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Sweet Serenity - Billie Douglass 1983

Twilight Whispers - Barbara Delinsky 2005-01

The "New York Times" bestselling author of "Flirting with Pete" and "Coast Road," among other popular novels, now offers "Twilight Whispers," the suspense-filled tale of three American families and the tragedy that haunts them.

American Book Publishing Record - 2003

More Than Friends - Barbara Delinsky 2009-03-17

"There's no bigger name in women's fiction than Barbara Delinsky." —Rocky Mountain News (Denver) A beloved classic from Barbara Delinsky, *More Than Friends* is a powerful and unforgettable story of friendship, love, and forgiveness, emotionally vibrant and populated with truly memorable characters. "A first-rate storyteller" (Boston Globe) whose New York Times bestselling novels include *Suddenly*, *A Woman Betrayed*, and *The Passions of Chelsea Kane*, Delinsky proves once again how well she, "knows the human heart and its immense capacity to love and to believe" (Washington Observer-Reporter).

Gemstone - Barbara Delinsky 2009-10-13

New York Times bestselling author Barbara Delinsky shares her special magic in this poignant tale, first published in 1983, of past mistakes and second chances. It's been eight years since Sara McCray has seen her ex-husband, Jeff Parker, after she fled their San Francisco mansion and stifling life controlled by his domineering mother. But the naive young bride has returned a confident woman with her own business. Jeff, too, has changed. Since his mother's death he's become his own man, masterfully in control of the family business and estate. When they meet, the strong attraction that brought them together long ago is reawakened. But when Jeff asks Sara to stay, his offer has little to do with romance. Now Sara must decide: Does she dare be just a business partner with a man she's never stopped loving? Or does she turn her back on what may be her one chance for happiness?

Warm Hearts - Barbara Delinsky 2012-09-25

Warm Hearts Barbara Delinsky HEAT WAVE It's a steamy summer night in Georgetown, and Caroline Cooper is feeling the heat—in more ways than one. Her job, her family, her love life: everything's reached a boiling point and Caroline needs to cool off. But when she opens her apartment window for air, she finds herself staring at one very hot neighbor on the fire escape across the courtyard. He's tall, dark, handsome—and as scantily clad as she is. With fifty feet of night separating them, it's fun to fantasize. But when she finally meets Brendon up-close...that's when things really heat up. A SPECIAL SOMETHING She's seen him in magazines. Impossibly good-looking. Jaw-droppingly sexy. He's the most stunning male model Leslie has ever seen. So when her wealthy brother asks what she wants for her birthday, Leslie points to the man in the ad and says, "him." Kidding, of course. But the joke is on her when she shows up at her brother's villa and finds him. Her fantasy man. In the flesh. Hired to keep Leslie company on an island retreat, Oliver Ames is nothing like the picture-perfect model she imagined. He's better. Because he's real—and he's really falling for her...

An Accidental Woman - Barbara Delinsky 2008-08-12

When a close friend is charged with a fifteen-year-old murder, wheelchair-bound Poppy Blake at first refuses to believe the charges but then wonders if her friend may have justifiably changed her identity in order to survive, a case that is complicated by the attentions of journalist Griffin Hughes. 350,000 first printing.

Straight from the Heart - Barbara Delinsky 2012-05-29

From America's beloved storyteller, Barbara Delinsky, comes *Straight from the Heart*, a classic novel of one lovesick doctor and the woman who makes his heart ache with desire... As the head of cardiology at New Haven Medical Center, Dr. Robert McCrae knows a lot about the human

heart. But it's not until he spots Heather Cole's beautiful face at one of his lectures that he realizes how much more he needs to learn. From the moment he sees her, his heart skips a beat—metaphorically speaking—and his pulse rate soars. It turns out that Heather is a local hand-bag designer who's not just playing doctor; she's putting her heart on the line. Rob may be the only one who can help. But first she'll have to trust him—and take a risk on falling in love...

The Right Wrong Number - Barbara Delinsky 2013-04-02

In *The Right Wrong Number*, a 30-page short story by bestselling author Barbara Delinsky, Carly Kelly has just been presented with a life-changing business opportunity for tiny nursery and flower store, Plant People. But she only has four days to decide, which means she will most likely have to cancel her weekend trip away. She dials her friends to let them know, and excitedly launches into a speech about the opportunity. But when she pauses, a sexy, inquisitive stranger is on the other end, and he's eager to hear about her store, her passions and her life. She's dialed the wrong number--- and the man on the other end, with his deep voice, his charming jokes and his excellent advice, is a surprise she never expected... Will this wrong number turn out to be right man for Carly? Don't miss this 30-page short story from bestselling author Barbara Delinsky. Featuring an excerpt from Barbara Delinsky's novel *Sweet Salt Air*.

