

A Summer Promise

After a long winter ’ s hibernation, Bruno the marmot wakes up to discover the most beautiful dandelion outside his burrow. The two quickly become friends and when the dandelion asks Bruno to help her, he has to trust her that everything will be fine. So, as she asks, he blows her seeds away into the wind, only to find that he ’ s left without a friend anymore. He ’ s sad at the loss of his dandelion, but after another winter ’ s sleep, he wakes to find a wonderful surprise. This is an endearing book that shows the power of a promise.

From USA Today bestselling author Julianne MacLean comes the next instalment in her popular Color of Heaven Series, where people are affected by real life magic and miracles that change everything they once believed about life and love. Having spent a lifetime in competition with his older brother Aaron—who always seemed to get the girl—Jack Peterson leaves the U.S. to become a foreign correspondent in the Middle East. When a roadside bomb forces him to return home to recover from his wounds, he quickly becomes the most celebrated journalist on television, and is awarded his own prime time news program. Now, wealthy and successful beyond his wildest dreams, Jack believes he has finally found where he is meant to be. But when a 747 explodes in the sky over his summer house in Cape Elizabeth, all hell breaks loose as the wreckage crashes to the ground. He has no idea that his life is about to take another astonishing turn... Meg Andrews grew up with a fear of flying, but when it meant she wouldn ’ t be able to visit her boyfriend on the opposite side of the country, she confronted her fear head-on and earned her pilot ’ s license. Now, a decade later, she is a respected airline crash investigator, passionate about her work, to the point of obsession. When she arrives in the picturesque seaside community of Cape Elizabeth to investigate a massive airline disaster, she meets the famous and charismatic Jack Peterson, who has his own personal fascination with plane crashes. As the investigation intensifies, Meg and Jack feel a powerful, inexplicable connection to each other. Soon, they realize that the truth behind the crash—and the mystery of their connection—can only be discovered through the strength of the human spirit, the timeless bonds of family, and the gift of second chances. Praise for the novels in the Color of Heaven Series: “ I never know what to say about a Julianne MacLean book, except to say YOU HAVE TO READ IT.” – AllisonRomanceReader.ca “The Color of Time is an emotionally charged, riveting exploration of how our lives may change within the scope of a single event. And sometimes what we want isn ’ t always what we need. Fabulous, thought-provoking read.” — Tanya Anne Crosby, New York Times bestselling author “I was so pulled into this story I thought at times I WAS the character. Julianne MacLean certainly grabbed me with this book. I absolutely loved it! ... It all felt so real. It's like Alice falling through the rabbit hole. I got to live someone else's life if only through my own imagination.” - Mickey at Goodreads “Wow! This is one of those “I couldn't put it down” books. The penny dropped right at the end of this amazing story as to why it is titled “The Color of Forever”. Believe me when I say that this is a page turner like you have never read before.” - Zena at Goodreads “It makes the reader think about what could have been, and loves past, and makes you wonder if you are leading the life you’re meant to be leading. Thought-provoking, emotionally-intense and riveting, Ms. MacLean delivers another 5-star romance in The Color of Forever” - Nancy at Goodreads “There are just not enough words for me to explain how much I loved this book! ” - Debi at Goodreads

From the disability rights advocate and creator of the #DisabledAndCute viral campaign, a thoughtful, inspiring, and charming collection of essays exploring what it means to be black and disabled in a mostly able-bodied white America. Keah Brown loves herself, but that hadn ’ t always been the case. Born with cerebral palsy, her greatest desire used to be normalcy and refuge from the steady stream of self-hate society strengthened inside her. But after years of introspection and reaching out to others in her community, she has reclaimed herself and changed her perspective. In The Pretty One, Brown gives a contemporary and relatable voice to the disabled—so often portrayed as mute, weak, or isolated. With clear, fresh, and light-hearted prose, these essays explore everything from her relationship with her able-bodied identical twin (called “ the pretty one ” by friends) to navigating romance; her deep affinity for all things pop culture—and her disappointment with the media ’ s distorted view of disability; and her declaration of self-love with the viral hashtag #DisabledAndCute. By “ smashing stigmas, empowering her community, and celebrating herself ” (Teen Vogue), Brown and The Pretty One aims to expand the conversation about disability and inspire self-love for people of all backgrounds.

