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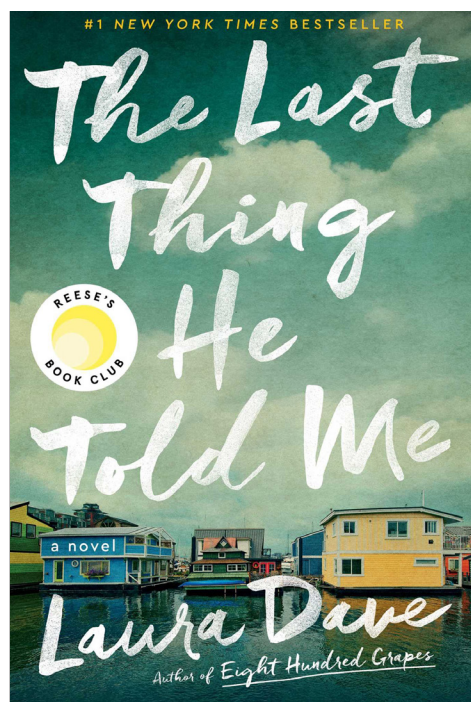
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## ABOUT THE AUTHOR

- NYT Best Selling Author
- Books have been published in 38 countries
- Lives in Santa Monica, CA

## ABOUT THE BOOK

- Goodreads Mystery & Thriller of 2021 (*Note: Follow me on Goodreads for book reviews and more of what I'm reading*)
- Coming soon to Apple TV+

## SETTING/LOCATION

- Sausalito, CA
- Austin, TX

## CHARACTERS

- Hannah Hall - Owen's wife. Hannah is a woodturner and makes furniture.
- Owen Michaels - Formerly Ethan. Programmer at The Shop.
- Bailey Michaels - Owen's daughter
- Katheryn "Kate" Smith - Bailey's biological mom
- Charlie Smith - Kate's brother, Bailey's uncle
- Nicolas Smith - Kate's dad, lawyer that worked for organized crime. Owen blamed him for Kate's death.
- Carl Conrad - Owen's friend. Lawyer. He told his wife that he lost his money investing in The Shop.
- Hattie Conrad - Carl's wife
- Avette Thompson - The Shop CEO

- Bell Thompson - Avette's wife
- Grady Bradford - Austin-based US marshall that approaches Hannah
- Bobby - Bailey's boyfriend
- Julia "Jules" Nicholas - Hannah's friend that works for *The Chronicle*
- Jake Anderson - Hannah's ex fiancé/Attorney
- Max - Jules's boss. An investigative journalist with *The Chronicle*.

## MEMORABLE SCENES

- Pg. 5 - Kid knocks on the door with a message from Owen for Hannah. The note says, "Protect her."
- Pg. 9-11 - Met in NYC when he came to her shop. Avette wanted to buy some furniture.
- Pg. 20 - Hannah finds out The Shop is involved in a scandal
- Pg. 22 - Bailey gives Hannah the duffle bag of \$600k+ and a note for Bailey from Owen
- Pg. 48 - Grady visits Hannah
- Pg. 56 - Hannah goes to Carl for help
- Pg. 64 - FBI shows up at Hannah's office
- Pg. 84-85 - Bailey remembers the church and football stadium
- Pg. 93 - Boards a flight to Austin
- Pg. 119 - They meet Elenore
- Pg. 192 - Elenore (church secretary) figures out the wedding that Bailey remembered was Charlie and Andrea's. They also find the yearbook and a picture of Kate, who looks just like Bailey. They find out about the Never Dry bar.
- Pg. 196 - They go to the bar and meet Charlie. Hannah finds out that Kate is dead. Hannah and Bailey run from Charlie.
- Pg. 218 - Jules gives her information about Kate and Hannah starts researching and finds Nicholas
- Pg. 224 - Bailey disappears. Grady is at the hotel.
- Pg. 244 - Hannah escapes the marshal's office
- Pg. 247 - Goes back to the bar to talks to Charlie
- Pg. 252 - Charlie takes Hannah to meet Nicolas
- Pg. 282 - Hannah makes a deal with Nicholas for Bailey's protection
- Pg. 288 - Grady finds Bailey
- Pg. 297 - Bailey and Hannah return to California
- Pg. 301 - Epilogue: Hannah sees Owen

## MEMORABLE QUOTES

- Pg. 214 - (After conveying the story about the tiger loose from the LA Zoo, going to the child's house that was supposedly "Olivia's" favorite story). Sometimes you find your way to the place that wants you most.

- Pg. 266 - This is the thing about good and evil. They aren't so far apart—and they often start from the same valiant place of wanting something to be different.
- Pg. 268 - We have our opinion and we filter information into a paradigm that supports it.
- Pg. 276 - In one way or another, this is the deal we all sign when we love someone. For better or worse. It's the deal we have to sign again and again to keep that love. We don't turn away from the parts of someone we don't want to see. However quickly or long it takes to see them. We accept them if we are strong enough. Or we accept them enough to not let the bad parts become the entire story.
- Pg. 284 - "I think he wants to know his granddaughter," I say. "More than he wants to punish Owen."

### **THINGS I LOVED ABOUT THIS BOOK**

- Could not stop listening
- Hannah was a mild person, you could insert your personality in her

### **QUESTIONS TO DISCUSS**

- Can you read us a selection?
- This was your first suspense/thriller, what made you want to write it?
- When did you know it was good?
- How do your stories come? Did you know the ending?
- How much did the book change from the first draft?
- Were there characters that were easier to write than others? Did any of them do something that surprised you?
- I heard you have a strange method when writing?
- How do you and your husband differ in your writing?
- Can you tell us about the show?
- What are you working on now?
- Do you have favorite books/authors?