Twilight Whispers - Barbara Delinsky 2018-01-30

Will the ties that bound these three families for generations finally tear them apart? New York Times bestselling author Barbara Delinsky's classic novel *Twilight Whispers* now available as an e-book for the first time. Linked for years through friendship and intermarriage, the Warren and Whyte families find their charmed world is marred when Mark Whyte and his wife Deborah Warren are found murdered. Police detective Robert Cavanaugh, working on a tip about dissension within the families, sets out to examine the mystique behind their wealth and power. Katia Morell is part of that mystique. Daughter of the Whyte's housekeeper but now a successful advertising executive, she is drawn back into the home where she never quite belonged, and is forced to face her life-long, unrequited love for Jordan Whyte. As the police investigation uncovers secret after secret and, finally, boils to a shocking conclusion, Katia and Jordan are but two of the family members who face difficult choices in their search for happiness.

Three Wishes - Barbara Delinsky 2019-12-17

In this "heart-tugging story of love and redemption that is surprisingly powerful" (People), a woman's life is miraculously changed forever after she's caught in a blizzard in a picturesque Vermont town. When waitress Bree Miller wakes up in the hospital after a blizzard in a tiny Vermont town, she can't recall the tragedy that landed her there. But she's certain of only one thing—that she has been magically granted three wishes. Are the things Bree longs for—a home, a soul mate, a family—now within her grasp? After all, one of her wishes seems to have already come true: at her bedside is Tom Gates, a renowned author who's come to town to make sense of his fame—and who, as the accident's only witness, is determined to make sure Bree is safe and sound. As Bree recovers and Tom learns more about her, they discover that they will have to take unimagined risks to truly live their dreams. Entwining courage, community, and the magic of second chances, this "heartwarming, tear-jerking small-town romance" (Kirkus Reviews) asks: What if wishes really could come true?

Love Songs - Barbara Delinsky 2013-01-29

Love Songs Barbara Delinsky In these two classic novels from America's beloved storyteller, Barbara Delinsky captures those special romantic moments that make the heart sing... *UP ALL NIGHT* Alanna Evans is a busy young executive with a bad case of insomnia. Desperate for a good night's sleep, she decides to check out a renowned sleep clinic, the Knight Center. It's the last place she'd expect to meet the man of her

dreams. But when Alexander Knight—the clinic's gorgeous benefactor—takes a very personal interest in her case, Alanna's afraid those sexy bedroom eyes of his might keep her up all night long... SWEET SERENITY Serena Strickland runs a candy shop in Minneapolis that's every bit as wonderful as its name: Sweet Serenity. Unfortunately, her serenity is all but shattered when Tom Reynolds waltzes back into her life. Years ago, the rising young journalist turned her father's trial into a front-page scandal, and Serena has never forgiven him. But when Tom turns on the charm, she's surprised to find that he's as sweet as candy—and just as hard to resist...

Lake News - Barbara Delinsky 1999-08-11

With this powerful story, Barbara Delinsky, the bestselling and acclaimed author of *Coast Road* and *Three Wishes*, has written her richest and most exciting novel yet. At its center is Lily Blake, a talented singer who shuns the limelight and cherishes her privacy. Tricked by a devious reporter into unwittingly giving an interview about her friendship with a distinguished churchman -- a newly appointed Cardinal -- she finds herself accused of having had an affair with him. Shocked and dismayed, Lily becomes a pariah and suffers the brutal, ultimate violation of her privacy as headlines all across the country proclaim her guilt. Hounded by the press, fired from her job, deprived of all public freedom, Lily has no choice but to flee. She returns in secret to her hometown of Lake Henry, in a remote, beautiful part of New Hampshire. But, idyllic as it may look, Lake Henry, too, has its secrets. Some were the cause of her leaving home in the first place, so returning to her birthplace and her family is not without its own stress and pain. Driven by the need to exact justice -- and, for herself, some kind of closure -- from the media that changed her life forever, Lily forms an uneasy alliance with John Kipling, a journalist who was born and raised in Lake Henry's poorest neighborhood. His successful career as a big-city reporter has ended disastrously, and John has come back home to edit the local newspaper, *Lake News*. At first he sees Lily as a victim, as well as a subject for the book he hopes to write. But soon she becomes someone whose appeal -- and cause -- he cannot deny, even at the risk of taking on his former colleagues in her defense. Set against the physical beauty of New Hampshire and against the complex web of family life and relationships in a small town, *Lake News* moves triumphantly toward a surprising and deeply satisfying conclusion. Barbara Delinsky's bestselling *Three Wishes* was praised by *Publishers Weekly* for its "spare, controlled, and poignant prose that evokes the simplicity and joys of small-town life." Those same qualities are abundant in *Lake News*, which offers an intimate look at the complex relationship between an enigmatic man and a vulnerable, besieged woman, both struggling to find a new sense of community in a strange place they once called home.

