

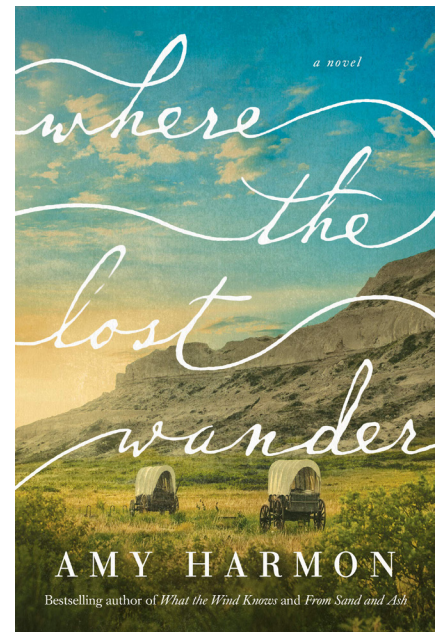
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(AUTHOR)	
Where The Lost Wander	
(BOOK TITLE)	
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ABOUT THE AUTHOR

- Amy Harmon has written sixteen novels
- Her next novel, *The Songbook of Benny Lament*, a historical romance, will be released on March 16, 2021 by Lake Union Publishing and is now available for pre-order.
- Amy knew at an early age that writing was something she wanted to do, and she divided her time between writing songs and stories as she grew. Having grown up in the middle of wheat fields without a television, with only her books and her siblings to entertain her, she developed a strong sense of what made a good story.

ABOUT THE BOOK

- In this epic and haunting love story set on the Oregon Trail, a family and their unlikely protector find their way through peril, uncertainty, and loss.

SETTING:

- The story takes place in 1853 following a caravan of pioneers departing from Missouri and headed to California. It's a pioneer love story.

THEMES

- Survival
- Persistence
- Determination
- Courage
- Living with mixed heritage
- Prejudice

- Racism
- Family loyalty
- Community

MAIN CHARACTERS

- Naomi May
- John Lowry - half-Pawnee man, mule driver, “Two Feet” - struggles between 2 worlds
- Wolf - Naomi’s baby brother
- Winifred - Naomi’s mother
- Webb - Naomi’s brother
- William - Naomi’s brother
- Lost Woman
- Chief Washakie

MEMORABLE SCENES

- John’s animals are set free and he and Naomi’s brother go look for them.
- John gets sick and Naomi stays with him to nurse him back to health
- The wagons are attacked, her family killed and Naomi taken captive
- The gathering - horse race, negotiations with the elders about what to do with Naomi & Wolf, the fight between John Lowry & Magwitch
- Naomi and Lost Woman’s conversation
- Wolf’s death

QUESTIONS TO DISCUSS

- Who was your favorite character?
- There was so much drama and twists and turns in this story, which event shocked you the most? (that one of the younger brothers accidentally got his parents killed)
- How did you feel about the title?

QUOTES

- “The pain. It’s worth it. The more you love, the more it hurts. But it’s worth it. It’s the only thing that is.” - Jennie
- “Hating never fixed anything. It seems simple, but most things are. We just complicate them. We spend our lives complicating what we would do better to accept. Because in acceptance, we put our energy into transcendence.” - Winifred
- “Hope feels like the best air you’ve ever breathed after the worst fall you’ve ever taken. It hurts”

- “The hardest thing about life is knowing what matters and what doesn’t. If nothing matters then there is no point. If everything matters, there’s no purpose. The trick is to find firm ground between the two ways of being”