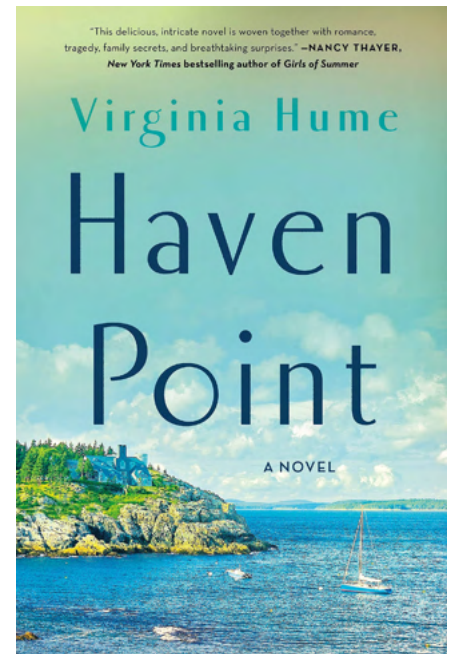| Virginia Hume | |
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## ABOUT THE BOOK

Haven Point is a debut novel about the generations of a family that spend summers in a seaside enclave on Maine's rocky coastline. The story is told from the perspective of Maren who married into the Demarest (a Haven Point) family in the 1940's and her granddaughter, Skye, who learns more about her family and Haven Point after the death of her mother, Anne.

## SETTING:

• 1944
• 1970
• 2008

## THEMES

• Family/Generations
• Romance
• Traditions (and secrets)
• Community
• Forgiveness

• Alcoholism
• Friendship

## MAIN CHARACTERS
• Skye Demarest
• Anne "Annie" Demarest
• Maren Larsen Demarest
• Pauline Demarest

## MEMORABLE SCENES
• Oliver meeting Maren
• Private O'Neills death
• Oliver proposing to Maren
• Charlie's home birth
• Finn picking up Maren in the storm
• Hotel room with Khaki
• Sailboat race with Annie and Charlie
• Charlie's death
• Skye finding her mom dead in the bathroom
• Spreading Anne's ashes

## QUESTIONS TO DISCUSS
• One of the things I loved was the juxtaposition of the power of female friendships and also the power of female adversaries. There were so many moments where you could understand how women can build each other up or tear each other apart.
• Which character did you relate to the most?
• Which time period was your favorite to read?
• Was there a memorable part in the book for you?
• In the wake of Charlie's death, Maren says of the people of Haven Point that "to ask what they needed was to burden, so no one asked. They divined." Have you ever experienced others divining for you?
• You open the book and close the book with birds. Why?