's suit pocket and Jo finds a blue line on her blue-for-positive pregnancy testing kit...By Friday night, it's all over - or has it only just begun?

# Please Don't Take My Baby

'I'm going to love my baby and give her lots of attention,' Jade said. 'I'll show my mum she's wrong.' Jade, 17, is pregnant, homeless and alone when she's brought to live with Cathy. Jade is desperate to keep her baby, but little more than a child herself, she struggles with the responsibilities her daughter brings.

# The Honey Queen

Can she find the strength to help the family she never knew she had?

# Secrets of a Happy Marriage

The Sunday Times Number 3 Bestseller 'Wise, warm, compassionate and full of characters I loved ... it's like having a great gossip with your best friends' Marian Keyes A family gathering, a moment of celebration, a time to come together - and fall apart... Recently married Bess should be blissfully happy, but as she plans a party for her husband, the cracks are beginning to show. Jojo, Bess's stepdaughter, has a point to make: Bess has swept into her father's life but she won't ever replace Jojo's late beloved mother. Cousin Cari is a strong career-woman who isn't unnerved by anything - apart from facing the man who left her at the altar - and he's on the guest list. As the party brings them all together, can the Brannigans discover the secrets of a happy marriage before it is too late? Everyone loves Cathy Kelly: 'This top-notch storyteller once again cuts to the quick of modern women's lives and their relationships' Woman & Home 'Entertaining, moving and as vivid as a screenplay' Irish Independent 'A heart-warming story about family, love and loss' The Lady 'Love, laughter, tears and understanding are the perfect ingredients for a fabulous read' Sun 'An involving, heart-warming read about family, friends, love and disappointment' Fanny Blake, Sunday Express Magazine

## The Year that Changed Everything

'Warm, witty and wise' Marian Keyes Three women, three birthdays, one year that will change everything... Ginger isn't spending her thirtieth the way she would have planned. Tonight might be the first night of the rest of her life - or a total disaster. Sam is finally pregnant after years of trying. When her waters break on the morning of her fortieth birthday, she panics: forget labour, how is she going to be a mother? Callie is celebrating her fiftieth at a big party in her Dublin home. Then a knock at the door mid-party changes everything... Treat yourself to the heartwarming and life-affirming new story

from international bestseller Cathy Kelly \*\*\* Everyone loves Cathy Kelly: 'This book is full of joy - and I devoured every page of it gladly' - Milly Johnson 'Filled with nuggets of wisdom, compassion and humour, Cathy Kelly proves, yet again, that she knows everything there is to know about women' - Patricia Scanlan 'Packed with Cathy's usual magical warmth' - Sheila O'Flanagan 'A lovely story of life and change' - Prima 'Comforting and feel-good, the perfect treat read' - Good Housekeeping

#### Irish Girls About Town

An anthology of sixteen short stories about family, friendship, and love features contributions from popular Irish women authors.

## Best of Friends

Abby's TV career is taking off and now she and her husband, Tom, can have the life they've dreamed of in the lovely town of Dunmore. But after 17 years of marriage, when you're feeling taken for granted, an old boyfriend can spell danger.

#### Other Women

Don't miss the stunning new novel from Cathy Kelly about sisterhood, love & friendship - The Wedding Party is available to pre-order now! 'A burst of warmth and wit, twists and turns' MARIAN KEYES 'This is Cathy Kelly on top form writing about warm, believable women with real, messy lives' RACHEL HORE 'Other Women captures the stories of three modern women... A real feel-good read' HEAT 'The brilliant storyteller is back with another perfectly concocted tale' OK! --- Three women. Three secrets. Three tangled lives... Sid wears her independence like armour. So when she strikes up a rare connection with unlucky-in-love Finn, they are both determined to prove that men and women can just be friends. Can't they? Marin has the perfect home, attentive husband, two beloved children - and a secret addiction to designer clothes. She knows she has it all, so why can't she stop comparing herself to other women? Bea believes that we all have one love story - and she's had hers. Now her life centres around her son, Luke, and her support group of fierce single women. But there's something that she can't tell anyone... With her inimitable warmth and wisdom, Cathy Kelly shows us that in the messy reality of marriage, family, and romance, sometimes it's the women in our lives who hold us together. ------------------Praise for Cathy Kelly's irresistibly comforting storytelling: 'Honest, funny, clever, it sparkles with witty, wry observations on modern life. I loved it' - Marian Keyes 'This book is full of joy - and I devoured every page of it gladly' - Milly Johnson 'Filled with nuggets of wisdom, compassion and humour, Cathy Kelly proves, yet again, that she knows everything there is to know about women' - Patricia Scanlan 'Packed with Cathy's usual magical warmth' - Sheila O'Flanagan 'Comforting and feel-good, the perfect treat read' - Good Housekeeping 'With nuanced and believable characters, each grappling with complex, messy lives, the drama explodes from the first two pages of Other Women and doesn't let up until the final chapter' - Carmel Harrington

