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Description:

From the Author What knocks me out is the way "ordinary" people figure things out. Like the night my mom armed us kids with tennis rackets, brooms, oven mitts and catcher's masks because my baby sister said there was a "bird" in her bedroom. The bird was a bat. Mom didn't have a playbook on *Bats in Bedrooms*. None of us does. She just figured it out.

My dad could think on his feet too. As an eye doctor, he was honor-bound to tell the truth. So what was he to say to a patient with multiple personalities when she complained that the glasses he'd prescribed for Betty didn't work for Susie? Or Anne? Or Esmerelda?

Okay, there was no Esmerelda, but you catch my drift. Dad had to figure it out. He began with the truth. He told Betty that she and her "sisters" all shared the same eyeball, therefore, the same prescription. But -- but, he said -- he completely understood each "sister's" desire to have her own pair of glasses. Why not assign different frames for different people? Use a color code? Betty could have the blue pair, Susie the pink and so on. Dad was happy to pick up the tab. Betty was just plain happy.

Are people not wonderfully surprising? Those are the kinds of stories that inspired *Going to Solace*. It's a novel to be sure. None of these characters is based closely on my own life. But their resourcefulness is familiar to me. Their unheralded heroism is evident in so many people I've known. Their foolishness too. It's that combo that I wanted to explore and celebrate in these pages. I love these characters. I hope you'll feel the same. --This text refers to the edition.

From the Inside Flap August Early has never set foot in a hospital before. Maggie Dulé packs a bag despite her vow never to return to the Pineys again. Burnice Kling, R.N., is fixing to "fire" her patient, a "cantankerous old cauliflower of a woman" and mother to an estranged daughter named Maggie. Meanwhile Cadence Greevey passes among them unnoticed. She's a "big-little girl" whose thinking hasn't kept up with her growing. Her mama's ailing and there's no one home to help.

Through chapters that interweave points of view -- funny-sad and sad-funny -- multiple stories become one. Steeped in the rich flavor of the Appalachians, this debut novel offers comfort in comfortless times, illuminating the altered states of shock and clarity that visit us as our loved (and hated) ones pass from this world to the next. --This text refers to the edition.

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