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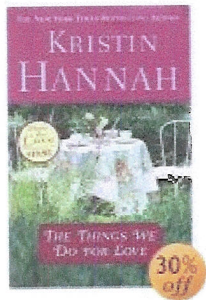
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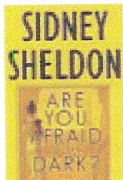
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Best-selling Hannah's latest sensitive tale explores the need we all have for a portrait of two women of different ages and backgrounds. Angie Maloney goes back to her small Washington State town after suffering the loss of a husband, a divorce, and the death of her father. Nestled in the bosom of her mother, she tries to help with their failing restaurant. Her mother and sisters are home but realize that she needs something more as she copes with life when Angie reaches out to 18-year-old Lauren Ribido, who seeks a job at the restaurant, they worry that she'll be disappointed. Lauren has not had a mother. Her mother is an alcoholic who reminds Lauren constantly that she is the reason for their poverty, but Lauren is trying to rise above her circumstances through hard work and a quest for a college scholarship. Her mother becomes attached to her and acts like a surrogate mother as they establish a shaky friendship. Hannah captures the joy and heartache of family as she draws the reader into the lives of her characters and makes them feel like personal friends. Proving once again why she is a star of women's fiction. *Patty Engel*
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Angie DeSario has found the bottom of the barrel - from the loss of her mother, the loss of her father and divorce from her husband of 14 years, she's determined to find some peace in her life and returns home to the small town where she and her sisters, a lot of memories and much needed healing await.

Lauren Ribido is a teenage girl who can only count on the love of her mother as a blessing. When life unexpectedly throws twist after twist at Lauren, her mother abandons her and Angie seems to be the shining example of a mother. When they had, these two women will help each other, hurt each other and most of all, the family each of them has longed for all their lives.

The story is heart-wrenching, with emotional viewpoints from both Angie and Lauren. This is the first novel of Kristin Hannah's that I've read, it definitely won't be the last. I could not put this story down, these two women, one young and full of life full ahead and one not-so-old, but wise and saddened beyond her years, they touched my heart. I highly recommend this book.

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Angela DeSaria Malone, the youngest of three daughters, just suffered through the worst year of her life. From her father's death and the death of her only daughter Sophia, to the end of her marriage. So Angie comes back home to her mother, to the bustle and craziness of her family and the family's failing

While trying to put her life back together and help restore the business of a young teenager named Lauren.

Lauren has never known a mother's love, nor the love of a family. But circumstances find her into the open arms of the DeSaria family. Angie finds happiness in their situations. Angie finally experiences motherhood and finally understands the feeling of being loved. But nothing can prepare them for the trial that lies before them or for the unimaginable reward waiting on the other side.

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I have been reading quite a few of her books lately, and enjoyed this engrossing read. As usual Ms. Hannah lets you connect with her characters and you feel like you know them personally. This Italian family with their cool and sophisticated style you hungry as well as involving you in their personal crises. Enjoy! Also recommend for an unusual read - one of her older novels "Once Upon a Time" about a reincarnation, that has humor and deep emotion as well. She has some good ones.

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My first experience with Kristin Hannah was On Mystic Lake (20-star say that this book was as good, but it is definitely a 5 star book. I ha looking for an author that will engross me in the lives and plot of a b her. I found myself thinking about these people all day. This was a g would tell you about the plot but others have done so better than I c

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