#### Never Let Me Go

\*\*OVER 1 MILLION COPIES SOLD\*\* SHORTLISTED FOR THE BOOKER PRIZE 'Brilliantly executed.' MARGARET ATWOOD 'A page-turner and a heartbreaker.' TIME 'Masterly.' SUNDAY TIMES One of the most acclaimed novels of the 21st Century, from the Nobel Prize-winning author Kazuo Ishiguro imagines the lives of a group of students growing up in a darkly skewed version of contemporary England. Narrated by Kathy, now thirty-one, Never Let Me Go dramatises her attempts to come to terms with her childhood at the seemingly idyllic Hailsham School and with the fate that has always awaited her and her closest friends in the wider world. A story of love, friendship and memory, Never Let Me Go is charged throughout with a sense of the fragility of life. 'Exquisite.' GUARDIAN 'A feat of imaginative sympathy.' NEW YORK TIMES What readers are saying: 'A book I will return to again and again, and one that keeps me thinking even after finishing it.' 'I loved it, every single word of it.' 'It took me wholly by surprise.' 'Utterly beautiful.' 'Essentially perfect.'

## Between Sisters

 

## Always and Forever

When the going gets tough... In the Irish town of Carrickwell, with its lush, endlessly rolling hills and authentic country tranquility, three women's lives are anything but calm. There's Mel, a compulsively ambitious mother/publicity manager at a high-powered PR firm -- living proof that balancing mother-hood and a full-time job is no walk in the park. The hot-headed, indomitable Cleo, just out of college with a degree in hotel management, would like nothing better than to modernize and revive her family's dwindling hotel -- but faces a constant battle with her old-fashioned parents. And finally, there's the stylish, sweet-tempered Daisy, a self-consciously curvy fashion buyer for an upscale clothing boutique, who has been struggling -- and longing -- to have a baby with her absolutely perfect boyfriend. Although unconnected, these three women have one thing in common: they all need a break from their stressful lives. ...these tough gals hit the nearest spa! So each one sets out for a little R & R at the new Clouds Hill spa, built by an American woman with her own secret turmoil. It is there that Mel, Cleo, and Daisy meet -- their worlds and troubles colliding -- forming an intimate bond that helps them to realize what matters most in life, always and forever.

# The Family Gift

'Honest, funny, clever, it sparkles with witty, wry observations on modern life. I loved it' Marian KeyesThe greatest gift of all...Freya Abalone's life looks perfect from the outside: big family, dream career and a gorgeous new home. But she can't stop thinking that something is missing, that maybe she's not good enough...And now Freya's happy, blended family is about to be turned upside-down. For years Freya has raised her husband's daughter as her own, but now her glamorous, party-loving birth mother, Elisa, has crashed back into their lives. If there's one thing that Freya's sure of, it's that her family is the greatest gift of all - and when life gives you lemons, you throw them right back!

## The Ultimate Comfort Bundle

'Wise, warm, compassionate... like having a great gossip with your best friends' Marian Keyes Between Sisters Meet the women of Delaney Square . . . Cassie has spent her married life doing everything right, but it's left her so exhausted that 'wine o'clock' comes a little earlier each afternoon. Her sister Coco runs a vintage dress shop and has always shied away from commitment - until a face from her past returns. Then there's Elsa, the polished face of daytime TV. She's battled demons of her own in the past and come out on top, but her latest fight will require more bravery than anything which has come before. And watching over them is grandmother Pearl, tucked away in her little house in Delaney Square. But something is keeping her awake at night. Was she right to do what she did all those years ago...? Secrets of a Happy Marriage Love. Family. Happy ever after...? Recently married Bess should be blissfully happy, but as she plans a party for her husband, the cracks are beginning to show. Jojo, Bess's stepdaughter, has a point to make: Bess has swept into her father's life but she won't ever replace Jojo's late beloved mother. Cousin Cari is a strong career-woman who isn't unnerved by anything - apart from facing the man who left her at the altar - and he's on the guest list. As the party brings them all together, can the Brannigans discover the secrets of a happy marriage before it's too late? The Family Gift The greatest gift of all... Freya Abalone's life looks perfect from the outside: big family, dream career and a gorgeous new home. But she can't stop thinking that something is missing, that maybe she's not good enough... And now Freya's happy, blended family is about to be turned upside-down. For years Freya has raised her husband's daughter as her own, but now her glamorous, party-loving birth mother, Elisa, has crashed back into their lives. If there's one thing that Freya's sure of, it's that her family is the greatest gift of all - and when life gives you lemons, you throw them right back!