Not My Daughter - Barbara Delinsky 2010-06-24

A pregnancy pact between three teenaged girls puts their mothers' love to the ultimate test in this explosive novel from Barbara Delinsky

The Summer I Dared - Barbara Delinsky 2007-05-22

The only survivors of a devastating boating accident off the coast of Maine, Julia, Noah, and Kim struggle with their brush with death, their feelings of guilt, and their changed perspectives on their lives. By the author of *Flirting with Pete*. Reissue.

Variation on a Theme - Barbara Delinsky 2009-10-13

New York Times bestselling author Barbara Delinsky enthralls millions of readers with emotionally powerful stories that vividly demonstrate the heart's, power to love. Here, first published in 1984, is an unforgettable story of a woman who must discover who she is before she can give herself to the man she loves. Although he'd already heard a great deal about Rachel Busek, nothing prepared Jim Guthrie for the beautiful flutist's gentle grace. A rough-hewn private investigator, Jim is nearly overwhelmed with the urge to love and protect her. And Rachel is both amazed and delighted at the ease with which Jim slips into her life. Yet as quick passion gives way to leisurely love, Rachel finds herself holding back. Troubling pieces of her past remain a mystery even to her, and keep her from trusting her heart. Now, she must either discover the truth about her past or risk losing the first man in her life worth keeping.

First Things First Teacher's Book - L. G. Alexander 1967

Coast Road - Barbara Delinsky 2008-09-09

Hearing that his ex-wife, Rachel, is comatose following an automobile accident, architect Jack McGill puts his own troubled life on hold to be with her and his children, and while waiting for Rachel to recover, he begins to understand himself and his feelings for her. Reprint.

Hold My Heart - Barbara Delinsky 2012-08-28

Barbara Delinsky *Hold My Heart* Gillian Montgomery is a talented artist

with a loving family and promising future. But her life takes a shocking turn when she loses everything in a plane crash—and awakens from a coma seven weeks later. At first, she's confused: What is she doing in a hospital in North Carolina? And who is the incredibly handsome stranger who's been visiting her every day? His name is Jed Dawson, a man she met in an art gallery. He's taken her under his wing—and into his heart—as a favor to the grandmother she never knew she had. As Gillian grows stronger each day, so do her feelings for Jed. And with every kiss, he restores her passion for life—with the power of love...

An Irresistible Impulse - Barbara Delinsky 2009-10-13

New York Times bestselling author Barbara Delinsky understands the power of the human heart as few others and she shares that gift in this touching novel of acceptance and fulfillment, first published in 1983. Sitting in a Vermont jury room, Abby Barnes is happy to be empaneled. The trial is a sensational headline-grabber, and the thought of being sequestered for a few weeks is appealing. The time away from a relationship that fails to excite her will give her a chance to think . . . and to make a long overdue decision. Then she meets fellow juror Ben Wyeth, a witty and charming college professor who shows Abby just what she's been missing. But although they share grueling days of grisly testimony and long nights of passion, there is a part of Ben that he can never share with Abby, or any woman. Just as the fate of an accused man lies in the balance, so too does Abby's, as she decides whether what Ben can give is enough . . . enough to last her a lifetime.

Heart of the Night - Barbara Delinsky 1963

Blueprints - Barbara Delinsky 2015-06-09

The bond between a talented carpenter and her architect daughter is challenged by a career-shifting network decision, a family death, sudden parenting responsibilities and changing romantic prospects. By the New York Times best-selling author of *Sweet Salt Air*.