The Spanish Promise is a sizzling summer novel from Sunday Times bestselling author Karen Swan, set in the vibrant streets of Madrid, for fans of Victoria Hislop and Santa Montefiore. One of Spain ’ s richest men is dying. But as he prepares his estate, his family is shocked to discover he is making plans to give away his wealth to a young woman they have never even heard of. Who is she and what hold does she have over him? Charlotte Fairfax is asked to travel to the troubled family ’ s home in Spain to get to the bottom of the mysterious bequest. It ’ s the week before her wedding but she is confident she has time – there ’ s only one reason an older man leaves his money to a beautiful woman, isn ’ t there? But in Madrid, things don ’ t go to plan when the woman denies knowing anything about the gift. Is she lying? Looking for clues, Charlotte digs into the prominent family ’ s history and unearths a dark and shocking past in which two people were torn apart by conflict. But now, their long-buried secrets are starting to reach into the present and Charlotte starts to wonder whether love does not need to forgive or forget in order to endure – but just needs two hearts to keep beating. ‘The perfect summer read’ - Hello! Enjoy more of Karen Swan’s captivating summer novels with The Greek Escape and The Rome Affair.

That Promise

The Promise of Summer

A Christmas Promise

Beach Blondes

Three months. Three guys. One amazing summer. Summer Smith is in for the best summer of her life. Between the cold weather and her boyfriendless existence in Minnesota, Summer is ready for sun, sand, and boys in the Florida Keys. And by the end of the first day, she has more than enough to keep her busy: Adam, the senator’s son, has looks, power, and all the money in the world. Diver, the mystery man, is mellow, intriguing, and dreamily unique. And Seth, the perfect guy, only he’s a griffon. But with new friends, cute guys, and piles of hot white sand, Summer’s in for more trouble than she thinks...

Energetic widow Mattie Bender Schwartz is working day and night to get Promise Lodge going. She’s also hoping the change will help her son Noah’s heart to heal after his broken engagement. But his former fiancée, Deborah, is looking for a fresh start too. Filled with regret, and cast out by her that for a reason she can’t yet reveal, Deborah can only pray Noah will forgive her foolishness.

In her debut middle grade novel—inspired by her family’s history—Christine Day tells the story of a girl who uncovers her family’s secrets—and finds her own Native American identity. All her life, Edie has known that her mom was adopted by a white couple. So, no matter how curious she might be about her Native American heritage, Edie is sure her family doesn’t have any answers. Until the day when she and her friends discover a box hidden in the attic—a box full of letters signed “Love, Edith,” and photos of a woman who looks just like her. Suddenly, Edie has a flurry of new questions about this woman who shares her name. Could she belong to the Native family that Edie never knew about? But if her mom and dad have kept this secret from her all her life, how can she trust them to tell her the truth now?

The first nine books in the popular Christy Miller series are now available in three treasured volumes! Bestselling author Robin Jones Gunn packs each one with enough action, romance, and drama to keep you reading and wanting more. It all starts the summer Christy vacations on a California beach and meets two friends who change her life forever. But after moving across the country with her family, Christy must begin her sophomore year of high school uncertain where she’ll fit in. A red-headed new best friend, a try at cheerleading, a job at a pet store, and expectations for the prom fill Christy’s high school years with a string of laughter-and-tears moments. Freeball Katie keeps everyone guessing what she’ll do next, and surfer Todd keeps showing up while popular Rick has determined to get her full attention! As these memorable years unfold, Christy and her God-loving friends find out what it means to be a “peculiar treasure.” Follow Christy Miller as she stays true to her identity in Christ, drawing closer to God for help in realizing her dreams and dealing with her disappointments. Whether you’re meeting her for the first time or have known her for years—Christy is a Forever Friend! Summer Promise Fourteen-year-old Christy Miller has the dream summer ahead of her in sun-kissed California, staying with her aunt and uncle at their beachfront home. Aunt Marti loves to shop, and those surfers are cute—especially Todd. Christy promised her parents she wouldn’t do anything she’d regret later, and some of her beach friends are a little wild. But Todd and his “God-Lover” friends are giving Christy a new image of all things eternal. Can this summer live up to its promise? A Whisper and a Wish Christy’s family has moved to California just in time for her sophomore year of high school. But they’re not in Newport Beach, where she spent the summer. Instead they’re an hour and a half away and Christy has to start all over making friends. Despite an embarrassing escapade at a slumber party, things are going pretty well...until some midnight fun leads to a trip to the police station. Does God really hear every whisper? Does He know our every wish? Then why is it so hard to know who your friends really are? Yours Forever Christy is back at Aunt Marti and Uncle Bob’s house on the beach for the entire week between Christmas and New Year’s...and Todd is in town, too! The cute surfer completely captured Christy’s heart last summer, and she’s eager to spend every possible minute with him. But soon Christy and her aunt are barely speaking, and it seems like all her friends are mad at her, too—including Todd! Is he hers or isn’t he?