## It Started With Paris

"A warm hearted story of the inevitable rollercoaster of romantic love... and the more important task of loving one's self" from #1 international bestselling author Cathy Kelly (Elin Hilderbrand). At the top of the Eiffel Tower, a young man proposes to his girlfriend. In that second, everything changes, not just for the happy couple, but for the family and friends awaiting their return in Ireland. Leila's been nursing a broken heart since her husband suddenly left her, but she's determined to put on a brave face for the bride. Vonnie, a widow, has finally dared to let love back into her life, but a curveball arises that puts another's safety at risk. And Grace, a school principal, finds that her son's impending union brings her ex-husband back into her daily life, and starts to ponder past decisions and wonder if her divorce was in fact a mistake. As these three women gather around the young couple to prepare for the wedding, they'll each have to address their own demons and find a way to move forward, whatever the cost. \*Includes reading group guide

#### A Time for Friends

From the #1 internationally bestselling author comes her next heartwarming and comforting Irish-set novel about the complexities of lifelong friendship, perfect for fans of Maeve Binchy and Cathy Kelly. When are the boundaries of friendship pushed too far, and when is it time to stop flying over oceans for someone who wouldn't jump over a puddle for you? There comes a time when Hilary Hammond has to make that call. Hilary and Colette O'Mahony have been friends since childhood, but when irrepressible Jonathan Harpur breezes into Hilary's life and goes into business with her, Colette is not pleased. After their first encounter, Colette thinks he's a "pushy upstart" while he thinks she's "a snobby little diva." And so the battle lines are drawn—and Hilary is square in the middle. But as the years roll by and each of them is faced with difficult times and tough decisions, one thing is clear: to have a friend you must be a friend.

#### She's the One

Cathy Kelly's second novel became an instant bestseller. Meet Dee - an agony aunt on an Irish newspaper, with more problems than her readers. She's engaged to Gary, but he's far from perfect and his mother is driving her crazy... Now meet Isabel - her husband has just lost everything in a business deal and Isabel has gone home to Dublin with their two teenage girls. Getting the job as women's editor on the paper would be a dream come true for both women, but they can't both get what they want...or can they?

#### The Particulars of Peter

From one of the Internet's most original voices, an utterly charming, big-hearted, and witty (Jami Attenberg) journey through the odd corners of obsessive dog ownership and the author's own infatuation with her perfect dog Peter, now in paperback. The author met Peter in the spring of 2017. He -- calm, puppy-eyed, with the heart of a poet and the soul of, also, a poet -- came to her first as a foster. He was unable to stay with his previously assigned foster for reasons that are none of your business, but which we will tell you were related to frequent urination. The rescue needed someone free of the sort of responsibilities that would force her to regularly leave the house for either work or socializing, and a writer was the natural choice. Thus began a love story for the ages. The Particulars of Peter is a funny exploration of the joy found in loving a dog so much it makes you feel like you're going to combust, and the author's potentially codependent relationship with her own sweet dog, Peter. Readers will follow Peter and his owner to Woofstock, the largest outdoor festival for dogs in North America, and accompany them to lessons in Canine Freestyle, a sport where dogs perform a routine set to music, creating the illusion that they're dancing with their owners. From learning about Peter's DNA, to seeing if dogs can sense the presence of ghosts. The Particulars of Peter will give readers a smart, entertaining respite from the harsh world of humans into the funny little world of dogs. Readers will accompany this lovable duo through exciting trips, lessons, quiet moments of connection, and probably a failure or two. By fusing memoir and infotainment, The Particulars of Peter promises to refresh the perennially popular dog lit category in a scrumptiously bighearted barnstormer of a book.

## Ask a Manager

'I'm a HUGE fan of Alison Green's "Ask a Manager" column. This book is even better' Robert Sutton, author of The No Asshole Rule and The Asshole Survival Guide 'Ask A Manager is the book I wish I'd had in my desk drawer when I was starting out (or even, let's be honest, fifteen years in)' - Sarah Knight, New York Times bestselling author of The Life-Changing Magic of Not Giving a F\*ck A witty,

practical guide to navigating 200 difficult professional conversations Ten years as a workplace advice columnist has taught Alison Green that people avoid awkward conversations in the office because they don't know what to say. Thankfully, Alison does. In this incredibly helpful book, she takes on the tough discussions you may need to have during your career. You'll learn what to say when: · colleagues push their work on you - then take credit for it · you accidentally trash-talk someone in an email and hit 'reply all' · you're being micromanaged - or not being managed at all · your boss seems unhappy with your work · you got too drunk at the Christmas party With sharp, sage advice and candid letters from real-life readers, Ask a Manager will help you successfully navigate the stormy seas of office life.