Silence Once Begun - Jesse Ball 2014-01-28

From the celebrated author of *The Curfew* ("A spare masterwork of dystopian fiction" —The New York Times Book Review), Jesse Ball's *Silence Once Begun* is an astonishing novel of unjust conviction, lost love, and a journalist's obsession. Over the course of several months, eight people vanish from their homes in the same Japanese town, a single playing card found on each door. Known as the "Narito Disappearances," the crime has authorities baffled—until a confession appears on the police's doorstep, signed by Oda Sotatsu, a thread salesman. Sotatsu is arrested, jailed, and interrogated—but he refuses to speak. Even as his parents, brother, and sister come to visit him, even as his execution looms, and even as a young woman named Jito Joo enters his cell, he maintains his vow of silence. Our narrator, a journalist named Jesse Ball, is grappling with mysteries of his own when he becomes fascinated by the case. Why did Sotatsu confess? Why won't he speak? Who is Jito Joo? As Ball interviews Sotatsu's family, friends, and jailers, he uncovers a complex story of heartbreak, deceit, honor, and chance. Wildly inventive and emotionally powerful, *Silence Once Begun* is a devastating portrayal of a justice system compromised, and evidence that Jesse Ball is a voraciously gifted novelist working at the height of his powers. This ebook edition includes a Reading Group Guide.

Sweet Salt Air - Barbara Delinsky 2014-06-10

Two childhood friends reunite at a summer retreat, each harboring a horrible secret that would test the bounds of their longtime relationship if revealed.

Together Alone - Barbara Delinsky 2009-03-17

New York Times bestselling author Barbara Delinsky weaves a stunning and intricate tapestry of life, love, and acceptance. With their daughters off to college, the time has come for forever best friends Emily, Kay, and Celeste to redefine themselves as women. Once half of a perfect marriage—still suffering from a terrible loss—Emily hardly knows her workaholic husband, Doug, anymore, and is drawn instead to what is offered by a new neighbor. A dedicated teacher who loves her job, Kay is confused and troubled by husband John's unfamiliar demands. And Celeste, long-divorced and ecstatic with freedom, sees her electric new life dimmed when her child is endangered. As the three friends struggle to navigate this uncharted territory, they find themselves redefining their dreams, desires, and what it means—to each of them—to be a woman. But before they can bring about change, they must learn the hardest lesson of all: how to love themselves.

Sweet Salt Air - Barbara Delinsky 2013-06-18

On Quinipeague, hearts open under the summer stars and secrets float in the *Sweet Salt Air*... Charlotte and Nicole were once the best of friends, spending summers together in Nicole's coastal island house off

of Maine. But many years, and many secrets, have kept the women apart. A successful travel writer, single Charlotte lives on the road, while Nicole, a food blogger, keeps house in Philadelphia with her surgeon-husband, Julian. When Nicole is commissioned to write a book about island food, she invites her old friend Charlotte back to Quinnipogue, for a final summer, to help. Outgoing and passionate, Charlotte has a gift for talking to people and making friends, and Nicole could use her expertise for interviews with locals. Missing a genuine connection, Charlotte agrees. But what both women don't know is that they are each holding something back that may change their lives forever. For Nicole, what comes to light could destroy her marriage, but it could also save her husband. For Charlotte, the truth could cost her Nicole's friendship, but could also free her to love again. And her chance may lie with a reclusive local man, with a heart to soothe and troubles of his own. Bestselling author and master storyteller Barbara Delinsky invites you come away to Quinnipogue...

Rekindled - Barbara Delinsky 2009-10-13

From New York Times bestselling author Barbara Delinsky comes *Rekindled*, featuring two unforgettable novels together in one volume. Delinsky has enthralled millions of readers with her emotionally powerful stories of love and loss, commitment and betrayal, and finding the strength to survive and succeed. In *Rekindled*, she presents two of her favorite early novels, *Flip Side of Yesterday* and *Lilac Awakening*—both exemplify the rich character-driven storytelling that has become Delinsky's hallmark. In *Flip Side of Yesterday*, Delinsky reminds us that sometimes life offers a second chance to find the one thing we thought we'd lost forever. And in *Lilac Awakening*, she reveals how the darkest secrets are no match for the passions of a lover's heart. For the fans who have long cherished Delinsky's novels, and for a new generation of readers who have yet to experience her extraordinary storytelling, here are two stories that will capture the heart.