And why would God let things get so tangled? Story Behind the Book “The Christy Miller series was actually born when a group of thirteen-year-olds challenged me to write a novel. I’d been questioning the content of their favorite books when they said, ‘Why don’t you write a book for us?’ I told them no, I only wrote picture books. But they persisted: ‘How hard could it be?’ We’ll even tell you what to write! We want a love story with teenagers at Prayers of Promise

Lord Laughraine’s Summer Promise

A Whisper and a Wish

President Obama, Year One

The Promise of a Pencil

With the heat of summer comes the warmth of sunlight, shadows of the past, and Miriam’s chance to win the heart of the only man she’s ever loved—her husband. The death of Jakob Lapp, a beloved member of the Amish community and the builder of the Stonyfield Farm Stand, is difficult for all. On the day of Jakob’s funeral, his beloved daughter Miriam must deal with her grief as well as mounting apprehension, knowing that she will soon see her sister Sarah who left the Amish community to live the English life several years ago. Sarah’s arrival forces Miriam to face the problems in her marriage. She has been unable to give her husband, Daniel, a child and fears he is not happy. Miriam has always suspected that Daniel’s heart truly lies with her sister, and she worries about the effect Sarah’s return will have on their already strained marriage. But when a disaster threatens the farm stand, everyone must come together, allowing new hope to grow not only for the community, but for Miriam as well... FIRST IN A NEW SERIES!

The latest, delectably witty installment of Alexander McCall Smith’s sumptuous 44 Scotland Street series. For the residents of 44 Scotland Street, life in Edinburgh’s intriguing New Town is a thing to be relished. After all, there are new faces to excite Domenica’s anthropological imagination, precious moments with his triplets for Matthew to savor, and the prospect of a trip to the promised land of Glasgow for young Bertie. But there are mysteries that need solving too. Could Angus Lordie’s dog, Cyril—the only dog in Scotland with a gold tooth—have unearthed a Neanderthal skull? Does the long-suffering Stuart have any hope of kindling a new relationship when Bruce, ever the navel gazer and consummate seducer, effortlessly steps into his pas de deux? And how will the patrons of Big Lou’s cafe react to the men’s imminent culinary transformation? The stories of this wonderfully vibrant cast may take unexpected turns, but the warmth and humor at Scotland’s most recognizable address will ultimately affirm the joy life brings us all.

When her family relocates to California, fifteen-year-old Christy Miller faces new dreams and disappointments as she decides what price she’s willing to pay for making new friends.

As summer turns to autumn one woman begins an unexpected journey of love, compassion, and discovery in the second Amish Seasons novel. The oldest of seven daughters, Ruth Schrock has grown up believing that her uncompromising father has never really approved of her independent nature. Though devoted to her community and her faith, she’s always found it difficult to follow the straight and narrow path of a deacon’s daughter. When Ruth is asked to teach in a nearby community, she jumps at the opportunity—feeling that God has given her a chance at a life of meaning. Ruth never could have guessed that her new path would lead to Levi Yoder. Handsome Levi is a shy and quiet man. He lives alone and seems most comfortable spending time with the injured animals he rescues and cares for. Ruth and her all-embracing love of life confuse yet captivate Levi. With her school across the road from his farm, the attraction grows—but so do the conflicts. Can these two opposites find a path they can walk together into the future?

