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Yet as the horrifying details of the incident emerge, Joseph disappears. In their attempts to find him, Ruth and Aubrey discover he has a past far darker than either of them could imagine. But even as they learn more about their brother, important questions remain unanswered—why did he betray his unit, his country, and now his family? Joseph's refusal to speak ignites a fire in young Aubrey that results in a disastrous, and public, act of rebellion.

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Review

"As in her internationally renowned *Pay It Forward* (2000), she delivers a story full of intense emotion that, while at times heavy with heartbreak and despair, ultimately delivers a powerful and rewarding message of hope and redemption." —*Booklist*

"Hyde (*Worthy*, 2015, etc.), the bestselling author of *Pay It Forward*, deftly and compassionately crafts Ruth's and Aubrey's bewildered interior monologues...A poignant and warmly humorous tale of emotional survival." —*Kirkus Reviews*

"When readers finally learn the truth behind Joseph's actions, the tears might flow. This book is highly recommended." —Manhattan Book Review

About the Author

Born in Buffalo, New York, Catherine Ryan Hyde moved to New York City shortly after graduating from high school. With a plan to do something other than writing—something that might provide a steadier paycheck—Hyde worked as a baker, pastry chef, auto mechanic, dog trainer, and tour guide. Hyde moved to a small town on California's Central Coast in the mid-1980s. After coming to terms with alcohol and drug addiction, she realized she needed to write and hunkered down. She's been clean and sober for over twenty-five years and is the author of thirty books and numerous short stories, which have won literary accolades throughout the world. Hyde's bestselling novel *Pay It Forward* was adapted into a major motion picture and translated into more than two dozen languages for distribution in over thirty countries. For more information and book club questions, please visit the author at www.catherineryanhyde.com.

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