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New York Times bestselling  
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shares insights into the writing  
and publishing process of her

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latest historical fiction novel, The Exiles.

From the #1 New York Times bestselling author of Orphan Train comes a novel about friendship

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and the memories that haunt us. On the night of her high school graduation, Kathryn Campbell sits around a bonfire with her four closest friends, including the beautiful but erratic Jennifer. "I'll be fine," Jennifer says, as she walks away from the dying

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embers and towards the darkness of the woods. She never came back. Ten years after Jennifer's unexplained disappearance, Kathryn is a grad-school dropout living in Virginia, stuck in a dead-end writing job and marriage. She has few close friends; most

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people have learned not to depend on her. When she decides to leave her husband, she ships her boxes to her mother's house in Bangor, Maine. She has nowhere else to go. When Kathryn returns home, her former classmates are preparing for their

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ten-year reunion. Old questions about graduation night surface. Jennifer begins to dominate Kathryn's life, just as she did in high school. Enigmatic and troubled, Jennifer had always depended on Kathryn's devotion and asked for sacrifices. A decade

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after Jennifer walked into the woods alone, Kathryn decides that she must follow her friend's lead, one last time. Involving herself in the daily rhythms of small-town life, Kathryn begins an investigation into her past. She renews contacts with old friends



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and teachers, using her skills as a journalist to reconstruct the life that she and Jennifer shared.

Kathryn knows that she must examine what she knew about her friend, and what she didn't. She must decide what she is willing to risk to know the truth.

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She must decide what her own future is worth. With nothing left to lose, she is determined to answer one simple question: What ever happened to Jennifer Pelletier?

Desire Lines is a taut, penetrating

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new novel filled with psychological suspense, sensitivity, and emotional complexity by the critically acclaimed author of Sweet Water. On the night of her high school graduation in 1986, Kathryn Campbell's best friend, Jennifer,

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vanished without a trace. It's been ten years since then, but Kathryn still feels the conspicuous void in her life--- and the nagging, guilty sense that she has failed her friend. When a divorce sends Kathryn reeling back to the Maine town where she grew up, the

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young journalist finds herself face-to-face with her past. At twenty-eight, she's been living for far too long on memories and questions; now she needs to take a hard look at her own life at the same time that she is delving into the mystery of what happened to her

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friend. As she explores the seemingly random series of events that led up to Jennifer's disappearance, a pattern slowly begins to take shape. All the puzzle pieces are at her fingertips--it's a matter of whether Kathryn can put them

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together in a way that makes sense. As she faces her own fear and grief, she is finally able to come to terms with the ways in which the loss of her friend has shaped her life and the lives of those who knew her. In the process, Kathryn realizes that if

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she is ever going to understand the circumstances of Jennifer's disappearance, she is going to have to expose herself to the same risks and dangers.

Ultimately, Kathryn's quest to find out the truth becomes a quest to save her own life as she races



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against time to keep Jennifer's fate from becoming hers. Desire Lines is a remarkable novel about friendship, memory, loss, and resurrection.

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and The Exiles comes a novel about the choices we make, how they shape our lives, and how they can change them forever. Four people, two marriages, one lifelong friendship: Everything is about to change. It was dark. It was raining. It was just an

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accident. On the drive home from a rare evening out, Alison collides with another car running a stop sign, and—just like that—her life turns upside down. When she calls her husband, Charlie, from the police station, his accusatory tone reveals cracks in their

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relationship she'd never noticed were there. Now she notices everything. And she begins to realize that the life she carefully constructed for herself is as tenuous as a house of cards. The only thing Charlie can focus on these days is his secret, sudden

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affair with Claire, Alison's best friend. Bold where Alison is reserved, vibrant where Alison is cautious, Claire has just had her first novel published, a thinly veiled retelling of her childhood in North Carolina. But even in the whirlwind of publication, Claire

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can't stop wondering if she should leave her husband, Ben, an ambitious architect who is brilliant, kind, and meticulous. And who wants nothing more than a baby, or two—exactly the kind of life that Charlie and Alison seem to have. As they set out on

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their individual journeys, Alison, Charlie, Claire, and Ben explore the idea—each in his or her own way—that every moment of loss contains within it the possibility of a new life. Alternating through these four intertwined perspectives, *Bird in Hand* is an

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exquisitely written, powerful, and thrilling novel about love, friendship and betrayal, and about the secrets we tell ourselves and each other.