July’s Promises

On Life, Pop Culture, Disability, and Other Reasons to Fall in Love with Me

I Promise (Christy and Todd: College Years Book #3)

Folayan’s Promise

How an Ordinary Person Can Create Extraordinary Change

In Jenny Han’s follow-up to The Summer I Turned Pretty, Belly finds out what comes after falling in love. Now available in paperback!

A pact between two old friends will lead them on an adventure into uncharted emotional territory.

WINNER OF THE 2021 BOOKER PRIZEThere is nothing unusual or remarkable about the Swart family, oh no, they resemble the family from the next farm and the one beyond that, just an ordinary bunch of white South Africans, and if you don’t believe it then listen to us speak ... The many voices of The Promise tell a story in four snapshots, each one centered on a family funeral, each one happening in a different decade. In the background, a different president is in power, and a different spirit hangs over the country, while in the foreground the family fights over what they call their farm, on a worthless piece of land outside Pretoria. Over large jumps in time, people get older, faces and laws and lives all change, while a brother and sister circle around a promise made long ago, and never kept ...

A luminous novel in verse from the author of the Jefferson Cup award winner ALL THE BROKEN PIECES. Serafina has a secret dream. She wants to go to school and become a doctor with her best friend, Julie Marie. But in their rural village outside Port-au-Prince, Haiti, many obstacles stand in Serafina’s way—little money, never-ending chores, and Manman’s worries. More powerful even than all of these are the heavy rains and the shaking earth that test Serafina’s resolve in ways she never dreamed. At once heartbreaking and hopeful, this exquisitely crafted story will leave a lasting impression on your heart.

When the Stars Begin to Fall

It’s Not Summer Without You

Summer’s Promise

The Bikini Promise: Shape Up for Summer -100 Deliciously Healthy Recipes

Book 1 In the Christy Miller Series

Finding her father’s wealth a dubious blessing, Eleanor Transome nonetheless agrees to Lord Randolph Falldon, an arrogant earl who is unable to resist the lure of cold cash.

Sally Bee’s philosophy is all about what you should eat rather than what you shouldn’t, and she sees weight loss simply as a side effect of a healthy approach to food. The Bikini Promise will feature one-pot wonders for the whole family, quick meals taking 10 minutes from start to finish, wonderful timesaving methods like making 3 meals from 1 base recipe, salads and sides packed with vitamins and minerals, plus how to treat yourself without guilt. Sally will also offer helpful hints and tips on how to keep motivated and change your approach to shopping, cooking and eating with the aim of a lifelong lifestyle change, as well as simple ideas to increase movement and show how simply changing the way you do 10 household tasks can make a vast difference to your weight-loss goal.

“Protecting the Promise: Indigenous Education between Mothers and Their Children is a collection of educational essays as told by five Native American families in the U.S. Northwest (Washington, Montana, North Dakota). Collectively, these stories speak to the “everyday” aspects of Indigenous educational resurgence rooted in the intergenerational learning that occurs between Native American mothers and their children. It is in the hyper-local—the everyday moments—in Indigenous families’ lives where “the most radical and hopeful possibilities for Indigenous resurgence and futures can and do unfold” (Bang, Montano Nolan & McDaid-Morgan, 2018, p. 2). We define “resurgence” as the ongoing actions (both large and small) that recenter Indigenous realities and knowledges while, simultaneously, denouncing and healing from the damaging effects of settler colonial systems. This book is a testament to the powerful ways everyday interactions between mothers and their children are intricately connected to larger social issues such as protection of land, sovereign tribal nation rights, revitalization, and sustaining of language and cultural practices. Everyday is defined as those daily actions taken up by families and communities, often unacknowledged and unseen by teachers and schools that have the power to regenerate Indigenous resurgence (Comtessé & Scow, 2017; Hunt & Holmes, 2015).”