#### Never Greener

THE NUMBER ONE SUNDAY TIMES BESTSELLER, PICKED FOR THE ZOE BALL TV BOOK CLUB 'Ruth Jones is excellent on human nature and why we make the mistakes we do. I felt for every character. Unputdownable.' Jojo Moyes The past has a habit of tracking us down. And tripping us up. When Kate was twenty-two, she had an intense and passionate affair with a married man, Callum, which ended in heartbreak. Kate thought she'd never get over it. Seventeen years later, life has moved on - Kate, now a successful actress, is living in London, married to Matt and mother to little Tallulah. Meanwhile Callum and his wife Belinda are happy together, living in Edinburgh and watching their kids grow up. The past, it would seem, is well and truly behind them all. But then Kate meets Callum again. And they are faced with a choice: to walk away from each other . . . or to risk finding out what might have been. Second chances are a rare gift in life. But that doesn't mean they should always be taken . . . - In her unmissable debut, actress and screenwriter Ruth Jones shows us the dangers of trying to recapture that which was once lost and failing to realise the beauty of what we already have. Praise for Ruth Jones: 'I love books about gnarly, messy relationships and this one kept me gripped from the beginning. A great read.' Jane Fallon 'Heart-rending, provocative and astutely written, Never Greener is a love story about getting what you want and losing everything you need. Ruth's characters will stay with me for a long time.' Cathy Bramley 'Easy to read and full of laughter - and truth.' Daily Mail Readers have fallen in love with Never Greener: \*\*\*\*\* 'Loved this book from start to finish.' \*\*\*\*\* 'I fell in love with all the characters and could not put it down.' \*\*\*\*\* 'Brilliantly written, laugh-out-loud hilarious yet tear-jerking.' \*\*\*\*RUTH'S BRILLIANT NEW NOVEL LOVE UNTOLD IS AVAILABLE TO PRE-ORDER NOW. COMING IN 2022\*\*\*\*

#### The Mistletoe Matchmaker

Beloved author Felicity Hayes-McCoy returns with an enchanting, cozy new novel, perfect for fans of Jenny Colgan, Nina George, and Nancy Thayer—It's Christmas in Ireland, and when Cassie Fitzgerald arrives from Toronto to visit her grandparents, she learns that it's never too late to come home. "The perfect winter heart-warmer."—Cathy Kelly, bestselling author of Between Sisters and Secrets of a Happy Marriage The days are turning colder, preparations are under way for the Winter Fest, and everyone is hoping for a little holiday magic on the Finfarran peninsula. And as Cassie Fitzgerald, fresh from Toronto, is about to discover, there's more to the holidays on the west coast of Ireland than mistletoe and mince pies. Enchanted by the small town where her dad was born, Cassie makes friends and joins local librarian Hanna Casey's writing group in Lissbeg Library. But the more she's drawn into the festivities leading up to her first Irish Christmas, the more questions she wants to ask. Why does her sweet-tempered grandmother Pat find it so hard to express her feelings? What's going on between Pat and her miserly husband Ger? What happened in the past between the Fitzgeralds and Hanna's redoubtable mother Mary Casey? And what about Shay: handsome, funny, smart, and intent on making Cassie's stay as exciting as he can. Could he be the one for her? As Christmas Eve approaches, it's Cassie, the outsider, who reminds Lissbeg's locals that love, family, and friendship bring true magic to the season. But will her own, fractured family rediscover the joys of coming home?

## Under a Greek Moon

The escapist Sunday Times bestselling debut from the nation's best loved TV presenter, Carol Kirkwood. 'Loved it! It sizzles with secrets and passion. A real page turner!' Jo Thomas 'Utterly engaging, deliciously escapist, with a heart as warm as its author's' Cathy Kelly, bestselling author of The Family Gift

#### Call of the Penguins

Meet the heroine everyone's talking about . . . Fiercely resilient and impeccably dressed, Veronica McCreedy has lived an incredible 87 years. Most of them alone, in her huge house by the sea. But Veronica has recently discovered a late-life love for family and friendship, adventure and wildlife. More specifically, a love for penguins! And so when she's invited to co-present a wildlife documentary, far away in the southern hemisphere, she jumps at the chance. Even though it will put her in the spotlight, just when she thought she would soon fade into the wings. Perhaps it's never too late to shine?