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monumental events to make history accessible and forever etched in our minds." — Houston Chronicle The author of the #1 New York Times bestseller Orphan Train returns with an ambitious, emotionally resonant novel about three women whose

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lives are bound together in nineteenth-century Australia and the hardships they weather together as they fight for redemption and freedom in a new society. Seduced by her employer's son, Evangeline, a naïve young governess in early

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nineteenth-century London, is discharged when her pregnancy is discovered and sent to the notorious Newgate Prison. After months in the fetid, overcrowded jail, she learns she is sentenced to "the land beyond the seas," Van Diemen's Land, a penal

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colony in Australia. Though uncertain of what awaits, Evangeline knows one thing: the child she carries will be born on the months-long voyage to this distant land. During the journey on a repurposed slave ship, the *Medea*, Evangeline strikes up a

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friendship with Hazel, a girl little older than her former pupils who was sentenced to seven years transport for stealing a silver spoon. Canny where Evangeline is guileless, Hazel—a skilled midwife and herbalist—is soon offering home remedies to both prisoners

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and sailors in return for a variety of favors. Though Australia has been home to Aboriginal people for more than 50,000 years, the British government in the 1840s considers its fledgling colony uninhabited and unsettled, and views the natives as an

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unpleasant nuisance. By the time the Medea arrives, many of them have been forcibly relocated, their land seized by white colonists. One of these relocated people is Mathinna, the orphaned daughter of the Chief of the Lowreenne tribe, who has been



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adopted by the new governor of Van Diemen's Land. In this gorgeous novel, Christina Baker Kline brilliantly recreates the beginnings of a new society in a beautiful and challenging land, telling the story of Australia from a fresh perspective, through the

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experiences of Evangeline, Hazel, and Mathinna. While life in Australia is punishing and often brutally unfair, it is also, for some, an opportunity: for redemption, for a new way of life, for unimagined freedom. Told in exquisite detail and incisive

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prose, *The Exiles* is a story of grace born from hardship, the unbreakable bonds of female friendships, and the unfettering of legacy.

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Train, and the critically acclaimed author of *Bird in Hand*, comes a novel of love, risk, and self-discovery—includes a special PS section featuring insights, interviews, and more. Angela can feel the clock ticking. She is single in New York City, stuck in a job

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she doesn't want and a life that seems to have, somehow, just happened. She inherited a flair for Italian cooking from her grandmother, but she never seems to have the time for it—these days, her oven holds only sweaters. Tacked to her

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office bulletin board is a photo from a magazine of a tidy cottage on the coast of Maine—a charming reminder of a life that could be hers, if she could only muster the courage to go after it. On a hope and a chance, Angela decides to pack it all up and move

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to Maine, finding the nudge she needs in the dating profile of a handsome sailor who loves dogs and Italian food. But her new home isn't quite matching up with the fantasy. Far from everything familiar, Angela begins to rebuild her life from the ground up.

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Working at a local coffeehouse, she begins to discover the pleasures and secrets of her new small-town community and, in the process, realizes there's really no such thing as the way life should be.



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anyone who loves history and  
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author of the smash bestseller  
Orphan Train, a stunning and  
atmospheric novel of friendship,

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passion, and art, inspired by Andrew Wyeth's mysterious and iconic painting *Christina's World*. "Later he told me that he'd been afraid to show me the painting. He thought I wouldn't like the way he portrayed me: dragging myself across the field, fingers clutching

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dirt, my legs twisted behind. The arid moonscape of wheatgrass and timothy. That dilapidated house in the distance, looming up like a secret that won't stay hidden." To Christina Olson, the entire world was her family's remote farm in the small coastal

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town of Cushing, Maine. Born in the home her family had lived in for generations, and increasingly incapacitated by illness, Christina seemed destined for a small life. Instead, for more than twenty years, she was host and inspiration for the artist Andrew

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Wyeth, and became the subject of one of the best known American paintings of the twentieth century. As she did in her beloved smash bestseller Orphan Train, Christina Baker Kline interweaves fact and fiction in a powerful novel that illuminates a little-

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known part of America's history. Bringing into focus the flesh-and-blood woman behind the portrait, she vividly imagines the life of a woman with a complicated relationship to her family and her past, and a special bond with one of our greatest modern artists.

