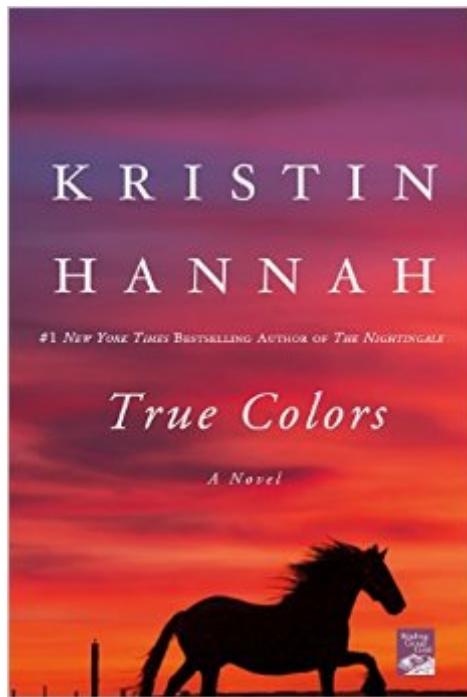


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True Colors



Synopsis

Women across America laughed, cried, and reconnected with their friends after reading Kristin Hannah's smash hit, *Firefly Lane*. Now, in *True Colors*, she explores the poignant, powerful, complex world of sisters. The Grey sisters had only each other when their mother died years ago. Their stern, unyielding father gave them almost no attention. Winona, the oldest, needs her father's approval most of all. An overweight dreamer, she never felt at home on the sprawling horse ranch that had been in her family for three generations. Aurora, the middle, is the peacemaker. Vivi Ann, the youngest, is the undisputed star of the family. Everything comes easily to Vivi Ann, her father's love most of all. But when Vivi Ann makes a fateful decision to follow her heart, rather than take the route of a dutiful daughter, events are set in motion that will test the love and loyalties of the Grey sisters. They will be pitted against each other in ways none could have imagined. Secrets will be revealed, and a terrible, shocking crime will shatter both the family and their beloved town. With breathtaking pace and penetrating insight, Kristin Hannah's *True Colors* is a novel about sisters, vengeance, jealousy, betrayal—and ultimately, what it truly means to be a family.

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There are several things readers have come to expect when they read a Kristin Hannah book--that they'll get an amazing, compelling, emotional story, that they can't put down once they've started. While *TRUE COLORS* is no exception, there is a degree of depth to this novel that sets it apart from anything the author has written in the past. A degree of depth that won't simply satisfy her legions of current fans, but I dare say should bring her to the attention of many more. Spanning nearly 30 years

in the lives of the Grey sisters of Water's Edge, a waterfront ranch on the shores of Washington state's picturesque Hood Canal, first meet the sisters in 1979 just after the death of their beloved mother. It's obvious from the beginning that her loss is going to leave an enormous hole in their hearts and have long-lasting effects in the lives of these young girls. But even worse, their grieving father Henry buries his soul when he buries his wife, coping with life by drowning his sorrows in a bottle of hard liquor. The book quickly fast forwards 13 years where we find oldest sister Winona just beginning her law practice in the nearby town of Oyster Shores, Aurora a young wife and mother of twins, while the youngest the beautiful but fragile Vivi Ann is an expert barrel racer on the western rodeo circuit, living at home, helping her father on the failing ranch that has been in their family for generations. Vivi Ann soon comes up with a plan to save the ranch and resurrects it into a thriving horse arena for lessons and competitions. Meanwhile Winona, who has been fighting a weight problem all her life, may, at long last, have romance come her way when her childhood crush, veterinarian Luke Connelly returns to town.

Winona, Aurora, and Vivi Ann Grey are sisters, brought closer together by their mother's death when they were children. Winona, the oldest, takes charge of her sisters, but she is plagued throughout life by her issues with her weight, her ceaseless unsuccessful quest for her father's approval, and her hope that someone will love her. Aurora is the sensible middle sister - she grows up, marries, has kids, and then struggles with the reality that life isn't a fairy tale. Vivi Ann is the wild, beautiful, optimistic youngest sister. She loves her horses, adores the father that her sisters tell her is not worth her adoration, fights to keep the Grey home and land in the family, and knows that something breathtaking is going to happen to her. When Winona's true love falls for the wrong sister, jealousy and spitefulness come between them all, and when Vivi Ann gives her heart to the dark, dangerous Dallas, the family and their small town are nearly torn apart. Hannah does a good job of painting the portrait of small-town Oyster Shores, Washington - a town of decent, hard-working people, some of whom still hold on to old prejudices and distrust of outsiders. She also does a fine job of giving us yet another book about family loyalty, an over-controlling patriarch, and women fighting through their insecurities to become stronger and more independent. There are countless numbers of books out there extolling the virtues of sisterhood - blood or no - and True Colors joins their ranks. This is a good, solid book with an emotional storyline, strong but flawed characters, and a compelling drama to pull everything together. Although I wasn't exactly blown away by the story, it did keep my interest, and I would pick up another Hannah novel.

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