Come back to Thunder Point with an emotional, uplifting story in book 5 of the beloved series by #1 New York Times bestselling author Robyn Carr. Scott Grant has a bustling family practice in the small Oregon community of Thunder Point. The town and its people have embraced the widowed doctor and father of two, his children are thriving, and Scott knows it’s time to move on from his loss. But as the town’s only doctor, the dating pool is limited. That is, until a stunning physician’s assistant applies for a job at his clinic. Peyton Lacomette considers herself entirely out of the dating scene. She’s already been burned by a man with kids, and she’s come to Thunder Point determined not to repeat past mistakes. When Scott offers her a job, at a much lower salary than she’s used to, Peyton is surprisingly eager to accept...at least for now. She’s willing to stay for a three-month trial period while she explores other options. Scott and Peyton know the arrangement is temporary—it isn’t enough time to build a real relationship, never mind anything with lasting commitment. But love can blossom faster than you think when the timing is right, and this short visit just might hold the promise of forever. Originally published in 2014

Christy Miller Collection, Vol 1

Promise Lodge

Summer Promise

Serafina’s Promise

A Summer Promise

David Baldacci delivers a moving, family drama about learning to love again after terrible heartbreak and loss in this classic New York Times bestseller—soon to be a Hallmark original movie. It’s almost Christmas, but there is no joy in the house of terminally ill Jack and his family. With only a short time left to live, he spends his last days preparing to say goodbye to his devoted wife, Lizzie, and their three children. Then, unthinkable, tragedy strikes again: Lizzie is killed in a car accident. With no one able to care for them, the children are separated from each other and sent to live with family members around the country. Just when all seems lost, Jack begins to recover in a miraculous turn of events. He rises from what should have been his deathbed, determined to bring his fractured family back together. Struggling to rebuild their lives after Lizzie’s death, he reunites everyone at Lizzie’s childhood home on the oceanfront in South Carolina. And there, over one unforgettable summer, Jack will begin to love again, and he and his children will learn how to become a family once more.

There’s a little witch in all of us... Ava Lopez’s best friend from childhood is missing, and her former coven has asked for her help to find her. Despite all the pain the witches have treated Ava to with their rejection, she is determined to find Liv—even though her new allies harbor resentment. Ava hopes finding Liv will put an end to the feud between the two groups, but she realizes that to help the witches, she must turn her back on the vampires. But this is the least of her problems. Ava must choose sides and test loyalties with a decision that comes at a cost—no even Ava, with her ever-growing powers and connection to spirit magic, never could have foreseen. To repent for her disloyalty, Ava must blind herself to a dark promise. A promise no magic can break.

The author describes how he left a lucrative business consulting job to found the nonprofit Pencils of Promise, an organization responsible for building schools for the poor in developing countries around the world and which recently completed its two hundredth school.

Summer PromisePenguin

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An Impossible Promise

Protecting the Promise

The Promise of Summer: Part One - With this Ring...

The Color of a Promise

Meaningful and life-changing prayers based upon the promises of God. Each prayer is faith-building, and will help parents focus upon Gods provisions, care and help for the daily needs of their children. Prayers address the need for spiritual growth, courage, blessings, encouragement, protection, guidance, and peace. Prayers are appropriate for children of every age and at every stage of life.

A bold, thought-provoking pathway to the national solidarity that could, finally, address the ills of racism in America “Racism is an existential threat to America,” Theodore R. Johnson declares at the start of his profound and exhilarating book. It is a refutation of the American Promise enshrined in our Constitution that all men and women are inherently equal. And yet racism continues to corrode our society. If we cannot overcome it, Johnson argues, while the United States will remain as a geopolitical entity, the promise that made America unique on Earth will have died.

When the Stars Begin to Fall makes a compelling, ambitious case for a pathway to the national solidarity necessary to mitigate racism. Weaving memories of his own and his family’s multi-generational experiences with racism, alongside strands of history, into his elegant narrative, Johnson posits that a blueprint for national solidarity can be found in the exceptional citizenship long practiced in Black America. Understanding that racism is a structural crime of the state, he argues that overcoming it requires us to recognize that a color-conscious society—not a color-blind one—is the true fulfillment of the American Promise. Fueled by Johnson’s ultimate faith in the American project, grounded in his family’s longstanding optimism and his own military service, When the Stars Begin to Fall is an urgent call to undertake the process of overcoming what has long seemed intractable.