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Told in evocative and lucid prose, *A Piece of the World* is a story about the burdens and blessings of family history, and how artist and muse can come together to forge a new and timeless legacy.

From the #1 New York Times

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bestselling author of Orphan Train, and the critically acclaimed author of Bird in Hand and The Way Life Should Be, comes a novel about buried secrets and the redemptive power of forgiveness—includes a special PS section featuring insights,



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interviews, and more. Cassie Simon is a struggling artist living in New York City. When she receives a call from a magistrate in Sweetwater, TN, telling her she has inherited sixty acres of land from her grandfather, whom she never knew, she takes it as a

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sign: it's time for a change. She moves into the house where her mother, Ellen, was born—and where she died tragically when Cassie was three. From the moment she arrives in Sweetwater, Cassie is overwhelmed by the indelible

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mark her mother's memory had left behind. As she delves into the thicket of mystery that surrounds her mother's death, Cassie begins to understand the desperate measures the human heart is capable of.

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This young readers' edition of Christina Baker Kline's #1 New York Times bestselling novel Orphan Train follows a twelve-year-old foster girl who forms an unlikely bond with a ninety-one-year-old woman. Adapted and condensed for a young audience,

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Orphan Train Girl includes an author's note and archival photos from the orphan train era. This book is especially perfect for mother/daughter reading groups. Molly Ayer has been in foster care since she was eight years old. Most of the time, Molly knows it's

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her attitude that's the problem, but after being shipped from one family to another, she's had her fair share of adults treating her like an inconvenience. So when Molly's forced to help an a wealthy elderly woman clean out her attic for community service,

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Molly is wary. But from the moment they meet, Molly realizes that Vivian isn't like any of the adults she's encountered before. Vivian asks Molly questions about her life and actually listens to the answers. Soon Molly sees they have more in common than she

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thought. Vivian was once an orphan, too—an Irish immigrant to New York City who was put on a so-called "orphan train" to the Midwest with hundreds of other children—and she can understand, better than anyone else, the emotional binds that



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have been making Molly's life so hard. Together, they not only clear boxes of past mementos from Vivian's attic, but forge a path of friendship, forgiveness, and new beginnings.

Candid, reflective, and intimate

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essays that capture the essence of parenting. Harnessing the writing skill of a score of top contemporary writers, Christina Baker Kline has crafted an outstanding collection that touches the core of modern parenthood. The writers share

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their experiences as parents of children between the ages of two and ten-the period when our children are young and wholly dependent, before they have established separate identities. Each of these entertaining and evocative essays focuses on one

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central issue about raising young children: the complexities of being a stay-at-home dad the urge to avoid making the same mistakes our parents did birth order and sibling rivalry giving our children a sense of racial identity. Room to Grow is a kaleidoscope

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of the early years of childhood, revealing new patterns and yielding insights at each turn. A remarkable exploration of the parenting experience, Room to Grow eloquently discloses those priceless moments of joy and heartache, closeness and

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separation, wonder and exasperation, amazement and exhaustion that parents encounter every day with their young children.

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Christina's forthcoming novel *The Exiles*, coming August 2020. "A lovely novel about the search for family that also happens to illuminate a fascinating and forgotten chapter of America's history. Beautiful."—Ann Packer  
Between 1854 and 1929, so-

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called orphan trains ran regularly from the cities of the East Coast to the farmlands of the Midwest, carrying thousands of abandoned children whose fates would be determined by pure luck. Would they be adopted by a kind and loving family, or would they face



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a childhood and adolescence of hard labor and servitude? As a young Irish immigrant, Vivian Daly was one such child, sent by rail from New York City to an uncertain future a world away. Returning east later in life, Vivian leads a quiet, peaceful existence

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on the coast of Maine, the memories of her upbringing rendered a hazy blur. But in her attic, hidden in trunks, are vestiges of a turbulent past. Seventeen-year-old Molly Ayer knows that a community service position helping an elderly woman

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clean out her home is the only thing keeping her out of juvenile hall. But as Molly helps Vivian sort through her keepsakes and possessions, she discovers that she and Vivian aren't as different as they appear. A Penobscot Indian who has spent her youth in

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and out of foster homes, Molly is also an outsider being raised by strangers, and she, too, has unanswered questions about the past. Moving between contemporary Maine and Depression-era Minnesota, Orphan Train is a powerful novel

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of upheaval and resilience, of second chances, and unexpected friendship.

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