

A self-described boy scout, Don Jamieson dedicated his life to being a devoted family man and perfect G. E. executive. Retired and financially secure, he thinks he's aced the toughest tests manhood can throw at him. Then he meets Sarah Townsend. Like many women her age, Sarah has come through some tough times—financial challenges, divorce, serious illness, even the death of a child. Yet her sense of joy radiates. Don, entrenched in a forty-year marriage and a hard won reputation for doing the right thing, finds himself craving a different life, one in which he can fully explore the sexual passion and intense joy that Sarah sparks inside him. Even as they struggle with the conflicts of their clandestine relationship, Don and Sarah are intoxicated by the wealth of possibilities suddenly within reach. Sarah's friend Abeba, who lives in three worlds, heartbreakingly beautiful Ethiopia, Knightsbridge, and Boston, thinks Sarah definitely should pursue this joyous, exciting relationship. Marlene, Sarah's friend of 40 years, thinks Sarah is headed for trouble and future heartbreak, but Don is enough to tempt an angel, and Marlene knows Sarah is no angel. Spanning five years and transporting readers from the heat of Austin, Texas, to the snow-covered peaks of Aspen, Colorado, to the sunflower fields and vineyards of Provence, this contemporary love story offers a poignant lesson in how it is never too late to explore life's rich possibilities.



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