# Writing Your Story's Theme

Theme Is What Your Story Is Really AboutTheme-the mysterious cousin of plot and character. Too often viewed as abstract rather than actionable, theme is frequently misunderstood and left to chance. Some writers even insist theme should not be purposefully implemented. This is unfortunate, because in many ways theme is story. Theme is the heart, the meaning, the point. Nothing that important should be overlooked. Powerful themes are never incidental. They emerge from the conjunction of strong plots and resonant character arcs. This means you can learn to plan and implement theme. In doing so, you will deepen your ability to write not only stories that entertain, but also stories that stay with readers long after the end. Writing Your Story's Theme will teach you:?How to create theme from plot and character.?Why every supporting character and subplot should enhance the theme.?How to prevent theme from seeming preachy or "on the nose."?What to consider in identifying the best theme for any given story.?And much more!Conscious mastery of theme will elevate every story you write and allow you to craft fiction of depth and meaning. Take Control of Your Story Via a Powerful Implementation of Theme

# Whoa, Baby!

When global pop star Kelly Rowland became a mom for the first time, giving birth to her son Titan, she felt the most incredible love she had ever experienced. But after spending nine months so focused on the baby growing inside her, she was caught completely off guard by how much she had changed. Like many first-time moms, she was not ready for what had happened to her body and for so many overwhelming new thoughts and emotions. She wondered: Will I Ever Walk Again? Will I Ever Sleep Again? Are My Boobs Always Going to Be Like This? Rowland had questions about everything from postpartum bleeding, skin and hair changes, and dealing with aches and pains to getting back in shape and sex after baby. She also weighed the larger notions about what she wanted out of motherhood and the rest of her life. It was a good thing that Rowland's longtime OB/GYN Dr. Tristan Emily Bickman was right there to answer every single crazy question that popped into her head. Nothing fazed Dr. Bickman and she provided Rowland with the answers she so desperately needed, telling her over and over that, in the months after a woman gives birth, nothing is exactly strange, but nothing is necessarily normal either. It's all just part of the "miracle" of birth. In Whoa, Baby! Rowland and Dr. Bickman team up to share this reassuring information with new moms everywhere. Often hilarious and always down-to-earth, Rowland and Dr. Bickman cover every surprising challenge that new moms face.

# Searching For Caleb

Discover Pulitzer Prize-winning, Sunday Times bestselling author Anne Tyler's deeply personal American historical epic. Duncan Peck is a restless man, always on the move. His wife, Justine, is a fortune teller who can't remember the past. Her grandfather, Daniel, longs to find the brother who walked out of his life in 1912 never to be seen again. All three are taking journeys that lead back to the family's deepest roots, to a place where rebellion and acceptance have the haunting power to merge into one... \*\*ANNE TYLER HAS SOLD OVER 8 MILLION BOOKS WORLDWIDE\*\* 'Anne Tyler takes the ordinary, the small, and makes them sing' Rachel Joyce 'She knows all the secrets of the human heart' Monica Ali 'A masterly author' Sebastian Faulks 'I love Anne Tyler. I've read every single book she's written' Jacqueline Wilson

## What Women Want

A heartwarming and witty novel about female friendships and how they will outlast any man from the author of The Secrets Women Keep

## **Book Love**

Describes why secondary students don't read, and offers teachers practical advice and strategies for developing depth, stamina, and passion in adolescent readers.

# Let's Pretend This Never Happened

The #1 New York Times bestselling (mostly true) memoir from the hilarious author of Furiously Happy. "Gaspingly funny and wonderfully inappropriate."—O, The Oprah Magazine When Jenny Lawson was little, all she ever wanted was to fit in. That dream was cut short by her fantastically unbalanced father and a morbidly eccentric childhood. It did, however, open up an opportunity for Lawson to find the humor in the strange shame-spiral that is her life, and we are all the better for it. In the irreverent Let's Pretend This Never Happened, Lawson's long-suffering husband and sweet daughter help her uncover the surprising discovery that the most terribly human moments—the ones we want to pretend never happened—are the very same moments that make us the people we are today. For every intellectual misfit who thought they were the only ones to think the things that Lawson dares to say out loud, this is a poignant and hysterical look at the dark, disturbing, yet wonderful moments of our lives. Readers Guide Inside

## Happy Ever After

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