Winner of the Jane Wenham-Jones Award for Romantic Comedy 2022 This is the first part in a brand new four-part serial from Bella Osborne. Ruby’s life is about to change for ever...

Winner of the OUTSTANDING FICTION AWARD - The Southern California Writers’ Conference Set in Ghana, West Africa, 1785 to 1801 in Book 1, Folayan, the long-awaited girl-child, in whom the fate of the clan exists, is adored and adventurous, and must be reminded that her name means “one who walks in dignity.”

Shepe Up for Summer - 100 Deliciously Healthy Recipes

Clyde Barr Novel

The Pretty One

The Spanish Promise

A Promise is a Promise

‘Lovely heartwarming story! I smiled a lot and laughed...Loved every minute of it!... If you are looking for a light read about friends and romance and with a cute overexcited dog look no further!’ NetGalley reviewer,????? Winner of the Jane Wenham-Jones Award for Romantic Comedy 2022

Summer Smith spends her vacation in the Florida Keys meeting boys and working as a waitress. A vow to heal the past. Nine years ago, beautiful Callie Sommers eloped with wild young Gideon Laughraine. But their passionate romance ended in tragedy. Now, at the behest of his godmother, Gideon has promised to reclaim the wife he loved and lost. Callie never thought she’d see Gideon again but his return reminds her how she blossomed under his touch. With now could be the time for Callie to forget scanda, and trust in the man she once held so dear...

Todd and Christy have different ideas about how soon they should marry and what direction their lives will take after their wedding day. As advice pours in from all direction, Christy wonders if their relationship will survive the strain of outside influences. Not only does she have a wedding to plan, but she’s also striving to pass her final college exams in order to go starting truth about herself and her love that makes her wonder if she can promise Todd forever.

I Can Make This Promise

The Promise

Autumn Grace

Dark Promise

Indigenous Education Between Mothers and Their Children

The first book in the Christy Miller series from Christy Award-winner Robin Jones Gunn When 14-year-old Christy leaves her family’s Wisconsin farm to spend the summer at her wealthy aunt and uncle’s beach home in Newport, she expects the it to be the best summer of her life. She’s full of hope that surfer Todd will like her; the beach crowd will accept her; and she can become like her gorgeous new friend, Alissa. But the summer doesn’t unfold as Christy hoped, and she discovers this season also holds heartache. Todd wavers between Christy and another girl; 16-year-old Shawn dies in a drug-related surfing accident—and the police want to know how Christy was involved; and Alissa discloses that her sophistication hides a painful past. Through it all, will Christy keep her promise to her parents not to do anything she’ll regret? Or will she do anything to get Todd, to be accepted, to force her summer to give her everything it promised?

Clyde Barr returns in “one of the best thrillers of the year” (The Washington Times) that “promises intense, edge-of-the-seat excitement to anyone who picks it up” (Nelson DeMille). Clyde Barr, the drifter with lethal skills, is alone again, wandering the highways of the American West in search of something to believe in. As summer turns to autumn, he trades his car for a horse and heads for the mountains, planning to clear his head and regain his edge with some hunting. But when he runs across an elderly sick man—a Ute Indian from a nearby reservation—Clyde’s dream of solitude is quickly dashed. On the reservation, Clyde finds the old man’s daughter, Lawana, as well as a group of menacing bikers called the Reapers turning wild in the economically depressed, half-abandoned village. Gripped by the desire to do good in a bleak world, Clyde offers to stay on Lawana’s ranch to help out until her father is released from the hospital. He controls himself around the bikers, even when he sees them harass a few Native American women—but when the Reapers attack a local boy Clyde has to do something. As tensions rise between the locals and the Reapers, Clyde’s efforts to protect the reservation become a fight for his and Lawana’s lives. And then the stakes ratchet up even more. A Promise to Kill is the edge-of-the-seat sequel to Nothing Short of Dying that “readers will have a hard time putting...down” (Publishers Weekly).

