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But when Juliette intercepts a letter to her husband from Tia that contains pictures of a child with a deep resemblance to her husband, her world crumbles once more. How could Nathan deny his daughter? And if he’s kept this a secret from her, what else is he hiding? Desperate for the truth, Juliette goes in search of the little girl. And before long, the three women and Nathan are on a collision course with consequences that none of them could have predicted.

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Editorial Review

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An affair changes the lives of three women in the second novel by the author of *The Murderer's Daughters* (2010). When Tia gets pregnant at 24, she hopes her married lover, Nathan, will leave his wife, Juliette. When he refuses to break up his family, Tia decides to give her child up for adoption. She chooses Caroline and Peter, a pathologist and a businessman, who name the little girl Savannah. Though Peter embraces fatherhood, Caroline's passion is for her career, leading her to question her skills as a mother. When Savannah turns five, Tia sends Nathan a letter, along with pictures of the child, which is intercepted by Juliette. The missive not only causes Juliette's anger over the affair to resurface, but it also makes her curious about her husband's child, leading her to seek out Caroline. Tia, still carrying a torch for Nathan, contemplates the possibility of getting her daughter back. Meyers has crafted an absorbing and layered drama that explores the complexities of infidelity, forgiveness, and family. --Kristine Huntley

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"Meyers enriches her character development with class and career difficulties, as well as settings involving far differing neighborhoods of Boston. Readers who enjoyed *The Memory Keepers Daughter* or Jeanette Halen's *Matter of Chance*, will feel right at home in the anxious pages of Meyer's captivating novel." (Library Journal)

"Meyers creates three distinct voices, with each woman speaking from a place of pain and strength while navigating complicated emotions in the aftermath of a life-changing event. The alternating perspectives maintain the intensity of the emotions and relationships, leading to the inevitable decision of which is more powerful: the harm caused by dishonesty, or the strength of forgiveness and love." (Romantic Times)

"Meyers delves into the layered facets of motherhood and how children not only shape the fate of their parents, but also manage to sometimes tinker with their emotional balance and sense of judgment." (Jewish Journal)

"The characters crackle with both intelligence and wit. Meyers' women resonate as strong, complicated and conflicted, and the writing flows effortlessly in this sweet yet sassy novel about love, women and motherhood." (Kirkus Reviews)

"Randy Susan Meyers's second novel is sharp and biting, and sometimes wickedly funny...but it has a lot of heart, too. Meyers writes beautifully about a formerly good marriage — the simple joys of stability, the pleasures of veteran intimacy — and deftly dissects just how ugly things can get after infidelity. The battles these women fight take place on a small stage, yet they're anything but trivial: saving a marriage, making a meaningful career, learning to parent. In the end, thanks to Meyers's astute, sympathetic observation, we want these women to win." (The Boston Globe)

"Plunging us into the different minds and hearts of these characters, Meyers unearths how their relationships to Savannah are affected in multiple ways. But the author makes every perspective engaging. She conveys their inner and outer lives, and the varying ways they connect with each other and with Savannah, whose head is turned in three directions." (Improper Bostonian)

“Meyers’ carefully told story is a satisfying examination of the imperfect paths we all walk.” (BookPage)

"Meyers teases out the well-orchestrated plot in a frank, lean narrative written in the alternating voices of the three women...creat[ing] psychologically complex protagonists by imbuing them with contradictions...it's hard to stop turning the pages of this book; much to her credit, Meyers keep us guessing until the end." (Winnipeg Free Press)

“With *The Comfort of Lies*, Meyers’ complex characters feel familiar yet flawed, and this sharply-woven tale demonstrates her uncanny ability to explore and illuminate the nuances of life’s most thorny dilemmas.” (Brooklyn Daily Eagle)

"I devoured this big-hearted story of three women whose lives collide years after a baby is put up for adoption. Meyers' wit and wisdom shine through, even when her characters are at their most sorrowful and confused. She writes with insight and compassion, about marriage, forgiveness, work, family and the true meaning of motherhood." (J. Courtney Sullivan bestselling author of *Maine*)

"The intertwining and heart-wrenching stories of how three women come to terms with the decisions they’ve made and those yet to make will touch you and stay with you long after you’ve turned the last page. Beautifully written. Strong characters. *The Comfort of Lies* is a powerful, poignant and riveting novel." (MJ Rose, international bestselling author)

“I devoured this book. Randy Susan Meyers writes with great empathy and insight about three distinct women and the unlikely intersection of their lives. The story will pull you into the uncomfortable space where truths are confronted, and lead you to the other side where the world looks brighter. A sensitive exploration of why we take refuge in the comfort of lies, and what happens when we dare to release ourselves from their power.” (Shilpi Somaya Gowda New York Times bestselling author of *Secret Daughter*)