[Flirting with Pete](#) - Barbara Delinsky 2003-06-10

In *Flirting with Pete*, bestselling author Barbara Delinsky weaves together two fascinating narratives that merge in a dramatic, highly emotional, and totally unexpected conclusion, as a daughter's struggle to win the approval of the father she never knew becomes a journey of self-discovery. Psychologist Casey Ellis never met her father—but that didn't stop her from following in his professional footsteps. Now he has died, and Casey is shocked to have inherited his elegant Boston town house, complete with a maid and a handsome, enigmatic gardener. When she finds a manuscript that could be a novel, a journal, or a case study of one of her father's patients in her new home, she becomes engrossed in the story of Jenny, a young woman trying to escape her troubled life. Convinced the story is true and that her father left it as a message for her, Casey digs deeper. As she pieces together the mysteries surrounding her father, Jenny, and the romantic new stranger in her life, she discovers startling links between past and present, and unexpected ties between what is real and what is imagined.

A Time to Love - Barbara Delinsky 2009-10-13

New York Times bestselling author Barbara Delinsky demonstrates her incomparable talents for capturing the deepest desires of the human heart in this breathtaking story, first published in 1982, of misunderstanding, fulfillment, and love. It is the ultimate in luxury and privacy -- a villa nestled amid brilliant sunlight and gently waving palm trees on a secluded Caribbean beach. There Arielle Pasteur hopes to find the solitude she desperately craves. Instead she ends up sharing her sensuous surroundings with a man who sparks memories of a painful past she thought she'd put behind her. Devastatingly handsome fashion photographer Chris Howe seems like an overbearing, egotistical chauvinist. Yet behind the glittering celebrity façade lurks a tenderness that begins to soften Arielle's protective shell. But before she can trust him with her fragile heart, she must learn to trust herself.

Twelve Across - Barbara Delinsky 2013

Restarting his life after a near-fatal accident, Garrick Rodenheiser fears he will be unable to escape his past when a bleeding woman, whom he fears may be a reporter, comes to the door of his remote cabin.

Before and Again - Barbara Delinsky 2018-06-26

From Barbara Delinsky, the New York Times bestselling author of *Blueprints* and *Sweet Salt Air*, a brand-new novel about a woman in hiding finding the courage to face the world again. Mackenzie Cooper took her eyes off the road for just a moment but the resulting collision was enough to rob her not only of her beloved daughter but ultimately of her marriage, family, and friends—and thanks to the nonstop media coverage, even her privacy. Now she lives in Vermont under the name Maggie Reid, in a small house with her cats and dog. She's thankful for

the new friends she's made—though she can't risk telling them too much. And she takes satisfaction in working as a makeup artist at the luxurious local spa, helping clients hide the visible outward signs of their weariness, illnesses, and injuries. Covering up scars is a skill she has mastered. Her only goal is to stay under the radar and make it through her remaining probation. But she isn't the only one in this peaceful town with secrets. When a friend's teenage son is thrust into the national spotlight, accused of hacking a powerful man's Twitter account, Maggie is torn between pulling away and protecting herself—or stepping into the glare to be at their side. As the stunning truth behind their case is slowly revealed, Maggie's own carefully constructed story begins to unravel as well. She knows all too well that what we need from each other in this difficult world is comfort. But to provide it, sometimes we need to travel far outside our comfort zones. From a multimillion-selling master of women's fiction, *Before and Again* is a story of the relationships we find ourselves in—mothers and daughters, spouses and siblings, true companions and fair-weather friends—and what kind of sacrifices we are or aren't willing to make to sustain them through good times and bad.

Variation on a Theme - Billie Douglass 1984-12

Suddenly - Barbara Delinsky 2009-03-17

"Delinsky knows the human heart and its immense capacity to love and to believe." —Washington Observer-Reporter From the New York Times bestselling author of *More Than Friends* comes an emotionally charged novel that reflects upon the consequences of one irrevocable act. In the idyllic small town of Tucker, Vermont, life flows at a rhythmic pace for pediatrician Paige Pfeiffer. But when Mara O'Neill, her best friend and medical partner, inexplicably kills herself, Paige's comfortable life is suddenly shattered. Temporarily caring for Mara's newly adopted baby daughter while she comes to grips with her grief, Paige clings to the hope that, in time, her orderly life will return. What she hadn't counted on were the unexpected pleasures that often come with change, including the touch of a man who offers Paige things she never thought she wanted. She hadn't counted on finding the meaning of life in the death of a friend. For everyone who has ever made a choice between what is and what could be, Barbara Delinsky unveils a truly moving gift from the heart that captures one woman's story and ultimately speaks to us all.

While My Sister Sleeps - Barbara Delinsky 2009-06-25

Perfect for fans of Jodi Picoult, a tale of personal tragedy, human resilience and the healing power of family love.