A summer in California for Wisconsin farm girl Christy Miller brings her a new image, a moral dilemma involving the local fast food, an encounter with Christianity, and a vortex of questions about what is important in life.

From the bestselling author Katie Flynn. Growing up in the Yorkshire Dales, Maddy Hebditch can’t imagine the changes that war will bring when she joins the ATS. 1938: Maddy Hebditch has been living in poverty with her cantankerous grandmother since she was orphaned when she was just five, and it’s a constant struggle to stay out of the workhouse. However, though life is hard, Maddy has her friends Alice, Marigold and Tom to help. Together the four spend their summers exploring the Dales and making plans for the future. Until war breaks out and everything changes. As the four go their separate ways, Maddy joins the ATS, where she is recruited for one of the most dangerous jobs a woman could do in wartime: the Ack Ack sites. All four face dangers as the war worsens, but when Tom is terribly injured, Maddy’s world falls apart...

Escape to Sun-soaked Spain with This Perfect Summer Read

A Promise to Kill

A Promise to Keep

One Summer

Overcoming Racism and Renewing the Promise of America

Barack Obama’s inauguration as president on January 20, 2009, inspired the world. But the great promise of “Change We Can Believe In” was immediately tested by the threat of another Great Depression, a worsening war in Afghanistan, and an entrenched and deeply partisan system of business as usual in Washington. Despite all the coverage, the backstory of Obama’s historic first year in office has until now remained a mystery. In The Promise: President Obama, Year One, Jonathan Alter, one of the country’s most respected journalists and historians, uses his unique access to the White House to produce the first inside look at Obama’s difficult debut. What happened in the Oval Office? What worked and what failed? What is the president really like on the job and off-hours, using what his best friend called “a Rubik’s Cube in his brain”? These questions are answered here for the first time. We see how a surprisingly cunning Obama took effective charge in Washington several weeks before his election, made trillion-dollar decisions on the stimulus and budget before he was inaugurated, engineered colossally unpopular bailouts of the banking and auto sectors, and escalated a treacherous war not long after settling into office. The Promise is a fast-paced and incisive narrative of a young risk-taking president carving his own path amid sky-high expectations and surging joblessness. Alter reveals that it was Obama alone—“feeling lucky”—who insisted on pushing major health care reform over the objections of his vice president and top advisors, including his chief of staff, Rahm Emanuel, who admitted that “I begged him not to do this.” Alter takes the reader inside the room as Obama prevents a fistfight involving a congressman, coldly reprimands the military brass for insubordination, and realizes that a Senate candidate’s gaffe about baseball in a Massachusetts special election will dash the big dream of his first year. In Alter’s telling, the real Obama is an authentic, dazzling, unsentimental, and sometimes overconfident leader. He adapted to the pressures of the “job” that he is given credit for, but neglected to use his leverage over the banks and failed to connect well with an angry public. We see the famously calm president cursing leaks, playfully trash-talking his advisors, and joking about even the most taboo subjects, still intent on redeeming more of his promise as the problems mount. This brilliant blend of journalism and history offers the freshest reporting and most acute perspective on the biggest story of our time. It will shape impressions of the Obama presidency and of the man himself for years to come.

Summer’s Promise by Lucy Elliot released on Feb 22, 1990 is available now for purchase.

“Time travel romance at its best!”—Fresh Fiction on Chance of a Lifetime They can’t be together, but they can’t stay apart... Liam O’Connor has one purpose in this life—to push the woman he loves into the arms of another man. The Irish rogue unknowingly changed the course of destiny when he fell in love with Cora McLeod over a century ago. Their passion was intense, brief and tragic. And the angels have been trying to restore the balance of fate ever since. Now police officers in Providence Falls, North Carolina, Liam and Cora are partners on a murder investigation. The intensity of the case has drawn them closer together—exactly what Liam is supposed to avoid. The angels have made it clear Cora must be with Finley Walsh. But headstrong Cora makes her own decisions and she’s starting to have feelings for

God’s Life-Changing Promises to Try Over Your Children

June Dreams, July’s Promise, August Magic

A Promise of Ankles