"I spent many blissful, addicted hours with *The Comfort of Lies*, totally hooked on needing to know what happened next in the braided stories of Tia, Caroline, and Juliette. Meyers has an uncanny ability to get inside women whose circumstances dramatically divide them and show how at heart, we're all the same. Another unforgettable Meyers smash-hit." (Jenna Blum New York Times bestselling author of *Those Who Save Us*)

"A fast-paced multi-narrator story that gets to the heart of the trade-offs of motherhood. You will be drawn in by these characters because of the mystery at the novel's center and relate to the ways in which they each create their own loneliness while surrounded by others." (Heidi W. Durrow New York Times bestselling author of *The Girl Who Fell From the Sky*)

"*The Comfort of Lies* explores a complex and beautiful web of relationships between three very different women whose lives intersect in startling and heartrending ways. This is my favorite kind of read: a page-turner soaked in empathy with an elegant understanding of the human heart. Randy Susan Meyers is a first rate talent." (Joshilyn Jackson New York Times bestselling author of *A Grown-Up Kind of Pretty*)

“Insightful, unsettling, and ultimately hopeful, *The Comfort of Lies* is a compelling, multilayered story. Randy Susan Meyers skillfully exposes the insecurities and strengths of three women who find their lives forever reshaped in the far-reaching wake of a little girl’s adoption.” (Beth Hoffman New York Times bestselling author of *Saving CeeCee Honeycutt*)

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navigating complicated emotions in the aftermath of a life-changing event. The alternating perspectives maintain the intensity of the emotions and relationships, leading to the inevitable decision of which is more powerful: the harm caused by dishonesty, or the strength of forgiveness and love." (Romantic Times)

? "A novel about love, that explores its meaning with wise restlessness and no easy answers. Profound, clear-sighted and more than a bit slyly funny, this is a book to read, to reread and to share." (Robin Black Author of *If I loved you, I would tell you this*)

"Randy Susan Meyers' thoughtful, gripping new novel explores the unlikely intersection of three women in crisis. The result is a haunting exploration of the secrets we keep - and how, in the aftermath of their detonation, shattered lives can be mended. Meyers is a major talent, and her writing is a gift to readers everywhere." (Sarak Pekkanen author of *The Best of Us*)

"A tender, yet sharp portrayal of the messy way three women stumble into each others' worlds, Meyers explores the lies we tell each other, and maybe more importantly, the ones we tell ourselves. A whip-smart observation of the definition of family and ultimately, what it means to love." (Amy Hatvany author of *Heart Like Mine*)

"Randy Susan Meyers' must-read new novel, *The Comfort of Lies*, resonates with vibrations of love in forms as varied as a symphony: the discordant notes of jealousy, the sweet harmony of soulmates connecting, the high notes of sacrifice and forgiveness—all underscored by the sweeping passion of mother love that is embedded in its heart's core." (Marianne Leone author of *Jesse, A Mother's Story*)

"A roller-coaster of a ride through the world of infidelity, unwed motherhood, and adoption. Randy Susan Meyers' *The Comfort of Lies* deftly explores the importance of trust, and the power of love." (Meg Waite Clayton bestselling author of *The Wednesday Sisters*)

"With warmth, you-are-there immediacy and impressive insight, Randy Susan Meyers explores both the destructive nature of lies and the redeeming power of hard truths. Every page in this multilayered novel of separate yet entangled lives not only illustrates the accommodations we make for love but also illuminates what it means to be a family. This book is an enormous accomplishment!" (Mameve Medwed bestselling author of *How Elizabeth Barrett Browning Saved My Life*)

"This meaningful novel is, at its heart, a multi-faceted love story. It's about how people do the wrong things for the right reasons and vice versa. This is the story of the ways that families-- bonded by blood and by choice-- can save or slay us. With a vision that is generous, yet unsentimental, *The Comfort Of Lies* is a testimony to the healing power of the truth." (Tayari Jones, author of *Silver Sparrow*)

"Randy Susan Meyers plumbs the depth and intricacy of human entanglements, exploring them with a clear eye and compassion for each of her insightfully rendered characters. *The Comfort of Lies* is a riveting page-turner, conjuring the ways in which we compete with, lay claim to and ultimately love one another." (Juliette Fay author of *Shelter Me* and *Deep Down True*)

About the Author

Randy Susan Meyers is the bestselling author of *Accidents of Marriage*, *The Comfort of Lies*, and *The Murderer's Daughters*. Her books have twice been finalists for the Mass Book Award and named "Must Read Books" by the Massachusetts Center for the Book. She lives with her husband in Boston, where she teaches writing at the Grub Street Writers' Center.

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