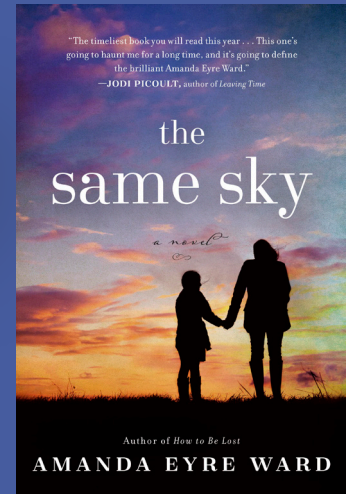


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Amanda Eyre Ward is the critically acclaimed author of five novels, including the bestseller *How to Be Lost*. She has spent the last year visiting shelters in Texas and California, meeting immigrant children and hearing their stories. This novel is inspired by them.

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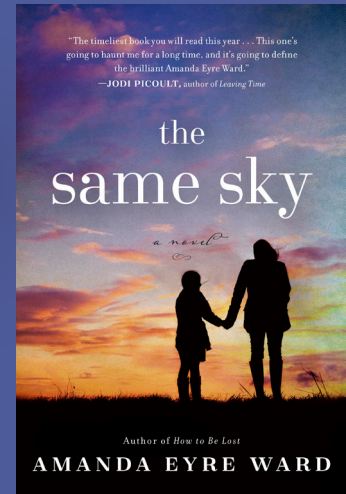
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From the acclaimed author of *How to Be Lost* and *Close Your Eyes* comes **THE SAME SKY**, a beautiful and heartrending novel about motherhood, resilience, and faith—a ripped-from-the-headlines story of two families on both sides of the American border.

Alice and her husband, Jake, own a barbecue restaurant in Austin, Texas. Hardworking and popular in their community, they have a loving marriage and thriving business, but Alice still feels that something is missing, lying just beyond reach.

Carla is a strong-willed young girl who's had to grow up fast, acting as caretaker to her six-year-old brother Junior. Years ago, her mother left the family behind in Honduras to make the arduous, illegal journey to Texas. But when Carla's grandmother dies and violence in the city escalates, Carla takes fate into her own hands—and with Junior, she joins the thousands of children making their way across Mexico to America, facing great peril for the chance at a better life.

In this elegant novel, the lives of Alice and Carla will intersect in a profound and surprising way. Poignant and arresting, **THE SAME SKY** is about finding courage through struggle, hope amid heartache, and summoning the strength—no matter what dangers await—to find the place where you belong.

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Dear Editor/Producer,

We are delighted to be sending you a finished copy of **THE SAME SKY**, the new novel from Amanda Eyre Ward, the acclaimed author whose work has been called “luminous” (*Kirkus*) and “singularly impressive” (*Publishers Weekly*). **THE SAME SKY** is a departure of a sort for Ward. Once called the “reigning doyenne of ‘dark secrets’ literary fiction,” she has now written her most powerful and revealing novel yet—it’s also her most personal.

Ward, a former librarian who lives in Texas, was struggling with a previous novel when she decided she needed to take a break and spend some time doing things she didn’t usually have time to do. She read anything she could get her hands on, helped in her children’s classrooms, and met up with friends and other moms. While at “Cowboy Day” at her son’s kindergarten, she mentioned that she had been reading about young children making their way across Mexico, clinging to the top of a train they call “The Beast” to find their mothers in the United States. Unbeknownst to her, another mother at her son’s school ran the local shelters for some of those kids. Ward visited these shelters with this new friend and fellow mom, and she met children who shared stories that were heartbreaking and hopeful and brave and incredibly inspiring.

The day after her first visit, Ward woke up with the first lines of **THE SAME SKY** in her head:

“My mother left when I was five years old. I have a photo of the two of us, standing in our yard. In the picture, my mother is nineteen and bone-thin. The glass shards on the top of our fence glitter in the afternoon sun and our smiles are the same: lopsided, without fear. Her teeth are white as American sugar. I lean into my mother. My arms reach around her waist.”

Immediately the character of Carla was born—an eleven year old girl from Honduras who makes the dangerous trek across the border with her little brother to find her mother in Texas. Undoubtedly the heart and soul of this novel, Carla’s story is simply unforgettable. Next, the character of Alice appeared—a young woman living in Austin searching for the answers to the bigger questions in life, left wondering what destiny had in store for her. When fate brings Carla and Alice together, the end result is as surprising and elegant as the novel itself.

We are thrilled to be publishing Amanda Eyre Ward and look forward to your timely coverage.

Best,

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ON TOUR WITH AMANDA EYRE WARD

Houston, TX

Tuesday, January 27
7:00 PM
Talk & Signing

Blue Willow Bookshop
14532 Memorial Drive
Houston, TX 77079
Phone: 281/497-8675

Austin, TX

Wednesday, January 28
7:00 PM
Big Launch Party

Book People
603 N. Lamar Blvd.
Austin, TX 78703
Phone: 512/472-5050

Dallas, TX

Thursday, January 29
11:30 AM
Luncheon

North Richland Hills Library
9015 Grand Avenue
North Richland Hills, TX 76180
Phone: 817/427-6800

Friday, January 30
11:30 AM
Luncheon

Friends of SMU Library
Meadows Museum at SMU
5900 Bishop Blvd.
Dallas, TX 75205
Phone: 214/768-2516

San Francisco, CA

Wednesday, February 4
11:30 AM
BBQ Luncheon

Towne Center Books
555 Main Street
Pleasanton, CA 94566
Phone: 925/846-8826

Friday, February 6
1:00 PM
Luncheon

Book Passage
51 Tamal Vista Blvd.
Corte Madera, CA 94925
Phone: 415/927-0960

Savannah, GA

Saturday, February 14
Talk & Signing

Savannah Book Festival
www.savannahbookfestival.org

San Diego, CA

Wednesday, February 18
11:45 AM
Luncheon

The Santaluz Club
8170 Caminito Santaluz East
San Diego, CA 92127
Phone: 858/759-3124

7:30PM
Talk & Signing

Warwick's
7812 Girard Avenue
La Jolla, CA 92037
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