Rekindled - Barbara Delinsky 2009-10-13

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Heart of the Night - Barbara Delinsky 2016-09-06

Assistant D.A. Savannah Smith, her jealous sister Susan, and society wife Megan Vandermeer are old friends—and sometimes bitter rivals. Then one horrifying night, Megan is kidnapped. Together the two sisters try to find her, wrestling with the secrets that have stood between them and following a dangerous trail that leads to two charismatic men. One is Jared Snow, the radio star with the voice Savannah cannot resist. The other is Sam Craig, the tough detective whose rugged sensuality Susan cannot deny. All will be swept toward a shocking revelation as each woman is forced to reassess her life . . . and how far she will go for the man she loves. *Heart of the Night* brings us New York Times bestseller Barbara Delinsky at her best, in a page-turner about the pain, joy, and desires of modern women.

Father of the Bride - Barbara Delinsky 2018

Russ Shaw was returning to St. Louis for the first time in twenty-five years - at the request of his daughter. Diane wanted him to give her away at her wedding, but Diane's mother strongly objected. When the bride's parents confront each other, the problem was obvious: their love had burst into flame once more.

Three Wishes - Barbara Delinsky 2012-07-10

While dying on the operating table, a celestial voice allows Bree Miller of Vermont three wishes before she dies. She chooses love, finding her mother--she is an orphan--and having a baby. When she awakens, the handsome driver who hit her with his car is by her bed.

A Week at the Shore - Barbara Delinsky 2020-05-19

"A first-rate storyteller who creates believable, sympathetic characters who seem as familiar as your neighbors," (The Boston Globe), Barbara Delinsky presents a captivating new novel about a woman whose unexpected reunion with her estranged family forces her to confront a devastating past in *A Week at the Shore*. One phone call is all it takes to lure Mallory Aldiss back to her family's Rhode Island beach home. It's been twenty years since she's been gone—running from the scandal that destroyed her parents' marriage, drove her and her two sisters apart, and crushed her relationship with the love of her life, Jack Sabathian. Twenty years during which she lived in New York, building her career as a photographer and raising her now teenage daughter Joy. But that phone call makes it clear that something has brought the past forward again—something involving Mallory's father. Compelled by concern for her family and by Joy's wish to visit her mother's childhood home, Mallory returns to Bay Bluff, where conflicting loyalties will be faced and painful truths revealed. In just seven watershed days at the Rhode Island shore, she will test the bonds of friendship and family—and discover the role that love plays in defining their lives.

Looking for Peyton Place - Barbara Delinsky 2005-07-12

For Annie Barnes, going home to Middle River means dealing with truths long hidden, some of which she buried there herself. But it is a journey she knows she must take if she is to put to rest, once and for all, her misgivings about her mother's recent death. To an outsider, Middle River is a picture-perfect New Hampshire town. But Annie grew up there, and she knows all its secrets -- as did her idol Grace Metalious, author of the

infamous novel *Peyton Place*, which laid a small town's sexual secrets bare for all the world to see. Though Grace actually lived in a nearby town, the residents of Middle River have always believed she used them as the model for her revolutionary novel, and some even insist Annie's grandmother was the model for one of Grace's most scandalous characters. With these rumors and whispers about *Peyton Place* haunting her childhood, Annie came to identify so closely with the author that it was Grace and her bold rebellion against 1950s conformity that inspired Annie to get out of Middle River and make a life for herself in Washington, D.C. It's been a good life, too. Annie Barnes is now a bestselling author, reaching that level with only her third novel. Success has given her a confidence she never had as a young girl in Middle River -- and it has given the residents of that town something new to worry about. When they hear Annie is returning for a lengthy visit, everyone, including Annie's two sisters, believes she's coming home to write about them. Though amused by the discomfort she causes in Middle River, Annie has no intention of writing a novel about the town or its people. It is her mother's death -- under circumstances that don't quite add up -- that has brought her back, and soon her probing questions start to make people nervous. When she discovers evidence of dangerous pollutants emanating from the local paper mill -- poisons that she comes to believe contributed to her mother's fatal illness -- Annie finds herself at odds with most of the town's inhabitants, including her sisters, both of whom are seemingly unfazed by the incriminating evidence she uncovers. Because the mill is the town's main employer, everyone is afraid of what might happen if Annie digs deeper, and their fears soon start to turn ugly. For Annie, though, there is no turning back, as passion and rage propel her forward in a determined quest. Coming face-to-face with decades of secrets and lies, she knows she must find the strength to move beyond the legacy of Grace Metalious, defying her past to heal the wounds of the town and her own family.