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Last Seen Leaving

by Kelly Braffet

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"[A] brilliant second novel." — *Publishers Weekly*, starred review

"A keen, heartfelt thrill." — *Kirkus Reviews*, starred review

About the Book

Everyone has urges to leave — a job, a meeting, a long line at the store, or a relationship. But would you leave your life — disappear somewhere and start fresh? If you did, would anyone come looking for you? What if you decided you didn't want to be found? In her hip, thrilling new novel, *Last Seen Leaving*, Kelly Braffet delivers delicious suspense and meticulous plotting as she traces the lives of a mother in search of her daughter and a daughter in search of herself.

After crashing her car on a lonely highway, twenty-something Miranda Cassidy is picked up by a passing stranger. When her rescuer, George, reveals plans that involve more than a ride to the next gas station, Miranda's not sure if getting into his car was the best — or worst — decision of her life. No one, not her indifferent coworkers nor her fair-weather boyfriend, has any idea that Miranda is about to go missing.

When Anne Cassidy reaches out to her only daughter two months later, after years of estrangement, she learns of Miranda's disappearance. Haunted by the loss of her husband in an unexplained plane crash over Central America, Anne refuses to stand by while Miranda's fate remains unknown. As her desperate search drags on, signs seem to point to Miranda's death. But in reality, Miranda is living under an assumed name in a Virginia beach town, where a serial killer may be on the loose. Has enigmatic George finally given her what she's been hoping for — a chance to start over? Or will Miranda's involvement with him prove to be a fatal mistake?

Last Seen Leaving is an edgy page-turner that will keep you in suspense until the very end. With deft prose and a keen eye for character, Braffet explores the frightening and ambiguous nature of danger, the delicate balance between mothers and daughters and husbands and wives, and the dark secrets we keep in order to protect those we love.

About the Author

Kelly Braffet's first novel, *Josie and Jack*, was published in 2005. It was praised as "wicked fun . . . a gothic tour of hell" (*Los Angeles Times*) and "a compelling study of love, hate, and psychopathic jealousy" (*New York Post*). Braffet was born in Long Beach, California, in 1976, and has lived in Arizona, rural Pennsylvania, and Oxford, England. She is a graduate of Sarah Lawrence College and Columbia University and has taught novel writing at the Sackett Street Writing Workshop. She currently lives in Brooklyn, New York, with her fiancé, the tall and embarrassingly talented writer Owen King. They have three cats.